



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Next General Meeting

Saturday 24 February 2018 at 2pm at Bandicoot Heaven.
Join us for a walk around our planted areas and bushland.
Banksia aemula is now in flower, the birds are enjoying the nectar and the old Oval is a great place to see them.



We also have some free plants to giveaway. Everyone welcome.

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

Our community education room is open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays in Building 20.

Thank you to Guy Cartwright for your help and best wishes for his move back to UK.

Maybe you would like to learn about volunteering in our education room. Ask one of volunteers or contact Judy Lambert at twsombat@optusnet.com.au

Native Plant Nursery

There is always plenty to do, so if you would like to join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon, Just turn up and ask for Jenny.

For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au.

North Head Sanctuary Discovery Day



When we are working each week in the Nursery it is hard to see the results of our plantings. Having three display boards up showing some of the areas, we have been doing makes us realise the difference we are making.



Our Discovery Day plant giveaway table was popular and Bandicoot Heaven also welcomed lots of new visitors during the day and Katie's kids' activities were fun.

Thank you to everyone who helped on Discovery Day both in the Nursery area and Bandicoot Heaven. (photos by Ian Evans).

FrogID

In November 2017 the Australian Museum "launched FrogID, a nation-wide five year citizen science initiative to literally count and map the frogs of Australia. Developed in partnership with IBM and funded in part by the Australian Government's Citizen Science Grants, the project uses state-of-the art smart phone technology to record and identify frog calls (frogs are identified mostly by the calls they make rather than what they look like)."

From the Australian Museum website, for more info and to download the free app, see frogid.net.au



photo by Peter Macinnis
Crinia signifera or Eastern Common Froglet is just one of the frogs found at North Head. It is small, as you can see from the photo it fits on a adult hand.

Weed-*Anagallis arvensis*



Or scarlet pimpernel is a small low growing weed with long stems up to 30cm in length. We are always removing it from our planted areas.

It was a pest in 1873,

The Queenslander (Brisbane, Qld. : 1866-1939)

Saturday 19 April 1873 p 5 Article

Weeds part two

"*Anagallis arvensis*, L.-The common scarlet pimpernel, or poor man's weatherglass. This "well-known annual, in P. Miller's time, was thought a valuable medicinal plant, and since his time has had some reputation in cases of madness. It is said that 3 drachms of the extract has been known to kill a dog, the action being upon the mucous membrane of the stomach. It has also been prescribed in epilepsy and dropsy. It is also one of the flowers of the floral clock, the flowers being said in England to open at about eight minutes past 7 o'clock, and close at about three minutes past 2 o'clock."

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust have had replicas made of the original name boards, and below are ones for Eleanor Matilda McCann aged 14, died on 17 March 1900 and Henry O'Connell aged 16 and died on 19 March 1900.



Photo Jenny Wilson

Gympie Times and Mary River Mining Gazette (Qld. 1868-1919) 20 March 1900

"Bubonic Plague.

TWO MORE DEATHS IN SYDNEY
FRESH CASES DAILY.

[By Telegraph.] SYDNEY, March 18".

"Another death from bubonic plague has occurred, the victim being a young woman named McCann; and fresh cases are being daily reported. The waters of the Sydney Harbour are covered with dead prawns and fish, supposed to be the result of the free use of disinfectants on the wharves, streets, and drains. With that marvellous indifference to the public health, which is in evidence at all time, a number of men have taken advantage of the occasion to busy themselves catching the fish for disposal at the markets.

March 19. A youth, Henry O'Connell, aged 16 years, residing in Walker Street, Redfern, died this afternoon from the plague. The house has been quarantined and the inmates will be sent to the quarantine ground where the body will be buried. Deceased was only taken ill on Friday and as he was not employed near the wharves it is difficult to trace the source of his infection. Dr. Thompson, president of the Board of Health, in reply to a question today said it was not possible to mistake the plague for a severe form of typhoid, as the plague did not in any way resemble typhoid. Some persons being still in doubt as to whether the disease was the bubonic plague, Dr. Thompson when questioned upon the matter said there was not the slightest doubt that the disease was the true plague.

The total number of persons removed to the quarantine ground from the time of the first outbreak of the plague to noon to-day has been 143; of these but one sufferer, the first patient, has been discharged as cured, while 70 persons have been released after the expiration of the necessary ten days. Later. Prior to the removal of the deceased girl, M'cann, to the quarantine station for burial, the body was placed in the Circular Quay morgue. The result is that the morgue has been isolated, and the keeper sent to quarantine.

There were millions of dead fish in Johnstone's Bay yesterday, supposed to have been poisoned by disinfectants used for the plague. A quantity of poisoned fish is stated to have been taken for disposal to the Woolloomooloo markets and been sold to the public. The Minister has taken action in the matter."

North Head Project

8 December 2017-18 February 2018

If you have not been to Manly Art Gallery and seen the works of ten artists and their responses to North Head, please go and see it before it closes on 18 February.