



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Congratulations

Sue Halmagyi, Julie Nettleton and Judy Reizes all received Manly Environment Centre Eco Award nominations this year for their work for the environment.

Katie and Ivan on the birth of their daughter, Lia Kalani on 30 August.

Enjoy Spring- Wildflower walks with Geoff

Geoff Lambert will again be leading walks to enjoy the beauty of North Head. Each walk will be 2 to 3 hours of easy walking. Please wear enclosed shoes, wear a hat and bring water, insect repellent and sunscreen.

The walks will departure from the Trust Visitor Centre, Gatehouse Building at North Head.

Monday	3 October	10am
Sunday	9 October	10am

Free but bookings essential: Jenny Wilson at northhead@fastmail.fm or 0414 735 350

International Conference for Environment Centres & Community Activists

It was great to see the North Head Sanctuary alive with people enjoying themselves. Thank you to Many Environment Centre and Manly Council for putting on this event with excellent speakers. Three of the international speakers planted Banksias the near tennis court. We had a display table in the Conference room and another display in the refreshment area. On Saturday and Sunday participants planted Flannel Flowers on the oval edge. The Education room had a record number of visitors on both days and Geoff's walks were very popular.



Keynote speakers Professor Dr Janet Richardson and Polly Higgins and George Malakwen.

Education Centre – Bandicoot Heaven

Call in and see us in our new room. Find the four wooden caterpillars and the name of that flower/plant/bird you saw on your walk. We are open every weekend, from 10am to 4pm.

Native Plant Nursery

Planting out continues. One of the new areas to be planted out is in North Fort. Many of the plants that we have grown from seed or cuttings are now flowering. Help is always welcomed, for more info please email northhead@fastmail.fm

NHSF at Quarantine Station Open Day

Judy Lambert

While many members were busy supporting Manly Environment Centre's conference on Sunday 11 September, NHSF also held an information stall at the Quarantine Station Open Day. Visitor numbers were low, but with a good position right next to the food stall, we had the chance to talk with many of them and to stress the importance of managing the whole of North Head as one place. Quarantine plays a key role in the history and national heritage significance of North Head but the area is also part of the virtual island that is connected to the mainland only by a narrow sand-spit in the centre of Manly.

The chance to talk with visitors about North Head and its significance, sales of Julie Nettleton's cards, donations and recruitment of people to our spring wildflower walks all made the stall worthwhile.

Since then we have learned that the Q-Station hotel operators Mawland and Mirvac have now applied to the NSW Heritage Council to extend the commercial use of the area by rebuilding and expanding and expanding two of the former buildings. NHSF will be making a submission in response to this application, and we'd encourage you to do so too.

You can get information about the proposal at http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/14_subnav_01_2.cfm Closing date for submissions is 12 October 2011.

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If you would like to support us by becoming a member, please download a form at www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/membership.htm or email northhead@fastmail.fm Please also email if you would like to receive our monthly email newsletter.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson



From The Sydney Morning Herald Friday 21 Nov 1902

“SUICIDE AT NORTH HEAD.

The City Coroner held an inquiry yesterday concerning the death of William Hayes, 56, whose dead body was found at the Quarantine Station on Wednesday with bullet wounds in the head and abdomen, and with a revolver clasped in his right hand. The evidence adduced showed that deceased, who was a boatman at the station, had been suffering from ill-health for some time past. A witness named Alfred Wilshire stated deceased had several times said that life was not worth living, and had often asked him as to the effect of certain drugs. The medical evidence showed that death was due to the wounds described above. The Coroner recorded a verdict of suicide while suffering from ill-health.”

Interestingly the name of his death certificate was William Hay and this agrees with his burial record and headstone. He was buried in Quarantine Cemetery on 20.11.1902, the officiating Minister was S.M. Johnstone and the witnesses were J.F. Vincent and Quarantine Staff.

'Bag it' documentary film shown in Manly

On Tuesday 18 October, the Sydney Aquarium Conservation Fund and the Manly Environment Centre will host the movie 'Bag it' at Oceanworld, in Manly West Esplanade. Don't miss this opportunity!

'Bag It, is your life too plastic?' is an award winning documentary film directed by Suzan Beraza. Through her films, she wants to challenge the

viewers to examine their lives and consider the impact of their choices.

You can purchase your tickets on the Sydney Aquarium Conservation Fund website. The general admission is \$10, under 12 is \$5.

North Head Sanctuary ClimateWatch walk

Little is known about the impact of climate change. Not enough is known about the impacts of climate change on Australian plants and animals. North Head Sanctuary in Sydney is an ideal environment for recording information on species to help bridge the information gap, but we need your help!

There's a 32 species field guide on the Earthwatch website, together with a downloadable sheet people can take out on their walks to mark their observations and then enter these on a computer after the walk. Be part of this national project. For further information go to

<http://www.climatewatch.org.au/community/activities/north-head-sanctuary-sydney>.

Olearia tomentosa



is a shrub to 2 metres high with buds that are purplish then change to white when opened. The leaves are deeply veined.

In flower from September to December, it can be seen opposite the Education room. These plants are also enjoyed by rabbits that eat the roots.

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.