



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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## Next Meeting – Wednesday 2 June 2010

Our next General Meeting will be in the Education room in the Gatehouse at 6.30pm. Come along and join a discussion of current activities. Visitors welcome.

## Education Centre

We are open every weekend, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please call in and see our displays, in Building 21. Walk past the Parade Ground, continue along the road till you see our banner and then follow the footprints from our gate.

## Native Plant Nursery

Have a look at the area opposite our Education centre on North Fort Road and notice the change, - a smaller mulch pile and all the plants growing there, some with their protective plastic guards. Remember help is always needed, please contact Jenny at northhead@fastmail.fm.

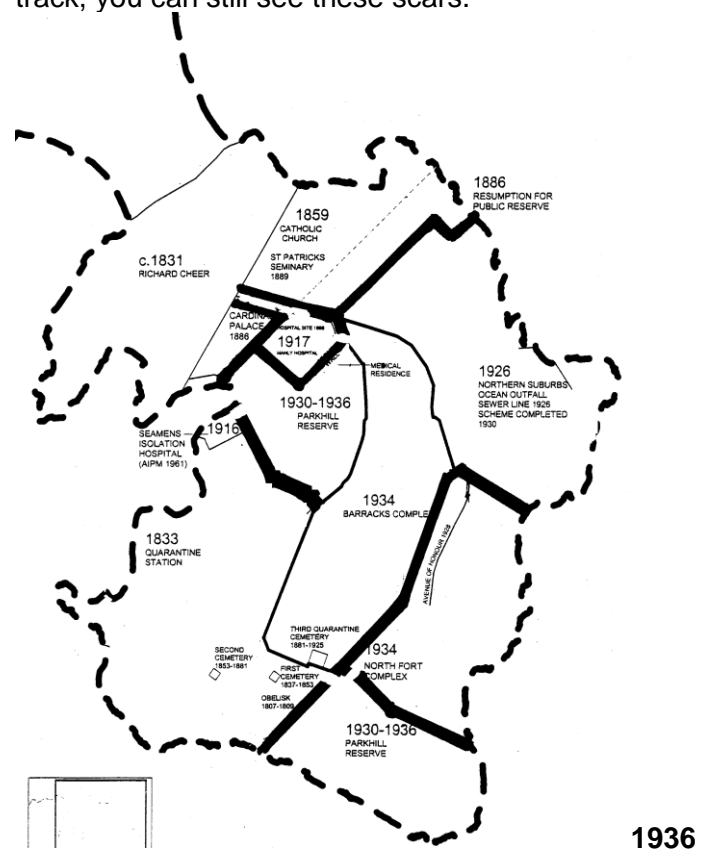
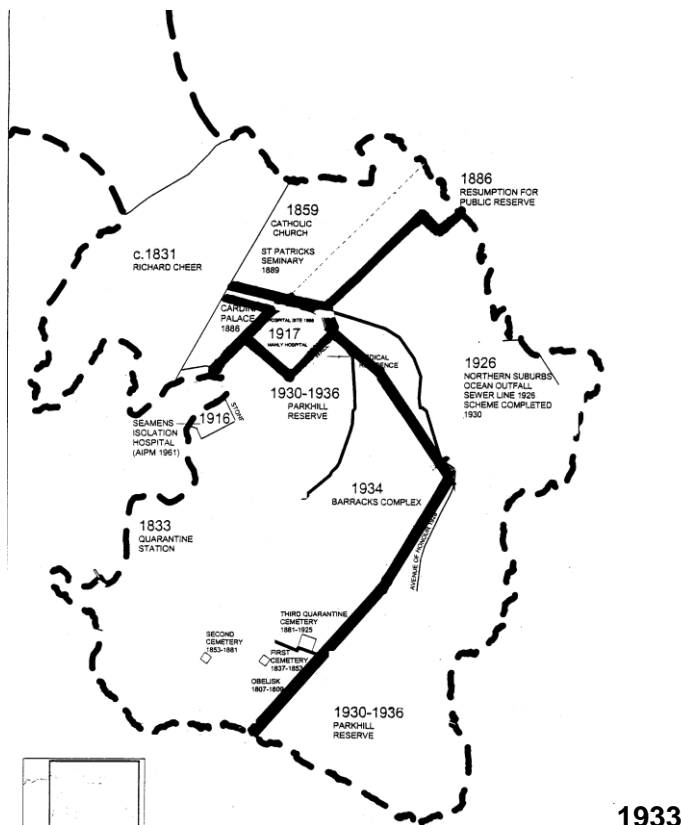
## Mysteries of North Head

By Geoff Lambert

### The Missing Wall

There are a lot of legends about the walls of North Head, including the "fact" that Cardinal Moran built

the first one in 1879. As part of a land exchange in 1898, it was agreed between the church and the NSW Government, that a wall be constructed along the dog-legged line Collins Beach-Darley Rd-Hospital site. The arch was most likely built at this time, where the wall crossed Darley Rd. A wall was later built around the hospital site. Another stone wall, from the Hospital area to Old Mans Hat, was built to separate Manly Council's Permissive Occupancy land, then called the Parkhill Reserve, from QS in 1933 and, at this time the Arch was moved. The new wall cut directly across from the present arch area to near where the Artillery football oval now is and did not follow the present Avenue of Honour/ Bluefish Road alignment. The "Loop Precinct" stone wall was built at North Head in about 1936 to separate Council's re-awarded P.O. from Defence Land. The old access road/ Avenue of Honour was blocked off by this wall at the loop. The Bluefish wall was probably built at this time by shifting a length of the north-south wall running through the oval area, turning it eastwards. A stub of the remaining section, from the hospital towards Artillery Oval was still there in May 1937, but was gone by 1943, according to the 1943 RTA aerial photo. The scars of this wall can be seen in aerial photos as late as 1965. If you look carefully at the ground as you walk the Trust's Bluefish metal track, you can still see these scars.



## Who's Who on North Head



**Jason Nicol** has for the past 10 years been employed at the International College of Management Sydney – one of the nearest neighbours to the North Head Sanctuary. Jason commenced at ICMS as the Landscape Gardener maintaining the grounds and constructing pathways and new gardens for the growing College community. In the last two years his role has expanded to Maintenance Manager and now he also looks after all of the Estate's buildings ensuring the students and staff work and study in a safe environment.

Jason has a Associate Diploma in Applied Science for Landscaping and is also a member of the Australian Institute of Horticulture. Born and bred on the northern beaches, his spare time is taken up with his children's sporting activities and completing the gardens at his Mona Vale beach house. In his time at the College Jason has worked with students, housekeeping and ground staff to introduce a wide range of sustainability initiatives. Storm water recycling, water-saving toilets and shower heads, shower timers, drip irrigation in the grounds, composting and a worm farm are all part of daily life under Jason's supervision.

At the beginning of each term during Orientation week Jason addresses the new students to familiarise them with the North Head Stakeholder family, recycling practices at the College and also shows them a bandicoot model from National Parks. "They love seeing the bandicoot up close and it's a great opportunity to introduce them to our local neighbours as we have a healthy bandicoot population roaming the grounds."

Jason is a NHSF member and plays an important role in ensuring that the College does serve as a buffer between the sanctuary and the pressures of busy life in Manly.

### Something in the Air

If there is an unpleasant smell in the air at North Head, please report it to Sydney Water's 24 hour number 9934 4423 and also to DECCW on 131 555.

## *Hakea gibbosa*



or Hairy Needle-bush is flowering now. It's a small upright shrub to 2 metres tall and the young needle-like leaves are covered with dense longish hairs. The flowers are yellowish white. You can see large woody ball shaped-fruit on the shrub. It is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

### 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

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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