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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 better to get to know North Head and all its treasures. Anyone interested should contact Judy Lambert (email: 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. You are welcome to join us, there is always 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 if you would like to join us. In 2022, we welcomed the following new members, Nick, Pam, Alex, Helen, Jaidyn, Deb, Mark and Christine.



Can you see our volunteers working in the pond area.
Photo Peter Nash

Defence of Sydney

Photo Ian Evans



As well as all the plants and views there are to see at North Head, there is military history to enjoy underground – the tunnels and the plotting room. The tunnel connects the two gun emplacements at North Fort, only one is open to the public.



Store of shells for the gun above

Photo Ian Evans



Casualty area

Photo Ian Evans



Plotting room table, notice the escape hatch

Photo Ian Evans



Plotting room

Photo Ian Evans

You can explore the tunnels and plotting room by booking a tour through the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

“Defence of Sydney Tour

North Fort was part of a defence system that spanned 300km of coastline during World War II. Take a guided tour through the fascinating tunnels, gun emplacements and underground plotting room. Hear how the once active army base contributed to the defence of Sydney.

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes

When: 10:30am, 11:30am, 1pm and 2pm every Sunday (all year).

Check the website for additional tour times.

Group tours: Subject to guide availability, group tours are available between Monday and Friday by appointment.”

<https://www.harbourtrust.gov.au/en/see-and-do/tours/defence-of-sydney/#mod-16397>

Haemodorum planifolium

Jenny Wilson



Photo Jenny Wilson

Or Strap-leaf Bloodroot is another plant that has done well after the fires. Although it was easily seen before the fires, it now appears everywhere. It's an erect perennial with flat strap leaves at the base of a brown stalk.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Evening News (Sydney, NSW:1869 - 1931),
Wednesday 25 April 1900, page 6

“THE PLAGUE,

A post-mortem examination was held yesterday, in connection with the death of a man named George Mark Brunan, lately residing at Thomas-street, Ultimo. Brunan died under circumstances which caused the medical man who was called in to decline to give a certificate, there being strong reason to believe that the case was one of septicaemic plague, a form of the disease in which death occurs very rapidly though the plague symptoms are often hardly discernible. The examination confirmed this supposition. Arrangements were at once made to quarantine the house, and to remove six contacts to the Quarantine Station. Brunan was employed in the area which is regarded as infected about Sussex-street. This is the fiftieth death which has occurred, the number of cases being 140. The Board of Health, at a meeting yesterday, decided to permit 14 of the convalescent patients to be released. Tuesday's report on the health of the patients states that Dovey was up and about, and Prescott well enough to be taken on to the verandah. Keenan, Downes, Casson, Saw, Nataly, Hill, and J. White were up and walking about. J Wilberforce was improving, but Ross had another bad night.”

George Mark Brunan was buried in the Third Cemetery in grave number 97, he was 57 years old.

Timothy Maher aged 43 was a resident of a city hotel - Austral Club Hotel, Sussex & Druitt Streets, where he died. on 25 April 1900 and was buried in the Third Cemetery, grave number 98.

Henry Branch aged 4 years and two months died at Paddington at the residence of his parents at Sutherland Ave on 25 April 1900. Grave number 99.

Florence Young aged 12 and lived at Abattoirs Road, Balmain had been admitted to the quarantine hospital on 26 April and died the next day. She had been attending a public school. She is buried in grave number 100.

Bandicoot Heaven & Native Plant Nursery:

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

To download a membership form

<https://www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/20190629%20NHSF%20membership%20form.pdf>

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