

North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter – September 2008

Welcome to our sixth newsletter for 2008.

A big thank you to all our members that have renewed their membership. If you have not renewed please do as we need your support esp. now that the Native Plant nursery looks like becoming a reality.

Nature of Manly Exhibition

Have you been to this Exhibition at Manly Art Gallery and Museum yet? It's worth a visit.

On Saturday 20 September 2008 -2pm to 4pm - there is a talk by Dr Alison Bashford – Associated Professor, History Department, University of Sydney, about

Manly and the World North Head's Quarantine Station

The talk covers the period 1830s until 1970s. It will look at particular epidemics and discuss the significance of the Quarantine system.

The third Quarantine Cemetery

This cemetery is located at North Head Sanctuary and is the burial site for victims of the bubonic plague and influenza epidemics during the early part of the 1900s.

Plant Nurserv

Things are progressing but still not finalised. If you can help with the building works, in any way, especially carpentry, please contact our Nursery Manager Sue Halmagyi on 9968 1806 or 0407 461 820 or shalmagy@bigpond.net.au

Thank you

Thank you to Steven Johnston for your assistance in dismantling a donated stainless steel bench in readiness for transfer from Chowder Bay to North Head. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Penguins not Police

The Hon. Verity Firth, Environment minister has promised to help protect little penguins. We will let you know when the preferred Project report is available in a couple of months.

North Fort Planning

A number of our members attended the walk and talk offered by Sydney Harbour Federation Trust held as part of preparation for drawing up a draft plan of management for the North Fort site. The Plan should be available for comment before year's end.

Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub

Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) was declared as an Endangered Ecological Community in 2002.



Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub is a community of plants that have adapted to dry low nutrient soil e.g. sandy soil that is found on North Head.

According to the ESBS Recovery plan - North Head has the largest stand of ESBS and has "76 species of native plants including 43 characteristic ESBS species." e.g. Banksia marginata, Banksia ericifolia, Banksia serrata and Banksia aemula.

Banksia scrub to Wetland Bushwalk

On Saturday 20 September 9.30 to noon there is a walk to enjoy the wildflowers and see the endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub for yourself.

For bookings and information please contact Peter Jensen, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, phone 0423 559 329.

Pimelea linifolia ssp linifolia



Pimelea linifolia ssp linifolia (Slender Rice Flower) is now in bloom on North Head. It is a small shrub up to about a metre high. The flowers are borne in large heads at the ends of the stems.

North Head Sanctuary Foundation aims:

'The Sanctuary for biodiversity will honour the natural and cultural significance of North Head. It will be a safe place for flora, fauna and people, a living laboratory promoting the spiritual and biological value of Sydney Harbour.'

It will:

- * Respect and honour the Indigenous significance of North Head;
- * Build understanding of the natural and cultural values of North Head; and
- * Promote integrated planning and management for the whole area, to ensure the highest level of protection for the natural and cultural attributes of North Head.

NHSF Membership Application
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hereby apply to become a member of the abovementioned incorporated association.
Single \$20 Family \$30 Unwaged \$10
Donation \$ (tax deductible if in separate cheque from membership)
In accordance with Model Rules, membership is subject to acceptance by the committee. I agree with the aims of NHSF and I agree to be bound by the rules of the association.
Signed:
Date:
Cheques made payable to North Head Sanctuary Foundation PO Box 896, Balgowlah NSW 2093
Proposed and seconded by:-
I,a member of the association, nominate this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.
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