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Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20. Call in, say hello and have a look at our displays.

Maybe you would like to learn about volunteering in our education room. Ask one of volunteers or contact Judy Lambert at twsombat@iinet.net.au

Native Plant Nursery



A visitor in our second Nursery bay.

You are welcome to join us on any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12noon to help with the planting, weed removal or maintenance.

For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au

Or just turn up and ask for Jenny, phone 0414735350.

Manly's 26th Ocean Care Day



Photo Pam Francis

Thank you to Kath Pearce, Clare Compton, Pamela Francis, Louise Jones, Lynette Jones and Terry Le Roux for helping with and staffing our stall on Ocean Care Day.

Australia's Memorial Walk

Major General Tim Ford AO (Retd)

Australia's Memorial Walk (AMW), which is listed on the national and NSW memorials register, was initiated by the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company (RAAHC) in 2002 to honour those who have served and supported the defence of Australia in peace or in war. Located within Sydney Harbour Federation Trust's North Head Sanctuary



and in a bushland setting, the Walk starts near the Defence of Sydney memorial at North Fort. The AMW includes five major monuments and a Lone Pine memorial sited either side of a central path of pavers that were built and clad with sandstone by professionals.

Veteran organisations, such RSL sub-Branches and unit associations, have sponsored central pavers in the Walk around which anyone from the community can place personal pavers to commemorate those who have served the nation in times of war and peace. At present there are some 80 central pavers and over 4500 individual pavers laid along the Walk. It is planned to allow further pavers to be laid until the spaces are filled.

The Walk is visited daily by visitors to North Head Sanctuary including international tourists, school and community groups and by those looking for their pavers.

A plan of the pavers and their location is available to visitors to locate individual pavers and a QR code system is being installed to assist all visitors to understand the significance of the Walk and the Monuments outlining actions taken by Australia and its veterans during different phases of Australia's history.

For further information on the Walk including donating pavers to the Memorial Walk, please visit:

http://artilleryhistory.org/memorial_walk.html

Bondi to Manly Walk

Is an 80km walk on public land from Bondi to Manly. The walk includes the Spit Bridge walk to Manly Wharf and then up to North Head Sanctuary and back via Shelly Beach to Manly beach.

For more details see <https://www.bonditomanly.com>



The walk goes past our information room, Bandicoot Heaven. Here is the sign almost opposite our front door, showing the next stage of the walk.

Australian Brush-turkey *Alectura lathami*



“As with other megapodes, the Australian Brush-turkey incubates its eggs in a large mound. The male usually builds a single large mound of organic matter, approximately 4m in diameter and 1m high. Some males have been recorded with more than one mound, but this is not common. Eggs are laid by several females in a single mound. The eggs are incubated by the heat given off by the rotting vegetation. The male maintains a constant temperature of 33 - 38°C by digging holes in the mound and inserting his bill to check the heat, then adding and removing vegetable matter as required. Before the eggs hatch, many fall prey to burrowing predators such as

goannas. After hatching, the chicks burrow out of the mound, at which point they are left to fend for themselves. These hatchlings are fully feathered and are able to walk and fend for themselves immediately. Remarkably, they are able to fly just a few hours after hatching.”

Taken from

<http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Alectura-lathami>

The mound in the photo is found near the Memorial Walk, notice the vegetation across the walk in the previous photo. The Brush-turkey uses his feet to rake the ground and move the leaves and sticks to where he wants them. Amazingly powerful legs. Next time you see vegetation across any track, see if you can see the nest. There was a few on North Head. Each mound could have up to 50 eggs from several female birds.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Goulburn Evening Penny Post (NSW:1881-1940),
Tuesday 24 April 1900, page 4

THE PLAGUE.

Saturday's cases were: Bridget Collins, living at Paddington, Charles Roffey (16), who lived at Woollahra, and was employed at Pyrmont. He died in the quarantine hospital on Saturday night. The third case is that of a youth of 17 years of age named Charles M'Kinley, who was found on Friday evening by the police camped in the bush at Menangle, and in a high state of fever. He was examined by a local medical man, who diagnosed the case as one of plague, his diagnosis being confirmed by Dr. Barker, of the Health Department, who saw the patient on Saturday morning. In view of the fact that the case had occurred far from the city and in a locality where population was sparse, the health authorities decided that the patient could be safely treated on the spot, and to this end arrangements had been made to dispatch a doctor and a nurse to Menangle on Saturday night. As, however, the owner of the estate upon which the case had occurred strongly insisted that the patient should be removed, and as no suitable accommodation could be procured elsewhere in the district, there was no option but to bring the sick man to Sydney. This was done on Sunday, the Railway Department with great promptitude putting on a special train for the purpose. It has been ascertained that M'Kinley only arrived at Menangle on Thursday last, having gone from the city, where he had for some time previous been employed”.

Although it was thought that Charles McKinley would survive the plaque, he died suddenly on 16 June 1900 and was buried in the Third Cemetery.
Bridget Collins survived.

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