

# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter – June 2009

Welcome to the fifth newsletter for 2009.

Our next meeting will be our AGM and will be held on Saturday 29 August 2009 at 2.00pm

#### Geoff Lambert's talk

"Potted History of North Head" was great. It will be repeated later this year at Manly Art Gallery on a Saturday afternoon.

**Plant Native Nursery** 



On 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 we planted out the first grasses that were grown in our Nursery. Here is our Nursery manager Sue Halmagyi and Toni Stevenson with the three lots planted. It will be interesting to see whether the protected area grows better than the other two areas.

### **Education Centre**

We are open every weekend from 10.00am to 4.00pm, please call in and say hello and see the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub Winter flowers display.

# We need your support

Please support us by joining our group.
Please complete the Membership form on the back of this Newsletter.

If you can volunteer some time to help us, please contact Judith Bennett, our Education room manager by email

sydney.educ@npansw.org.au

# **Aunty Fran Bodkin D'harawal**

Knowledgeholder is sharing D'harawal people's knowledge of climatic cycles and seasons on Saturday 13 June 2 - 4 pm, at the Manly Art Gallery. You can buy her book at our Education centre for \$40.00.

#### **North Head Electrical Upgrade**

Work has started on the upgrade of the existing electricity to current Energy Australia standards. The poles and over head conductors will be removed and put underground. That is why the roadways have been marked, cut and in some places excavated.

#### **Hanging Swamp**



The recent rains have filled up the Hanging Swamp. This picture was taken on Friday 5 June and enjoying the water was a pair of Pacific Black ducks.

Have a walk through the bush and enjoy the peace and the beauty around you. It's a perfect time now that the weather is cooler. The grass trees (Xanthorrhoea) are in flower and look great.

# Thank you and Goodbye

Sally Hamilton is leaving the Sydney Harbour Trust and we wish to say thank you for all the help you have given us to set up our native plant Nursery and Education centre.

#### Grevillea speciosa



or Red Spider flower is now in flower on North Head. It is a species characteristic of ESBS.

It is a spreading shrub, mostly 1 to 2 metres tall with deep red flowers that hang in clusters. The colour of the flowers draws the shrub to your attention.

Flowering period June to September but may be seen at other times.

#### How to find us

We are in Building 21 in the North Head Sanctuary (formerly the School of Artillery). This is now managed by Sydney Harbour Federation Trust.

Go up Darley Road Manly, through the Parkhill arch and then along North Head Scenic Drive until you come to the North Head Sanctuary sign. Walk up the driveway, through the Gatehouse arch and pass the parade ground. Then you will see our sign, come in and visit us.

The 135 bus leaves from Manly Wharf Stand D. There is a bus stop near North Head Sanctuary entrance.

#### **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:
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Proposed and seconded by:-
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