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2020 AGM

A COVID-safe event on Saturday 13 March, 2pm at All Saints Church Hall, Boyle St Balgowlah, near Sydney Rd corner.

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We will be re-opening on Saturdays and Sundays 10-4 from 6 March, with a COVID-safe plan in place.

Tenant	Building
Milestone Events	16
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Headland Montessori Childcare Centre	49
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This is the new sign on North Fort Road.

Native Plant Nursery

We can always use more hands to help with planting and weeding. There is plenty to do.



Some of Friday's group working at the Pond, near entrance to St Barbaras Ave.

Photo Peter Nash

If you would like to join us, please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon to have a look. One needs to be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation to join us. For more details, please send an email to northhead@fastmail.com.au

My North Head

Please think about writing a short history of your experience at North Head, whether you lived here or worked there, now or in the past. Photos also wanted, especially old ones. Send to northhead@fastmail.com.au.

GARIGAL LANDCARE

Garigal Landcare members noted the need for bush regeneration work at North Head and after registration with NPWS we are now at it.

After a fire bushcare is very rewarding, as one can make a huge difference. Also, after a fire no nasty ticks and reduced numbers of leeches and ants are about making the work so much more comfortable.

Our group works without chemicals and we concentrate on weed removal to allow indigenous plants to sprout up. Until May we work every Thursday morning, weather permitting, from 8-10am. We started and continue to attack specific weeds such as Pampas grass, Caster oil plant, Paspalum, African lovegrass, Thistles, Montbretia, Cape Honeysuckle, and pick up litter.

The first Saturday session will be on 13 March from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Volunteers welcome, but please call or text me beforehand.

Conny Harris 0432 643 295

Enjoy North Head

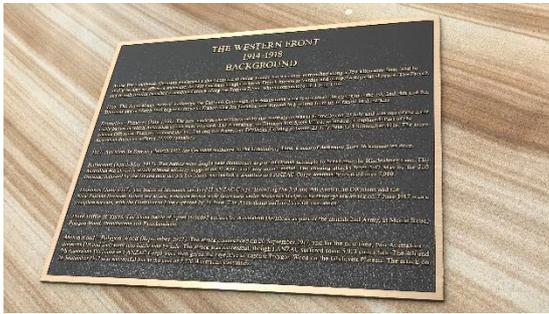


Photo Elizabeth Mills

Pimelea curviflora is just one of the hidden delights to be found on North Head as it is a small erect plant only 30 to 50 cm high.

Memorial Walk at North Fort

The panels on the sandstone alcoves commemorating Australia's involvement in each of the wars and our peace keeping operations have been replaced with new ones. Like the one shown below. Fortunately, the panels were ordered before the fire but were not in place when the burn happened. The walk now has a QR code system which enables visitors to listen to the commentary above each alcove.



For more information see https://www.artilleryhistory.org/memorial_walk.html
As you can see the bush is still recovering from the fire, but the Xanthorrhoeas are doing well.



Photos Jenny Wilson 9 February 2021



The fences and gates protecting bushfire affected areas at North Head will be modified soon, hopefully next week, allowing greater access while still excluding certain areas to assist in regeneration.

The North Head Tunnel tours

Now include the Plotting Room. For information and to book see <https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/see-and-do/tours/defence-of-sydney/>

North Head Scenic Area upgrade

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is improving visitor access at North Head, Sydney Harbour National Park. For more information see <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/north-head-upgrade>

Have Your Say

The Harbour Trust has published the outcomes of its recent consultation campaign to understand community aspirations for North Head Sanctuary, Manly. See <https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/community/notice-board/north-head-sanctuary-consultation-outcomes-released/>

The North Head Sanctuary Consultation Report was informed by a digital-first community engagement campaign that ran for seven weeks in late 2020. In 2021, the Harbour Trust will continue its open dialogue on North Head Sanctuary and seek feedback on new rehabilitation and master plans for the site.

Back in Time

Jenny Wilson
Brisbane Courier (Qld: 1864- 1933), 17 December 1918.
OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir, -My late brother, Private James Cahill, was one of the victims of the pneumonic influenza contracted on board the troopship Medic, quarantined in Sydney. We did not receive any official notice that he was even ill, and the first intimation was by reading the newspaper account of his death on Wednesday afternoon, November 27. Surely this is a most disgraceful rise of neglect in some department. The official message was received over the telephone at 15 minutes to 4 on Wednesday afternoon, November 27, and before that time condolences had been received from friends in our township of Beenleigh. Further inquiries reveal the fact that the "Sydney Morning Herald " of Tuesday, November 26, reported him to be seriously ill. I would feel obliged if you will kindly publish this letter, as I think this negligence ought to be exposed.

-I am, sir, &c.,

EDWARD CAHILL "Roscrea," Beenleigh, Dec 14

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson
Private James Michael Cahill enlisted on 5 September 1918 in the Australian Imperial Force at West Maitland. He was a single man aged 28 years old. He was on the ship HMAT Medic which left Sydney Harbour on 2 November 1918 for the war zone with general service reinforcements but was recalled owing to the signing of the armistice and returned to Sydney on 21 November 1918 with nearly 200 cases of influenza, mostly of a mild type. Michael died on the same day as Thomas Treacy on 28 November 1918 and was buried in the Third Cemetery.