



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Spring is fast approaching:

Join a wildflower walk

We are once again offering you an opportunity to come and enjoy an easy guided walk to see spring's wildflowers at North Head.

Each walk, led by NHSF founding member Geoff Lambert, will be of 2½ - 3 hours duration.

This year the walks will be on:

Sunday 16 September, 2.00-4.30pm

Saturday 22 September, 2.00-4.30pm

Wednesday 26 September, 10am-12.30pm

Monday 1 October, 10am-12.30pm

Sunday 7 October, 10am-12.30pm

Spaces are limited, and some are filling fast, so please call Geoff & Judy Lambert on 9949 3521, or email tswombat@optusnet.com.au to book your place.

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

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

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

Boronia ledifolia is giving a great show along the Bluefish Track (from Bluefish Road which comes out near the Roden Cutler building. This area was burned in 2012. One can also see *Bauera rubioides*, *Bossiaea scolopendria*, *Dillwynia floribunda*, *Epactis microphylla*, *Epacris obtusifolia* and *Kunzea capitata* and more.



The new burn area is being fenced and this will prevent the rabbits from eating the new growth. We still have problems with rabbits at the Nursery, therefore we use plastic plant guards.

Native Plant Nursery

The Nursery will soon celebrate its 10 years in operation. On 22 October 2008 we received our Permit for collection and propagation of seeds and cuttings from ESBS at North Head.

(NOTE: It is illegal to collect seed or cuttings from ESBS at North Head without a permit.)

The Old Oval is well worth a visit to see the results of our plantings. It is also a great place to have a picnic and watch the bird life.

We are always happy to have help with the planting and maintenance including weeding. There is no need to come every week, just when you can. Please join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon. For more details email northhead@fastmail.com.au Or just turn up and ask for Jenny.

Back in Time

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW:1842-1954), 11 Jan 1935, "NORTH HEAD RESERVE. Recreation and Defence.

A conference took place at Manly yesterday between the Minister for Defence (Mr. Parkhill) and the Mayor of Manly (Alderman Cross) and members of the council's finance committee to discuss the Defence Department's decision to repossess part of Park Hill (the reserve on North Head) for defence purposes.

The Defence Department supplied the Manly Council several months ago with a plan showing the area of North Head which the department intended to repossess for new forts. The plan showed that less than one-quarter of Park Hill, which had previously been part of the quarantine area, would be retained for the public, although a new reserve would be added from the present quarantine area. The original reservation was 279 acres, and only about 60 acres of this, near the look-out at the southern end, would remain under the control of the council. The Avenue of Honour, with its rows of Norfolk Island pines, would be taken into the defence area.

The proposals of the finance committee were explained to Mr. Parkhill yesterday, and it was agreed that as much of the recreation area as could possibly be spared would be reserved for the public, and that sufficient would be retained to enable visitors to obtain uninterrupted views of the coastline."

Glen Innes Examiner (NSW :1908-1954), 19 Nov 1942,
“GRASS TREE GUM”

“Australian grass tree gum is being used-.'in the manufacture of many materials, ranging from floor polish to explosives.' A Federal proclamation. issued in Canberra on Saturday prohibits its export. An official of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research said that a com mon solution of grass tree gum resin in alcohol was replacing the ordinary gold lacquer used in covering brass parts of scientific instruments. In combination with other materials it produced wood varnishes. Picric acid used in the manufacture of explosives also was obtained from the gum. It also was possible to use the gum in plastic materials used in the manufacture of gramophone records.”

Stony Range Botanic Garden Spring Festival

(810 Pittwater Road, Dee Why)

Everyone welcome to the 'Bush Dreaming' Spring Festival on Sunday 9 September from 9am to 4pm.

There will be cultivation advice and native plant sales from members of the Australian Native Plants Society Northern Beaches Group together with environmental displays, live native animals and children's activities including craft and face painting. There will also be sculptures, music, photography, guided walks, sausage sizzle, & coffee shop.

Q Station's 10th Birthday Open Day

is on Sunday 23 September 9am to 3pm

There will have art exhibitions, talks and children's activities. For more information, see qstation.com.au

Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957), 8 March 1918,
“ITALIAN RESERVISTS.

A regulation under the War Precautions Act dealing with the calling up of Italian reservists was gazetted yesterday. It provides that any reservist who fails to comply with a notice issued by the consul or other representative of the King of Italy calling upon him to return to Italian territory or submit himself to a medical examination will be guilty of an offence. It will also be an offence for any person to advise or endeavour to persuade any reservist not to comply with the notice.”

Albury Banner & Wodonga Express, Friday 5 July 1918
“Under a regulation recently issued, the dependents of Italian reservists and conscripts called up in Australia for service with the Italian army are to be paid the difference between the rates of the separation allowance granted to the Italian army and those granted by the Commonwealth. In addition to that, 2/ a day is payable to the wife or parents in receipt of separation allowance. The military authorities have arranged for an issue of certain articles of clothing and kit bags, to mobilised reservists where the men are not in a position to purchase them themselves.”

On 25 November 1918, 159 Italian Reservists aboard the transport ship “Medic” were quarantined for Influenza at the Quarantine Station. The Medic was on its way to the War in Europe when the war ended, so the ship came back to Australia via New Zealand where there was influenza.

On 12 December, 91 Italian Reservists were released from Quarantine, eight had died, Pretro PIRAS was seriously ill and 59 were convalescent. Those that died were buried in the Third Cemetery as the Quarantine Act states that all persons who die from a Quarantine disease must be buried there.

Those who died were

Mauro MINERVINI aged 35, died 28.11.18

Bachisio MACCIONI aged 30, died 28.11.18

Algo GIANOTTI aged 30, died 29.11.1918

Guiseppe (Joseph) BIAGIONI aged 23, died 29.11.1918

Luigi MOTARELLI aged 27, died 30.11.1918

Guiseppe (Joseph) FOGLIA aged 24, died 30.11.1918

Lorenzo SPINAZZE aged 29, died 3.12.1918

Luigi URSINO aged 30, died 5.12.1918

On 22 January 1919 Pietro PIRAS aged 33, died.

According to the papers, the Italians were buried with full military honours – see below

Sydney Morning Herald (NSW:1842-1954), 29 Nov 1918,
“INFLUENZA. - TWO MORE DEATHS.

The names of two Italian reservists--Nirino Minervini and Bachisio Macioni--have been added to the death-roll at the quarantine station, and two fresh cases have supplemented the list of patients.

The outbreak now officially designated as pneumonic-influenza is still, according to official sources, held within quarantine. The report yesterday that the great majority of patients were improving, and that a number who had been patients were released, imparted a more hopeful tone to the outlook. In all 103 of the Medic's troops were described as convalescent, while seven were transferred from "seriously ill" to "ill."

The deaths in quarantine now total 27. The two Italian reservists who have succumbed to the disease formed portion of the Medic's troops. They were buried with full military honours. Their next-of-kin reside in Italy.”

The Italian reservists' graves are not marked in the Third Cemetery and the 11 Australia soldiers who were on the Medic who died of influenza are only marked by a concrete slab. A soldier who also died, Hector Hicks, has a headstone as it was erected by his family.

Articles/Photos needed.

Do you have an interesting story about North Head or just an article as to why you love/enjoy going to North Head? A great photo to share? Please send to northhead@fastmail.com.au