

North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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SPRING IS HERE.

Enjoy spring, come up to North Head and see the masses of colour everywhere.

Guided Wildflower Walks

Geoff Lambert will be leading wildflower walks to enjoy the beauty of spring. The track is easy but there are some steps. Please wear comfortable shoes, bring hat and water bottle.

Sunday 6 September 10am Saturday 12 September 1pm Sunday 27 September 10am Monday 5 October 1pm

These walks will start from the Harbour Trust's Visitor Centre at the North Head Sanctuary (former School of Artillery).

Wildflowers of North Head

What's special & Why

Sunday 20 September 1.30 – 4.30pm at Education Room, North Head Sanctuary Come along and share with others information about the amazing array of spring flowers found on North Head – Endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub, Hanging swamps and much more.

To book either a walk or the Workshop please email northhead@fastmail.fm or phone Jenny on 0414 735 350

Native Plant Nursery

We now have over 1000 plants, seedlings and cuttings that will need to be planted out before summer.

Are you interested in planting out or weeding? If you can help, please contact The Nursery Manager Sue Halmagyi on shalmagy@bigpond.net.au.

OFFICIAL OPENING Friday 4 September

Mike Baird Liberal MP for Manly will officially Open our Nursery and Education room at building 21 on Friday 4 September at 10.00am. We will then walk to North Fort Cafe for coffee and cake.

Everyone welcome but please RSVP.

We thank those members whose unstinting voluntary labor has established this nursery and education centre in record time to achieve this opening.

Education Centre

We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, every Saturday and Sunday. We have a new

display especially for the children.



Two of our members Ivan Pexer-Wurfl and Katie Meyer have created it. Come and press the button and hear the noise a Little Penguin, Long Nosed Bandicoot, Powerful Owl or Grey Headed Flying Fox makes.

Thank you to Ivan and Katie.

Sydney Harbour National Park

Getting the balance right

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services are reviewing the way they manage Sydney Harbour National Park. Go to www.sydneyharbourpom.net.au

Kunzea capitata



Or Pink Kunzea is a small slender and erect shrub found in damp places in the sunny open areas on North Head. The flowers are purple-pink and are on the ends of the branches. It's now in flower on North Head and is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub. Usual flowering period September to November but may be seen at other times.

Q Station

Their next community day will be 5
September 2009 from 10am to 4pm.
We will be having a stall there.

Bookings are Essential 9976 6220; email visitorcentre@qstation.com.au

Whale Watching

At the end of the Fairfax Walkway you might meet a volunteer from Macquarie University. For further info call in at North Head Whale Info Centre at the gatehouse or www.gse.mq.edu/volunteers.htm

How to find us

We are in Building 21 in the North Head Sanctuary (formerly the School of Artillery). 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, weekends only, 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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full name of applicant - please print clearly)
Address
Phone
Email
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

We are a volunteer organisation and we need your support to continue our protection of North Head.