



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation Inc

## Custodians of North Head

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### Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are closed at present and will remain closed while lockdown is in place.

### Native Plant Nursery

We grow Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plants at our Nursery for planting back into degraded areas of North Head.

Unfortunately, we are not planting out during lockdown but - are watering our plants in the Nursery bays.

When we are back at work, we will welcome more hands to help with planting and weeding in our allocated areas. If you would like to join us, please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon, when we are open or email [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au)

### Spring is Here

The native flowers have been out in August and now is a great time to do a COVID-safe walk and see how many different species are out in flower, there are at least 42. Many have insects visiting.



The metal tracks past the Close Observation post and the one around the Hanging Swamp are being repaired and will soon be open for all to enjoy.

Carpenter bee and *Philothea salsolifolia*  
Photo by Robyn Missen



Dragonfly on flowering *Gahnia sieberiana* which grows in damp areas.  
Photo by Robyn Missen

### Spring Wildflower Walks at North Head

Judy Lambert

The wildflowers at North Head are coming along well this year – lots to see already and we are only at the beginning of spring.

However, COVID-safe restrictions mean that things are not looking good for our annual guided wildflower walks. If the current virus outbreak is brought under control and we are able to bring small groups together safely, we'll organise some walks later in the spring. If you are interested, please watch our website,

[www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au](http://www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au) and next month's e-newsletter for any updates.

In the meantime, stay safe and please take account of all COVID-safe restrictions. If you live within 5km of North Head, you can go for a North Head walk with one other person, and enjoy the flowers while you exercise.

### Echidna

This echidna would have been born last year and is enjoying a feed on the Old Oval. Photos Ian Evans



Notice the digging.



## Birds of North Head



Sea eagle

Photo Alan Ventress



Bar-shouldered dove

Photo Robyn Missen

**Upgrade for Fairfax Lookout** and carparking at North Head, Sydney Harbour National Park. The National Parks and Wildlife Service are planning to start construction works in spring 2021, subject to necessary approvals. Works are anticipated to be staged over 2 years during 2021 and 2022. They will work towards maintaining safe access for visitors during this time. For more info, please see <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/north-head-upgrade>

## Controlled Burn

The controlled burn in September last year which was done behind the Nursery area and near the water tower.



The first photo was taken on 5 September 2020 and the second one, below on 15 August 2021 by Jenny Wilson. Notice the recovery of the *Xanthorrhoea* on the left. Most of the *Xanthorrhoeas* burnt last year have recovered and can be seen and enjoyed.



Another view, see below taken 15 September 2020 and the regrowth taken 28 July 2021 by Peter Macinnis. Notice the *Xanthorrhoea* on the left.



All photos were taken outside the burn area. Remember that we need to avoid walking in these areas while they regenerate. Seedlings are small and can be easily walked on.