



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

Custodians of North Head

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Native Plant Nursery

Last year we planted out over 3600 plants which included grasses, ground cover and shrubs. We are now planting out larger pots of grasses and sedges as the mature plants are not as inviting as before to the rabbits. We also maintained our areas and removed thousands of weeds.

Thank you to all our volunteers, every little bit helps. If you would like to join our team, please email Jenny at northhead@fastmail.com.au or turn up any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon. We are behind Building 20.

Education Room – Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20. Call in to have a look at our displays and our botanical cards or just to have a chat.

If you'd like to help others get to know more about North Head, please contact Judy Lambert on 9949 3521(ah) or email tswombat@optusnet.com.au

Angophora hispida



Or Dwarf Apple is a spreading shrub, 3 to 5 metres tall with reddish bristles on buds, new leaves and stems. Its many creamy flowers are large and loved by insects.

Ocean Care Day

Thank you to Geoff Lambert, Jenny Wilson, Judy Lambert, Kath Pearce, Matthew Taylor, Michael Taylor and Pamela Francis for all their work to make the day a success. The day was somewhat dampened (literally as well as figuratively) by the storm at about 3.45pm. Both Jenny and Pam weathered the storm with little damage to our stock despite rain, hail and high winds.

North Head Long-nosed Bandicoots

Dr Jennifer Anson



As the endangered North Head population is small and isolated, it is particularly vulnerable to threats. AWC and NSW NPWS conduct regular trapping of this Long-nosed Bandicoot population to ensure we can monitor any changes to the population. The most recent round of monitoring (November 2014) was very successful with good captures numbers and evidence of breeding, two-thirds of the females had pouch young. Females can produce up to 4 litters per year, each with 2-3 young. They can breed all year round but generally have a peak in reproductive activity in spring/early summer.

As in previous surveys, bandicoots appear to prefer foraging in areas of open grassland immediately adjacent to remnant vegetation for refuge. Please take care driving around North Head this summer as bandicoots often forage beside the roads and vehicle strikes are one of the main threats to this population.



Judy Lambert & Michael Taylor on our stall at Ocean Care Day

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson



Vincent Heaton – 21 March 1900

“Obituary.

The Late Mr. Vincent Heaton.

The sad death of Mr. Vincent Heaton on Wednesday, the 21st March, has cast quite a gloom over the residents of Randwick. The deceased was only 24 years of age, and his unexpected death is a sad blow to his parents and his two brothers. The deceased was in excellent health on Sunday, 18th instant. He attended Mass and also Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the evening. On Monday morning he complained of a slight headache and did not go to Sydney. During the day he became much worse and was removed to the Quarantine Station on Tuesday morning, his illness having been pronounced bubonic plague. He was conscious five minutes before dying, and his last words were a message of love to his father, mother, and brothers, asking them not to fret about him. The Very Rev. Father Treand, M.S.H., administered the last rites of the Church to the deceased before leaving Randwick. Mr. Vincent Heaton was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Heaton, of Randwick, and was born at Bathurst in 1875. He was a most fervent Catholic, and for years past attended Holy Communion regularly every month. When quite a child he came to Sydney with his parents and received his education from the Jesuit Fathers, at St. Aloysius' College. Here he showed exceptional talents and gave every promise of a brilliant career. At the close of his school days he joined the firm of Heaton Bros., and subsequently became a partner, having control of the firm's intercolonial business for nearly three years. Only a fortnight previously he went to Orange to take temporary charge of the firm's branch there, so that he had only just returned from the country. He was most successful in all his undertakings, and will be sorely missed not only by his numerous friends but by

everyone who had the slightest knowledge of him. The doctors are confident that the disease was contracted on one of the wharves adjoining Darling Harbour. The deceased was buried almost on the North Head, and the cemetery can be seen by passengers on board steamers passing through the Heads. The Rev. Father Ignatius, C.P., attended the funeral, blest the grave, and read the burial service. A young life has passed away, one who was generous and unselfish, an affectionate son, and many homes in Sydney are sorrowful at the loss of so true a friend. May his soul rest in peace.”

From *The Catholic Press* (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1942)
Saturday 31 March 1900

Can you see the Cemetery from the harbour?



The sandstone wall starting in the lower right is the one from North Fort to the Harbour. It is broken in the middle. The sandstone structure near the wall is the Obelisk. The other one in the distance in the top left hand corner: Is it the top of a grave obelisk for Hector Hicks?



Ten metre high sandstone obelisk is believed to be a maritime marker to assist entering Port Jackson. It was erected prior to 1842.