



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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## Guided Wildflower Walks

Dr Geoff Lambert will be leading two wildflower walks to enjoy the beauty of spring. The track is easy but there are some steps. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring hat and water bottle.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1pm -3.30pm  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12.30pm

These walks will start from the Harbour Trust's Visitor Centre at the North Head Sanctuary (former School of Artillery). To book please email [northhead@fastmail.fm](mailto:northhead@fastmail.fm) or ring 0414 735 350.

## Education Centre

We are open every weekend, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please call in and see our displays in Building 21. Walk past the Parade Ground, continue along the road till you see our banner and then follow the footprints from our gate.

We have two new card designs from Julie Nettleton in stock *Acacia terminalis*, Sunshine Wattle \$5 and *Astroloma humifusum*, Native Cranberry- our Season's Greetings card at \$20 for a pack of 10.

Do you have some time and would like to help staff the Education centre on the weekends. If so please call in and see us.

## Native Plant Nursery



A Day at the Sanctuary was a great day, here is our Nursery Manager, Sue Halmagyi helping children plant seeds in a pot to take home and watch them grow.

**Something in the Air** - If there is an unpleasant smell in the air at North Head, please report it to Sydney Water's 24 hour Number 9934 4423 and also to DECCW on 131 555.

## *Philothea salsolifolia*



Is a small spreading shrub less than 1 m tall. The flowers are mauve with five petals and 10 erect stamens which are hairy on top. Leaves are linear and crowded. It's in flower now. It is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub

## 'The Beauty of Biodiversity' - Art Exhibition Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Sept .2010 9am-5.00pm

International College of Management Sydney  
(ICMS) Courtyard Café, 151 Darley Road, Manly

Manly Environment Centre (MEC) & the ICMS invite you to view this exhibition celebrating 'International Year of Biodiversity' which showcases the work of 30 local artists, Meet artists painting 'en plein air' around the grounds of ICMS; talks with artists will also take place over the weekend at the Courtyard Café.

## Q Station

Community day Sat 11 Sept 10am to 4pm – a free opportunity to explore this heritage site. For details and bookings see [www.qstation.com.au/community](http://www.qstation.com.au/community) day or phone 02 9466 1500.

Planned new development at Q Station needs your attention. For more information email Mary Johnsen at [johnsmaty@tadaust.org.au](mailto:johnsmaty@tadaust.org.au) or Judy Lambert at [twsombat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:twsombat@optusnet.com.au).

## International Year of Biodiversity 2010 at Australian Museum

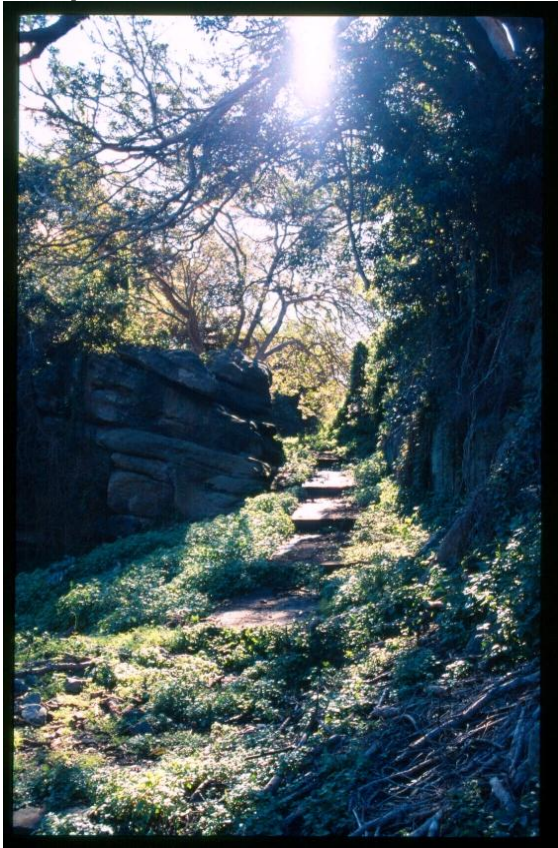
The Australian Museum is marking this very special year with ALIVE. We will be taking part with a display on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Come and see the displays put on by MEC.

"Biodiversity is the variety of all living things; the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, the genetic information they contain and the ecosystems they form". See <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/biodiversity>

## Mysteries of North Head

By Geoff Lambert

### The Hospital Picnic Grounds



Wander down behind the Manly Hospital buildings, past the storage tanks for the medical gases, and you will come upon a set of steps leading down to an Art Deco pavement which leads down through a cutting to this scene, where it eventually disappears beneath the soils. There is little documentary evidence as to what this was for, but a 1950 aerial photo appears to show two small shelters in a clearing at the end of the track. My hunch is that these were picnic or lunch shelters for the public or the staff and patients of the hospital. Who can enlighten me?

#### Thank you

A special thanks to everyone who helped us at a Day at the Sanctuary, I hope I have not left any names out, Sue Halmagyi, Judith Halnan, Ken Higgs, Mary Johnsen, Steve Johnston, John Killick, Geoff and Judy Lambert, Julie Nettleton and Toni Stevenson.

Thank you Manly Environment Centre for all your hard work in making this day a success.

#### 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

## Third Cemetery



This is the great view from the gates of the Third Cemetery. The Obelisk marks the last resting space of Private Hector Fraser HICKS who was born on 22 February 1900, enlisted on 9 September 1918 (Australian Commonwealth Military Services). His unit embarked from Sydney on 2 November 1918 on board HMAT A7 Medic but the ship was recalled owing to the signing of Armistice. Hector contracted influenza, was quarantined at Quarantine Station Manly on 25 November and died on 30 November 1918, one of many who died there in November 1918 of pneumonia and were buried in the Third Cemetery...

#### NHSF Membership Application

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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