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Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are open on **Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm**. Please call in and have a chat.

We are keen to recruit volunteers interested in helping visitors better get to know North Head and all its treasures. Anyone interested should contact Judy Lambert (email: tswombat@iinet.net.au or phone 0427 217 580).

Native Plant Nursery

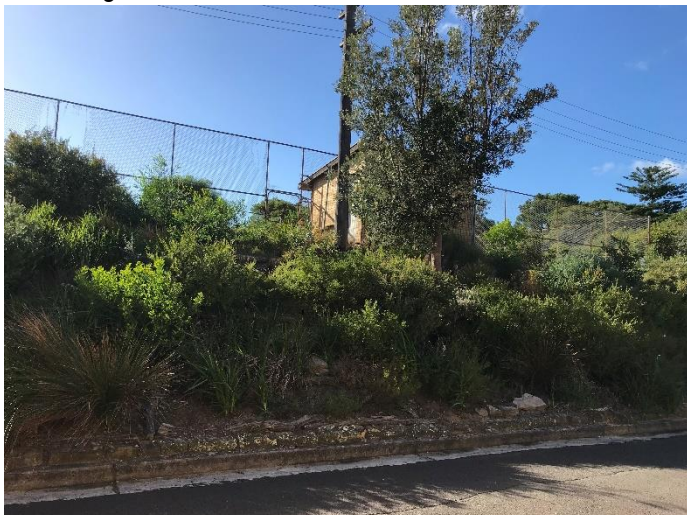


Our igloo has had its plastic cover replaced as the old one was discoloured, brittle and had large sticks through its roof.

Thank you to North Head Restoration volunteers who replaced the plastic for us. Not an easy job.

Then, some of the Nursery volunteers replaced two rusty tables, cleaned the floor and flushed the water jets and ensured they were working properly. Thank you.

The igloo is now retaining the heat needed by the seeds and cuttings.



It is rewarding when one sees the progress on ones plantings. This area is behind the Building 1. (Barracks)

The Nursery grows mainly Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plants for planting by our volunteers into degraded areas of North Head. You are welcome to join us. There is always planting, weeding and maintenance to be done. Please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon when we are open, or email northhead@fastmail.com.au if you would like to join us.

Bandicoot Heaven & Native Plant Nursery:

To become a volunteer, you must be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation and be COVID vaccinated.

<https://www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/20190629%20NHSF%20membership%20form.pdf>

Echidna



This photo was taken by Anne Pickles on 9 April near the Parade Ground. Remember, if you see an echidna, please send a photo of it to tswombat@iinet.net.au (preferably from your mobile phone) for our survey.

Processionary caterpillars

Peter Macinnis

This past month, I have been engaged in what I call **bog-snorkeling in a cess-pit**, writing a detailed study on involuntary servitude/slavery in Australia, which means touching on a lot of sepsis. So for my birthday, to clear my head, yesterday I went for a plant species count (22 in bloom), and general look-around.

Having had a hint from Geoff Lambert and knowing that it was the right time of year, I was unsurprised to find a bunch of wildlife, completely trapped by their lifestyle, enslaved by instinct (yeah, can't get away from the topic-in-hand). In mid-April each year, processionary caterpillars (*Ochrogaster lunifer*) turn up across the headland.

They feed mainly on wattles, and we need to leave them alone and discourage curious observers from touching these caterpillars, which can cause a nasty rash if they are handled. They travel along in a train or procession, head to tail, and each has a huge supply of barbed whiskers.

Once a wattle is stripped, one caterpillar wanders off, leaving a silk thread behind, and others follow. They are often run over by cars or bikes. Last year, two of us needed to stop traffic at North Fort for a few minutes, to get a train across the main road out, but these were on the track behind the nursery, in close and safe from bikes. This lot had lost the thread, so to speak, and divided into a ploughing-ahead bunch and a confused muddle. I wonder about that leader of the front bunch though: how does it know where to go?



The ones headed for a feed.



The lost bunch, milling around.

Walks & Talks at Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden (KWG)

An interesting place to do a walk. There are free walks and talks on Mondays,

- May 22** Banksia (Family Proteaceae)
- May 29** Pollination and Seed Dispersal
- June 5** Flowers to Fruit
- June 19** Lilies, Orchids etc.
- June 26** Walk Only: KWG Perimeter Trail to Showground. Return 2:30pm.

For more information see,

<https://austplants.com.au/North-Shore-Walks-&-Talks>

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Nepean Times (Penrith, NSW : 1882-1962),
Saturday 31 March 1900, page 3

"The Bubonic Plague DEATH OF A PENRITH RESIDENT.

One of the saddest affairs arising out of the bubonic plague, and one which affects some of our best known residents, happened on Monday last in the death of Mr. James Walter Edward Haynes, son of Alderman E E N Haynes, of Penrith, and universal sympathy is expressed towards the whole of his relatives in their present trouble. Deceased, who was employed as a warehouseman in an establishment in Kent-street, Sydney, was associated with

a man named Hayden, employed at the same warehouse, and they both boarded at the one house in Quay-street. Deceased was married to the eldest daughter of Mr. J Dunstan, of Castlereagh road, and was in the habit of coming home every Saturday afternoon and remaining until Monday morning. They resided in North-street; and had one child, Mrs. Haynes being at present in some-what delicate health. He came to Penrith on Saturday, 17th March, and remained until Monday, and while in Penrith he expressed his dread of the plague, which at that time had only secured a few victims. Hayden was ill on the Thursday following, but deceased was all right. That night, however, after seeing some friends (Penrith and St Marys residents) in George-street, he complained of being unwell on returning to his lodgings. Hayden had all the symptoms of the dreaded plague next day and deceased showed signs later on. The following morning both were removed to the Quarantine Station. The symptoms shown by deceased were vomiting and a craving for food. He appeared to get better on Sunday afternoon and asked to see his father. On Monday, however, he grew worse, and expired about midday, the body being interred alongside his friend Hayden, who predeceased him by only a few hours. Deceased was a native of Penrith and had only been employed in Sydney for about six months."

William James Hayden died on 25 March 1900, aged 21 years and Walter Haynes died on 26 March, aged 25 years. They are buried in graves 59 and 60.



Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 25 March 1901

"HAYDEN.-In Sad but loving memory of our dear Grandson and nephew, William Hayden, who departed this life March 25, 1900. Inserted by grandfather and grandmother, uncles and aunts, Walter Albert Sid Brett, Amy Freeman, and Annie Flower."

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Friday 25 March 1904,

"HAYDEN,-In sad but loving memory of my dearly beloved son, William James Hayden, who departed this life March 25, 1900, aged 21. Inserted by his mother, brothers, and sister. Still in memory."