



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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## NORTH HEAD SANCTUARY DISCOVERY DAY

**Sunday 21<sup>ST</sup> January 2018. 10am to 4pm.**

The full program for the day is now on The Sydney Harbour Federation trust's website. See

<http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/news/2017/12/22/north-head-discovery-day-%E2%80%93-sunday-21-january-10am-4pm> for full details and bookings.

## CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

Judy Reizes

21 years ago, Tim Flannery came up with the concept of a Sanctuary for Threatened Species at North Head particularly the Threatened Populations of Little Penguins and Long-nosed Bandicoots.

This was timely as the Army would soon be moving out and Manly Council fully supported the concept and Premier Bob Carr would soon make an announcement.

When the newly formed Harbour Trust held their first Conference on North Head in 2002 and it was called the Sanctuary Conference. From this, a core group of participants continued to meet at Manly Council and this led to the formation of the North Head Sanctuary Foundation. This core group included scientists, academics, Council and Trust staff, activists and residents.

As we collected information on hundreds of species put together by a team of enthusiastic team in the mid-1980s, we began to realise what a rich collection we had inherited... a true Noah's Ark. In 1997 the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, so prolific at North Head, was listed as a Endangered Ecological Community.

The waters surrounding North Head include two NSW Fisheries Aquatic Reserves, North (Sydney) Harbour Aquatic Reserve and Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. Cabbage Tree Bay is one of few No-take Reserves, with over 400 species, including numerous Threatened Species like the colourful Weedy Seadragon. North Harbour even has sponges and corals!

On Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January from 10am to 4pm, the Discovery Day provides a great opportunity for us to share this amazing legacy with locals, tourists and the general public.

We hope you won't miss the Manly Environment Centre's extensive display on the lawn in front of the hall at North Fort where the kids' activities are being held. Lots of our volunteers have been helping us over recent months to

show what a Noah's Ark North Head is and have made 20 displays of the hundreds of species in the air, on the land and in the waters of North Head and

- NSW Fisheries are bringing their great Info Trailer
- Famous diver/movie star, Valerie Taylor will be autographing her newly released books for kids full of her exquisite undersea drawings, there is even a marine critter colouring-in book!
- Photographer David Jenkins from Whalespotter will show people great photos and where you can spot whales at North Head without getting wet!

## Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20.

For Discovery Day we are having two bushland walks lead by Geoff Lambert, but you need to book. We also have kid's activities.

Maybe you would like to learn about volunteering in our education room. Ask one of volunteers or contact Judy Lambert at [twsombat@optusnet.com.au](mailto:twsombat@optusnet.com.au)

## Native Plant Nursery

Please call in and see us on Discovery Day. We will be open from 10 to 4 and will have volunteers on site to show you around and we have native plants to give away. We also have a display of weeds that we regularly remove from our areas.

Come and see if you would like to volunteer and join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon. For more details email [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au).



Photo Ian Evans

A visitor to one of our planted areas.

**Thank you** to Liz and Peter Marshall, for all their help over the last five years. They are moving to Queensland.

## North Head Project

8 December 2017-18 February 2018

If you have not been to Manly Art Gallery and seen the works of ten artists and their responses to North Head, please go and see it. The artists are Tamara Dean, Karla Dickens, Helen Earl, Craig Handley, Nathalie Hartog-Gautier, Nick Hollo, Chris Langlois, Susan Milne, Julie Nettleton and Hobie Porter.

Have a look at Nick Hollo's painting of the bank outside the old gym.



We started planted this bank in February 2013.

## ESBS — the saga continues

Geoff Lambert

During 2017, the NSW Scientific Committee issued a document stating its intention to move Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) to the list of CRITICALLY endangered ecological communities. After receiving feedback, including from North Head Sanctuary Foundation, the Committee decided to further revise its recommendations. In December, the Committee made a Final Determination to so classify the ESBS Community.

Throughout this process, the Scientific Committee made adjustments to the "ESBS Species List". Under the Final Determination, the list of plants deemed officially and legally to be indicative of ESBS is radically different from the original (1996) List. Twenty four species were removed from the list and twenty five other species were added. There are now 55 species on the list. North Head has 52 of these, making it by far the richest ESBS site in Sydney.

NHSF, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and other organisations charged with the care of ESBS, are now re-assessing their approach to ESBS management in the light of these changes.

## Next General Meeting

Saturday 24 February 2018 at 2pm at Bandicoot Heaven. Join us for a walk around our planted areas and bushland.

## Weeds

One of the threats to ESBS is weed invasion.

We will have some of North Heads weeds on display on Discovery Day. Do you know this weed?



## Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

The Daily Telegraph (Sydney 1883-1923) Mon 14 April 1919

### "INFLUENZA.

52 DEATHS, & 294 NEW CASES. WEEK-END FIGURES."

"The week-end figures with regard to pneumonic influenza in the metropolitan area are the highest recorded since the outbreak of the disease in this State.

For the 24 hours ended 2 p.m. on Saturday there were 24 deaths from the disease and 156 fresh cases. From 2 p.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. last night there were 28 more deaths, and 138 additional patients were admitted to the hospitals.

The totals for the week-end, therefore, are 52 deaths and 294 cases. Some of the deaths occurred after 8 o'clock on Friday night, when many of the new cases, too, were admitted.

There are still 1533 patients under treatment in the metropolitan hospitals, and 131 were discharged during the week-end.

### Shipping Cases

Four fresh cases from the crew of the steamer *Pacifique* were reported on Saturday at North Head Quarantine Station. There was one death yesterday, Parirua, a South Sea Islander, and a member of the crew of the steamer *St. George*.

The name of the member of the quarantine staff whose death was reported on Friday is Mr. J. Shaw, a wardsman. He had been carrying out his duties since the original outbreak at North Head.

The steamer *Wyandra*, which arrived on Friday night and anchored in Watson's Bay, was found to have two suspicious cases on board on Saturday morning. The patients, one of whom is the ship's doctor, were landed, and the vessel allowed to proceed, in quarantine, to Melbourne on Saturday."

Note Manly Emergency had 7 new cases and 2 deaths.

Only those cases that died at the Quarantine Station during this period were buried in the Third Cemetery.