



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation Inc

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### Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20. Call in and say hello and have a look at our displays.

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

### Native Plant Nursery

One of the areas that we are looking after is between the Crossfit Gym and the Montessori childcare centre.



Start of the planting – 3 January 2017 top and below as it looks on 30 April 2019. Photos Peter Macinnis



You are welcome to join us on any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12noon to help with the planting, weed removal or maintenance.

Morning tea is 10.30am

For more details email [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au)

Or just turn up and ask for Jenny, phone 0414735350.

### Praying/Preying Mantis

Elizabeth Mills



I have seen lots of birds, bees, flies and ants attracted to the pollen or nectar of the flowers of the banksias on the Old Oval.

But I did not expect to see a praying mantis eating a bee. See photo. Bees crawl head first into the banksia flower seeking nectar and I wonder if this allows the mantis to catch them unawares. It seems that it is not unusual for a mantis to eat bees and other insects. An interesting article describing the preying prowess of the mantis aptly calls it "one of Nature's fiercest marauders". See <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article117590155>, for details.

### INDIGROW

Mike & Toni Stevenson

Two of the old nursery tables were delivered to the INDIGROW Nursery at La Perouse on 10 May 2019. The 10-year old tables were still in good condition after some additional bracing had been applied. NSW National Parks and Wildlife supplied the utility and driver, Nick, to

transport the dismantled tables, while Toni and Mike Stevenson went along to reassemble them. The pictures show the tables in place, with



INDIGROW's Senior Horticulturist, Bruce Thompson and a volunteer helper wasting no time in getting to use one of them.

**Thank you Mike & Toni**

### Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

The 10<sup>th</sup> person buried in the Third Cemetery was Richard WRAY, aged 31 who died 15 May 1883 of Inflammation of the lungs.

### Sydney Morning Herald (NSW:1842-1954) 18 May 1883

“THE IMMIGRANT SHIP ALLANSHAW.”

“The immigrant ship Allanshaw, with her passengers on board, was towed up the harbour from the quarantine ground yesterday, and the single women were landed and lodged at the Immigration Depot. A visit to the vessel yesterday afternoon brought to light several matters that deserve attention. It will be remembered that the ship was placed in quarantine in consequence of having scarlet fever on board. There were 11 deaths during the voyage and one at the quarantine station. The first signs of the disease appeared about 70 days after the vessel left Plymouth, and though the first cases - and these occurred among the children - were successfully dealt with, the disease broke out again, and soon there was a number of sufferers. In the first few instances these patients were isolated, but before long they became so numerous that isolation was impossible, and all who fell sick were treated in their bunks. This circumstance, and the situation of the married couples' berths, in which the disease was most virulent, were quite sufficient to cause the fever to spread. The berths referred to are situated in the centre of the ship, and are constructed in the ordinary way, grouped together in a small space, which in broad daylight are so dark that when the doctor wished to see someone who was sick he had, he stated yesterday, to use a light, and if it were necessary to examine the skin of the patient to ascertain the exact nature of the sickness, he was obliged to have the patient removed from the berth to where daylight lent it said to the examination. This inconvenience was not caused by any unsuitableness in the vessel for the carrying of immigrants; it arose simply from the manner in which the compartments had been fitted up. The Allanshaw is a very fine roomy ship, capable of affording comfortable accommodation to all classes of immigrants. Her captain has made 13 voyages, 12 of them being with immigrants from England to some of the other colonies, and he states that in no voyage but the one that has just ended has he had the berths for married couples and their children fitted up as they are on the Allanshaw. On all the vessels which bring immigrant to Queensland or to South Australia the berths for married immigrants are in each case a patent contrivance which provides sleeping accommodation, perfectly private to each family at night, and in the day can be turned into a table to accommodate the family at their meals, while the compartment, during the time that the sleeping part of the berth is folded out of sight, is made free for circulation of pure air. These berths are known as Johnstone, Currie, and Co.'s married berths. The roughly constructed berth which is provided on the New South Wales immigrant

ships has little or no privacy about it, and the arrangements generally in the married quarter of the vessel are little better than if the whole of the people lived together openly in one room. The captain states also that in none of his previous voyages was the issuing-room or place from which the provisions are served out, anywhere but on the upper deck. On the Allanshaw this room is on the 'tween deck, and in the centre of the married people's quarters, an arrangement which exposed the married people in a most unseemly manner to the view of the single men whose duty it is to come below every day for provisions. On several occasions, according to a statement made by the doctor, the married immigrants complained of this state of affairs. The fitting up of the berths, and of all the other fittings for the accommodation of the immigrants, is done under the direction of an official connected with the office of the Agent-General. During the voyage eight children were born on board the vessel. One case of confinement was that of a sub-matron, and she is not a married woman. She was appointed sub-matron before leaving England, and no one appears to have known anything of her condition during the first part of the voyage. She expects the father of the child to follow her out here. Mr. G. F. Wise, who, as also Dr. Mackellar, was on board the vessel yesterday afternoon, will see that this woman and child are looked after on shore; and this is very necessary, for encumbered with her baby the woman unassisted may find it very difficult to live honestly. Among the deaths from scarlet fever, or its after results, was that of a married man, who succumbed at the quarantine ground. The case was a peculiarly sad one. The man left England with his wife and one child, and during the voyage the child died. A short time afterwards the wife gave birth to another child, and she had scarcely recovered when her husband's death took place. The ship was in quarantine from the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant until yesterday, but she would not have been detained there so long if Dr. Mackellar had not been anxious to have the whole of the immigrants' clothing thoroughly washed before allowing the ship to come up the harbour. There was no suitable appliance for doing anything of this kind at the quarantine ground, and the washing had to be done on board the ship. Fortunately for the ship there is a large steam boiler on board, and by using this the clothes were well washed, and the Health Officer's direction properly carried out. The single girls who were landed from the ship yesterday are a very fine lot of young women; and the married people look healthy and strong. They will probably come ashore to-day, but they were informed yesterday by the Health Officer that no man who could not produce his bed would be allowed to go ashore. The object in that is to secure the beds, which immigrants are in the habit of carrying away with them, and burn them, so as to prevent any infection being taken in the beds from the ship to the shore.”