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Native Plant Nursery



Eastern side of Building One. Photo 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.
For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au
Or just turn up and ask for Jenny, phone 0414735350.

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 tswombat@iinet.net.au

North Head Bird Photo by Robyn Missen



Male pardalote

"The Spotted Pardalote is a tiny bird that is most often high in a eucalypt canopy, so it is more often detected by its characteristic call. The wings, tail and head of the male are black and covered with small, distinct white spots. Males have a pale eyebrow, a yellow throat and a red rump. Females are similar but have less-distinct markings". Information from <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/species/Pardalotus-punctatus>

AGM Saturday 9 November 2019 2pm

Please save this date, more details next month.

Join a Guided Wildflower Walk in Spring

Our last Spring walk is on Monday 7 October, which is a public holiday. These easy, on-track walks will each be of 2 ½ to 3 hours duration. You should wear comfortable shoes, bring a hat, insect repellent and a water bottle.

The walk is free, but bookings are necessary (limit 20 people). To register, please email tswombat@iinet.net.au or call in to Bandicoot Heaven (Building 20 at North Head's former School of Artillery) between 10am and 4pm on a Saturday or Sunday. When registering, please give us your email address and a phone number where you can be contacted on the walk



day.

Styphelia triflora or five corners now flowering. These flowers have always been enjoyed.

Sydney Mail (NSW: 1912 - 1938), Wed 8 March 1933

Australian Wild Flowers

"The Styphelias, or five- corners (the popular name refers to the small, angular fruit, which bush children sometimes eat), have tube-shaped drooping flowers, rich in honey for the long-billed birds, and of a delicate dewy appearance — like crystal beads misted over with moisture. The corollalube is split at the tip and rolled back in feathery curls. The flowers of different species vary in colour from a bright red to pale yellow, yellowish-green, and green. The styphelias of coastal parts are usually tall shrubs with finer blossoms and smaller fruit than the inland specimens. The leaves are spiky, upright, and harsh."

Bandicoot Heaven – an 80 Year History

Geoff Lambert

The building which NHSF now uses as a Visitor Centre has seen many changes over the last 80 years – not only changes of use, but also changes of name. Some of the names, not necessarily in chronological order are, Artificers Workshop, RAEME Store, GE Store, Asset 20, A20, Building 20, Queen B Hive, NHSF Education Room, Bandicoot Haven and (now) Bandicoot Heaven. One might say that the building has lived through three phases- (1) “Defence of Sydney”, (2) “School of Artillery” and (3) “Sydney Harbour Federation Trust”

Building 20 was a 1939 addition to the “Barracks Complex”—itself designed in the then-popular art-deco style by architects of the Commonwealth Department of Works. The local member, Archie Parkhill said the whole shebang was “too good for soldiers”. All buildings of this ilk now have heritage protections. We don’t know what was inside the building while it fulfilled its role as an Artificer’s Workshop, but it probably had the usual mix of lathes, drills, grinders, etc., which we know to have been there in later years. In the pre- to post-war period it may have been occupied by the Royal Australian Corps of Transport or its predecessor. During the time of the School of Artillery, it seems to have been assigned to the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME), whose “colours” were on the outside doors almost up to the day the School moved out to Puckapunyal. We do not know why the red disappeared.

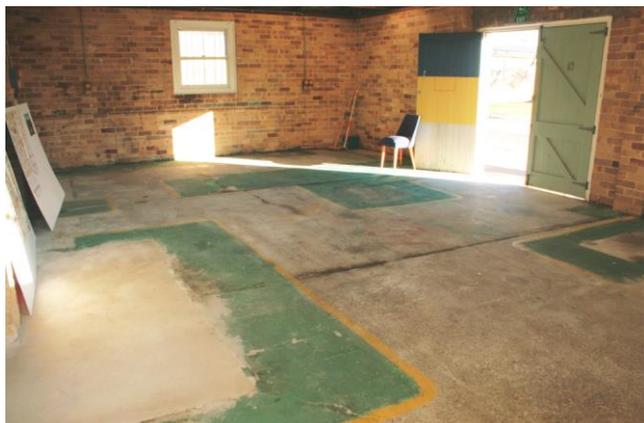


1942-1998?



Post-1998

Throughout the 80 years of its existence, the “backbone” of Building 20 has survived pretty much intact, apart from



the installation of a metal roof with skylights and the back door. When the Army left North Head and SHFT took over, Building 20 was leased to “Queen B beeswax Candles” until sometime in the 2005-2009 period. The building remained vacant until July 2011, when NHSF made a successful bid for it. This is what we found:

In the photo below, the bare patches indicate the footprint of the workshop machinery the green patches with the yellow borders are the “hazard areas”. These paint layers are still vaguely visible underneath the NHSF ochre overpaint.

Editor’s Note

If you worked on North Head in the past or have a connection with the site and have a story to tell, please email northhead@fastmail.com.au. We would love to hear from you.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email me at same address.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW : 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 11 October 1911, page 15

‘SMALLPOX SCARE.

EASTERN DUE TO-NIGHT

ABOUT 350 FOR QUARANTINE.

When the Eastern and Australian Company’s steamer Eastern, from China and Japan, arrives in Port Jackson to-night, or early on Thursday morning, she will go into quarantine, having been ordered to Sydney direct from Thursday Island, consequent upon the reported case of smallpox on board. The vessel has on board, including the crew, about 350 persons, some of whom are passengers for Queensland ports. This is not a record number for the North Head station, as the R.M.S. Otway, which was quarantined a year or so ago, had over 800 people aboard. The quarantine officials will, however, have a busy time, and they are making arrangements accordingly. The period of detention will depend upon the regular medical examinations that will be made, but it is believed to be quite improbable that anybody will be released this week.’

There was one death, Koon KWONG (Chinese Fireman) from the ship. He died just as the ship cast anchor and was buried in the Third Cemetery on 12 October 1911. Cause of death was phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis) and heart disease. His job on the ship was to tend the fire for the powering the steam engine.

His death certificate shows the name KWONG (MALE) POON and district as marine.

There were no other deaths from S.S. Eastern while in Quarantine.

The R.M.S. Otway was quarantined in 1910 and there was one death - Hector Spence. See

<http://www.northheadsancuaryfoundation.org.au/newsletters/20141001news74.pdf>