



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

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

We have two new displays for you to enjoy. 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

Lovely colour engraving about the 1880s Manly flower shows.

Geoff Lambert



One of the newspaper reports gave a list of the species in the show - there were 56, most of which still exist on North Head. These shows came to an abrupt halt in 1889 when Lady Carrington expressed her disgust with the wreckage of the bush that resulted from the show. Lady Carrington is described in our new Bandicoot Heaven poster as "North Head's First Defender".

Native Plant Nursery



We had a hungry visitor to our Nursery bays. Here is a tray of Lomandra that has been destroyed, all for a bite just above the roots, the white part of the plant. There is always plenty to do, planting and weeding, so if you would like to join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8 am and 12 noon, Just turn up and ask for Jenny. For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au

Snakebite treatment in the 21st century

Peter Macinnis

In the past 12 months, I have seen two small, slightly venomous snakes on North Head, so the other day, I checked the new Royal Flying Doctor Service (RDS) guidelines on snakebite (<https://www.flyingdoctor.org.au/news/flying-doctor-issues-new-snakebite-advice/>), and found many changes from what was done when I was a lad. Here is a summary. First, people may not even know they have been bitten: all they notice is a bit of a scratch, perhaps with some light bruising or swelling. Around 90% of snakebites are on victims' arms or legs, so we should check the limbs of anybody who collapses without explanation, vomits, complains of abdominal pain, bleeds or becomes paralysed.

Victims are typically males in their 30s who have been gardening, walking, or trying to catch the snake. From a ten-year study, the brown snake was the most common biter (41%), followed by the tiger snake (17%) and red-bellied black snake (16%).

Each year, according to the RFDS, there are more than 3000 snake bites in Australia, with 500 of those victims being treated in hospital. On average, two of those people die each year, so the odds are good. To improve our chances, the RFDS has offered some new recommendations for managing snake bites.

First: staying in the area to identify the snake or its colour may lead to a second person being bitten. Health workers now use a generic polyvalent anti-venom, meaning identification is no longer necessary.

Don't wipe away any venom on the skin: the traces can be used to identify the venom — and don't cut the bite or try to suck out the venom.

Don't apply a high tourniquet, which won't work. Just put a folded pad over the area of the bite and bandage the area firmly, splint the limb (or put it in a sling) and immobilise the patient. The bandage should not be tight enough to stop the flow of blood, and it must not be removed until the patient is in a medical facility, because when the bandage comes off, blood (and venom) will start flowing much faster.

Victims must not move their limbs or try to walk. Carry the wounded person on a stretcher or bring transport to them. Seek medical help immediately as the venom can cause severe damage to health or even death within a few hours.

Bronze Horse

Geoff Lambert



This sculpture of a horse was done for the Inglis Family, who are setting up their new equestrian centre at Warwick Farm to replace their old facility at Randwick. The horse is accompanied by

a sculpture of a girl strapper holding the horse by a halter. The casting work was carried out by Australian Bronze during mid-January and was completed and set off for Warwick Farm on 31st January. The life-sized horse itself required about 15 separate castings. It weighs about one tonne but is cleverly supported only through its hind legs. The work was done at what was the first incarnation of NHSF's Bandicoot Heaven and Nursery building.

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

WANTED: PHOTOS OF THE THIRD QUARANTINE CEMETERY PRIOR TO 1987 TO HELP IDENTIFY WWI GRAVES

It will be 100 years in November and December 2018, since the death of World War One soldiers from influenza at Quarantine Station. They were buried in the Third Quarantine Cemetery.

They were on board the HMAT Medic when armistice was declared and returned to Sydney.

Those who died were

Died 23.11.1918

Private Walter Helensworth MACCROANAN, aged 34.

Died 25.11.18

Private George Wilson RIDLEY, aged 19.

Private John Henry PETHERICK, aged 25.

Private Frederick Thomas MORGAN, aged 19.

Died 26.11.18

Private Harry MCKAY, aged 26.

Died 27.11.18

Private Robert FAIRLEY, aged 19.

Corporal Thomas John TREACY, aged 29.

Private James Michael CAHILL, aged 28.

Died 30.11.18

Private Hector Fraser HICKS, aged 18.

Died 1.12.18

S/Sergeant Percy George EDWARDS, aged 29.

Died 6.12.18

S/Sergeant Joseph STOCK, aged 32.

Died 14.12.18

Private Alfred Ernest BROWN, (Broadly) aged 18.

Hector Hicks' family erected a monument to him. So, his grave is identified but the others only have a concrete slab and nothing to identify them. The original headstones were 2 feet 8 inches high of white marble but due to the difficulty in maintaining the site, the headstones were removed, and the graves were then sealed with a concrete slab. Any individual identification is long gone. Whilst their deaths are now commemorated at Rookwood, it would be great in this, their 100th memorial year, to identify which man lies where in the Cemetery.

Two nurses, who looked after the soldiers are also buried in the Cemetery, Annie Egan, died 3.12.18 and Elizabeth McGregor, died 5.12.18

In 1919 another soldier and a Naval man were also buried in the Third Cemetery

Died 16.4.1919 - Private Peter CHERVIN, aged 26

Died 21.6.1919 - Petty Officer Arthur DAVIS, aged 30.

Also, a returned soldier - James Shaw, died on 11 April 1919 of influenza. He was on the staff at Quarantine and had served in 7th Field Company Engineers – service number 2793 - aged 35.

Like the graves of those from the Medic, these graves are also not marked.

Any photographs or other information that might assist in identifying these graves would be greatly appreciated.



Elizabeth Mc Gregor's grave (with the cross) and two concrete slabs.

Please send the photos to
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Or post to PO Box 421 Manly NSW 1655. We will return the photos and refund postage. Thank you.