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Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are closed at present, but look forward to re-opening as soon as the Harbour Trust gives an ok.

Native Plant Nursery

We grow Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plants at our Nursery for planting into degraded areas of North Head. If you would like to join us, there is a lot of planting, weeding and maintenance to be done, especially as weeds love all this rain. We would love some more volunteers on Fridays.

Please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon, when we are open or email northhead@fastmail.com.au

To join you must be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation and be double vaccinated.

Update on North Head Scenic Area safety and access improvements

Work is running behind schedule due to all the rain, we have had in the last couple of months.



Working at Scenic Area

For information, please see

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/north-head-upgrade>

BACK IN TIME

Sydney Morning Herald Wed 6 November 1918,
"FIREMEN AT NORTH HEAD.

The authorities have decided that Deputy Chief Officer Jackson, Divisional Officer Lambourne, and seven firemen from headquarters, together with Captain Hildebrand, of the fire float Pluvius, who were quarantined after working on the steamer Mataram, which was on fire off the reserve

on Saturday last, must remain in quarantine for seven days. A message was received at the Castlereagh-street Fire Station from Mr. Jackson, stating that he expected to be at North Head until Friday next."

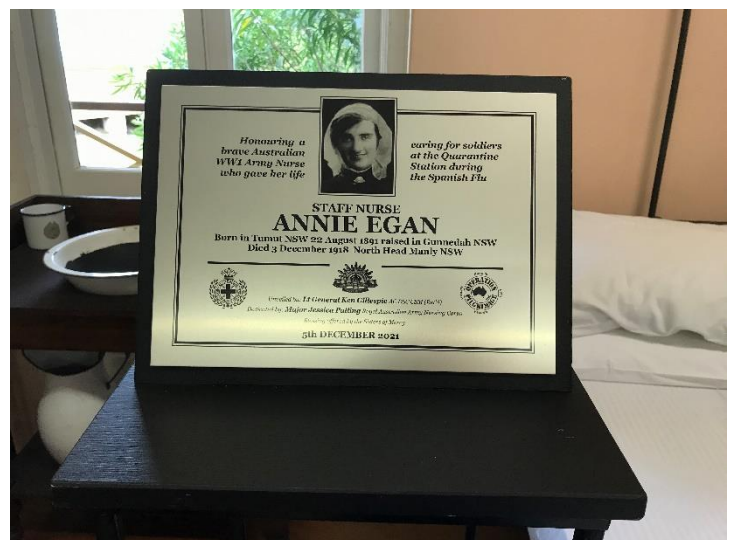
Remembering Australian World War One Army Nurses - Annie Egan and Elizabeth McGregor



Allan Miles, CEO Operation Pilgrimage Group

On 5 December 2021, two plaques were unveiled. They commemorate the Lives, Service and Sacrifice of Annie and Elizabeth at Quarantine Station and are in the hospital on the hill.

The event and plaques were organised by Operation Pilgrimage Group and in attendance were the relatives of both women together with Lt. General Ken Gillespie, AC DSC CSM (Rtd.) and Major Jessica Palling, Deputy Head of Corps, Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps.



Annie Egan and Elizabeth McGregor volunteered to be part of team of army nurses that came from Randwick. They are both buried in the Third Cemetery. They died of Influenza which they caught nursing the soldiers from the "Medic" which was quarantined at Quarantine Station with influenza (Spanish Flu).



Photos Jenny Wilson

Back in time during Influenza pandemic

Sydney Morning Herald Saturday 23 November 1918,
"INFLUENZA.

300 MEDIC CASES.
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

There are now nearly 300 cases of influenza in quarantine from the transport Medic. According to Dr. Elkington, they are mostly doing well. Fifty-nine cases were landed yesterday from the vessel. Of that number, 16 are classed as serious cases. It is stated that the Medic cases generally are not nearly so virulent as those from the Atua. The schooner Marora was released from quarantine yesterday.

An official announcement last night was to the effect that no names of cases on the transports would be available until this morning or Sunday at the earliest, consequent upon the pressure of work at the station. The public are assured that information respecting cases will be made available at the information bureau as early as possible. "The work," said Dr. Elkington, "is of such a character at the quarantine station, and the staff are kept so busily occupied, that, while all salient matters are recorded, detailed reports respecting individuals are not available, except through the information bureau. We are dependent upon the military medical officers for the compilation of the information regarding sick troops."

While the Riverina is apparently a clean ship, she will be kept in quarantine for the prescribed time. This is for the purpose of permitting the development of any cases that might be incubating.

The work generally at the quarantine station is proceeding satisfactorily, according to Dr. Elkington.

The quarantine authorities have arranged with Colonel Sinclair, P.M.O., to obtain the services of 12 army nurses from Randwick. The arrangement was for their departure for the station yesterday."

Sydney Morning Herald Tues 26 November 1918,
PYJAMAS WANTED.

"Colonel Murdoch, C.M.O., who recently returned to Sydney after three years' work as Red Cross Commissioner, is calling for 100,000 pairs of pyjamas for Red Cross needs. Miss Egan was unable to meet a requisition made from Egypt recently, as her stock in pyjamas is so low. A big demand has been made on supplies by reason of the troops at the quarantine station, and at present there are only 200 pairs of pyjamas at the clothing depot, Warwick-buildings. These conditions are practical evidence of the necessity that will exist for Red Cross work after peace has been declared. Socks, too, are urgently wanted, both for the Red Cross and the War Chest. The country and suburban branches of the Red Cross have plenty of wool available, and the spinning depot has a good stock, which is being sold in three grades. It is too early to put the knitting needles away, so all workers are being urgently requested to take up their work with renewed vigour and determination."

Garden escapee – Agapanthus

Jenny Wilson



Its amazing when you walk in the bush that you see the common weeds eg dandelions, fleabane, thistles but sometimes you see something that should be in a home garden and not the bush The blue in the photo are Agapanthus which you often see in a home garden. They have three sided leathery green capsules that form in clusters at the end of stalks, drying brown and papery when mature. These contain numerous winged, small black seeds and are then spread by the wind. Removal of the spent flowers before they go to seed will prevent the formation of the seed.