



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation Inc

## Custodians of North Head

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### Thank you

Dr Peter Mitchell for your talk - North Head: geology and landscape at our December meeting. A summary is attached to this newsletter.

### Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are open on **Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 4pm**. Please call in and have a chat.

We are keen to recruit volunteers interested in helping visitors to better get to know North Head and all its treasures. Anyone interested should contact Judy Lambert (email: [twsombat@iinet.net.au](mailto:twsombat@iinet.net.au) or phone 0427 217 580).

### Native Plant Nursery

The Nursery grows mainly Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plants for planting by our volunteers into degraded areas of North Head.

If you would like to join us, there is planting, weeding and maintenance to be done.

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) if you would like to join us. Interestingly we planted 833 plants in the period July to December and worked 1777 recorded hours doing Nursery work.

### Bandicoot Heaven & Native Plant Nursery:

To become a volunteer you must be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation and be COVID vaccinated.

### Rabbits



are one of the top pest species impacting on our plants including threatened species. We have problems with the rabbits eating our plantings especially on the old Oval. They also reduce native plant diversity by eating native

seedlings. This is a problem in the burn areas of North



Photo Rabbit droppings

Head. They also dig warrens and holes in the bushland. One can see evidence of this around the site.

When you see them around during the day, you know there are problems.

### Echidna



Photo Alan Ventress

This young Echidna was photographed at North Fort on 27 November 2022. The Echidna has been spotted a few times since.

### *Platysace lanceolata*

Jenny Wilson

or Native Parsnip is an erect leafy shrub.



Interestingly this plant was hard to find before the fire at both North Fort and School of Artillery and now it can be easily seen in the burn areas. This photo was taken along the fire trail to Fairfax lookout exit at North Fort.

## Australia's First Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice Complete

"The \$19.5 million Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice (AYAH) in Manly has reached its final construction milestone, with major building works of the facility now complete.

The new waterfront hospice is the first of its kind in Australia and will provide respite care, symptom management or end-of-life care to 15-to-24-year-old patients with life-limiting illness.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet and Member for Manly James Griffin toured the facility today, ahead of the first patients arriving in February 2023."

Press release 16 December 2022

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/media-releases/australias-first-adolescent-and-young-adult-hospice-complete>

## Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson



Photo of Gunny Gooney's gravestone Jenny Wilson

Australian Star (Sydney, NSW : 1887 - 1909), Tuesday 24 April 1900, page 5

### THE PLAGUE.

"Fresh Cases and Deaths. The Anti-Rat Crusade.

The plague barometer showed a decidedly upward tendency yesterday, for eight new cases were brought to light. The names of the patients are:— Esther Fuller (34), married, living in Redfern; May Newton (21), Annandale,

employed in the city; Percy Cook (19 employed in a city restaurant, where he lived; James Munn (31), Miller's Point, employed on a wharf at Circular Quay; John Linklater (14), living at Miller's Point, employed in the city; Gooney Gooney, a Chinese; Epbriam Thomson (31), Summer Hill, employed in the city; Jeannie Thomson, a young woman, resident of Chippendale. The Chinese Gooney Gooney, was admitted to the Prince Alfred Hospital an Sunday, and died in the institution yesterday. This is the third case amongst the Chinese in the city, and in each case the patient has died a few hours after discovery. The young woman Jeannie Thomson died at the Sydney Hospital on Monday, but the fact was not known to the Board of Health till yesterday afternoon. In the case of Cook, there are over 100 "contacts," while 15 "contacts" in the other cases have been sent to the Quarantine Station. Dr. Thompson, President of the Board of Health, has again emphasised the necessity of a determined crusade against rats. He attaches the greatest importance to the cleaning operations proceeding in the city, but declares that the plague will never be checked in its outward march unless the rats, the most prolific vehicle for the dissemination -of the disease germs, are exterminated."

Gunny Gooney was buried in the Third Cemetery in grave number 95 which is not next to grave number 96 which belongs to Jeannie Thomson, aged 15 years and 9 months. Her inscription reads "Blessed are the pure in hearts for they shall see God."



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