



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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General Meeting Sat 28 July 2pm

Please join us at Bandicoot Heaven to hear Wendy Grimm give a talk,

“Pollination – not just the realm of bees!”



What motivates insects to visit plants? How do plants deceive insects into providing pollination services? These questions have tied Wendy's interest in Australian native plants to her passion for capturing images of small, mostly inconspicuous insects. She will talk about insect-pollinator relationships with several well-known plant families.

Wendy recently spent three months with biologists from China and the USA exploring pollination in several species of *Corunastylis* (*Genoplesium*), a genus of orchid found in the Sydney area, and is currently on the track of the pollinator of *Genoplesium baueri*, a local terrestrial orchid.

Everyone welcome

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

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

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

Native Plant Nursery

We have lots of maintenance to do together with planting and if you could help that would be great. There is no need to come every week, just when you can. Please join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon. For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au Or just turn up and ask for Jenny.

THANK YOU to Matt Niland from Four Seasons Nursery at 200 Forest Way Belrose 2085 for his donation of Searles Native Plant specialty mix and Searles Premium Propagating mix. Your donation is appreciated. We have not used the Propagating mix before, so it will be interesting to see what results we achieve.

‘Come in and Meet the Locals’

Judy Lambert

This has been a catch-cry of our Bandicoot Heaven visitor information room since soon after we began almost 10 years ago.

Recent additions to our display have certainly provided new opportunities for visitors to get to know some of the birds and animals found at North Head.

Thanks to assistance from Northern Beaches Stop Roadkill's Jacqui Marlow, our Bandicoot Heaven displays



now include a Powerful Owl (Australia's largest owl), a Tawny Frogmouth (another night-time predator bird but not an owl), a Long-nosed Bandicoot, a Brushtail Possum and a Ringtail Possum.



Thanks also go to Judith Bennett, who liaised with professional taxidermist George Hangay as he prepared for us excellent specimens of each of these creatures – at least their lives were not lost entirely in vain! When next you visit Bandicoot Heaven you'll find each of these creatures looking down at you in very realistic form.

Wartime Life at North Head

Gloria Carroll served in the Women's Army Service in 1942 and served at School of Artillery.

For her story see Peninsula Historian Newsletter of the Manly, Warringah & Pittwater Historical Society Inc http://www.mwphs.com/17_Dec_2014.pdf (page2)

The 2018 Hazard Reduction Burns on North Head

Geoff Lambert



Photo courtesy of Nick Skelton

North Head was probably the first place that Europeans saw Indigenous “firestick farming” up close (28th May 1788). Two long-awaited hazard reduction burns on the Harbour Trust and NPWS properties occurred almost exactly 230 years later, on 29th May 2018. These burns were an all-day affair that carried on into the night. The fire crews reported a “few hairy moments”, especially when the tank water supply ran out at the end of the day. On the Harbour Trust property, the fire was in the area to the south of the Crossfit Gym, east of the gun-park and west of North Fort Rd. The pre-fire vegetation survey for this “patch” occurred nearly four years ago and the site has been regularly monitored via a “watching brief” ever since.

In the immediate aftermath, after the post-fire rain had extinguished all embers, it could be seen that the fire had produced varying effects – the sort of patchwork fire that Indigenous people used to use and which will lend itself to comprehensive analysis of a number of factors and their effects on regeneration. The immediate work on the area will now involve fencing portions of it to exclude rabbits

and, by November, to replicate the vegetation survey of 2014.



Judging by the results from similar pre- and post-fire surveys on the North Fort burn areas of 2012, it may be several years before we can declare the 2018 burn an ecological success. Stay tuned.

After the Burn



Photo Ian Evans taken 31 May 2018

One can already see that the Xanthorrhoeas are recovering from the burn when you are walking the Gunners Track. This track has the best view of the results of the fire.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Monday 26 April 1920, page 8

“PARADE OF TROOPS THROUGH THE CITY”

“It was a drab setting for a big, vivid picture —the rain, with the fitful gleams of sunshine; the scurrying black clouds, the cutting wind, that almost gnawed its way into the bones; the great sea of overcoats and umbrellas. As a spectacle the parade of the troops through the city was thus spoilt. But behind it all, for the great crowds of onlookers, was that deeper vital note that will always be associated with the inspiring word Anzac. Around about the saluting base, in Queen's-square, there must have been from 15,000 to 20,000 people, 10 and in places, 20 deep, outside barriers through to Macquarie-street on one side, and as far round as St. Mary's Cathedral on the other. The sloping lawns within Queen's-square offered vantage points for more people. Even the old campaigners braved the elements, a cheer breaking over the great, waiting concourse of people as they proceeded through the barrier to the stand with flags flying, one of them the gift of Lord Kitchener.”

“Memorial wreaths were placed on prominent positions in Anzac-parade by returned soldiers' associations, and by relatives and friends of deceased soldiers. Arrangements were specially made for the placing of wreaths on graves of soldiers in the Kogarah, Field of Mars, Rookwood, Manly, and Quarantine, Bunnerong, and South Head, Gore Hill, and other cemeteries. The distribution of flowers and wreaths on the graves of soldiers and sailors was general throughout the Metropolitan area.”