



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter - June 2008

Welcome to our third newsletter for 2008. Please note that membership renewals will fall due on July 1st. Your support via membership and donations is vital at this time as we set up the Nursery. Thanks.

Saturday 21st June meeting

Our next members' meeting will be held from 2-4pm at the Visitor Centre of the Sanctuary in the former North Head School of Artillery on Saturday, 21st June 2008 so that every one can go for a walk to the location of the proposed Nursery and hear how plans are progressing.

Natural environment management

The successful tender for Sanctuary wildlife management ought to have been announced by the time you get this newsletter with the Operation Manager due to start work in early June.

Plant Nursery

We are currently working on details of our business plan and negotiating with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust about the installation of necessary infrastructure.



This is the shed we will be using for the Nursery. The concrete block bays to the right of the shed will be where seedlings will be grown and "hardened off" before they are ready for planting. Plans are for these bays to be protected from pests by a wire mesh roof and front gates.

Plant Database

Sue Halmagyi and Geoff Lambert are working on this. Help with photographing, recording locations with GPS and data entry would be appreciated.

Volunteering



Our first Nursery volunteer is Elizabeth Mair, a student of environmental management, who will help Sue write our Nursery Operations Manual.

Thank you Elizabeth

We also need volunteers to start training for work in the nursery. Please contact [Sue Halmagyi <shalmagy@bigpond.net.au>](mailto:shalmagy@bigpond.net.au)

Donations

If you make a cheque out to "North Head Sanctuary Foundation Public Fund", we will provide you with a receipt with which you can claim tax deductibility. Money donated in this way must be used for environmental purposes – we plan to use donated money to purchase equipment and supplies for the native plant nursery.

Grant application

NHSF is submitting an Application to the Threatened Species Network to expand the work of the Nursery by including species specific to the endangered ecological community of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. North Head supports one of the largest remaining stands of this type of vegetation but it is under threat from weeds and from the rather large number of *Leptospermum laevigatum* trees that have spread across the headland.

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Woollisia pungens



Woollisia pungens (Photo by Judith Bennett) is in flower now on North Head providing a sweet perfume to people walking on the pathway. Its leaves are ovate and tapering to a rigid pungent point. Floral tube is white, long and narrow and topped by 5 broad, spreading, overlapping lobes. The flowers are in clusters in the axils of the upper leaves.

Reconstruction of the Arch

Work is almost complete on the arch. It is looking good.

Advance Notice for 23rd August:

Please mark up in your diary that we will hold our AGM on Saturday 23rd August from 2-4pm at the Visitor Centre of the Sanctuary.

North Head Sanctuary Foundation aims:

'The Sanctuary for biodiversity will honour the natural and cultural significance of North Head. It will be a safe place for flora, fauna and people, a living laboratory promoting the spiritual and biological value of Sydney Harbour.'

It will:

- * Respect and honour the Indigenous significance of North Head;
- * Build understanding of the natural and cultural values of North Head; and
- * Promote integrated planning and management for the whole area, to ensure the highest level of protection for the natural and cultural attributes of North Head.

NHSF Membership Application

I, _____
(full name of applicant - please print clearly)

Address

Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

hereby apply to become a member of the abovementioned incorporated association.

Single \$20 Family \$30 Unwaged \$10

Donation \$..... (tax deductible if in separate cheque from membership)

In accordance with Model Rules, membership is subject to acceptance by the committee.

I agree with the aims of NHSF and I agree to be bound by the rules of the association.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Cheques made payable to
North Head Sanctuary Foundation
PO Box 896, Balgowlah NSW 2093

Proposed and seconded by:-

I, _____
a member of the association, nominate this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

I, _____,
a member of the association, second the nomination this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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