

North Head Sanctuary Foundation

Custodians of North Head

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25th OCEAN CARE DAY – Sunday 2 Dec

Manly Ocean Beach 10.00am – 4.30pm Theme - "The Reef in Our Backyard ' MEC Tent, The Lab, Penguin Pavilion, Artists, Music & much, much more!!! Come along and have a fun Day! We will be having a stall, come along and say hello.

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We're seeking additional volunteers to help staff our community education room in Building 20 on North Fort Road at North Head. Help others learn about the wonders of North Head and the rich mix of interests to be found there. Staffed by volunteers on a roster basis, our community education room opens from 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We'll help you get to know the information available and you'll meet plenty of interesting visitors – many of them keen to share this great environment. If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Judy Lambert at twswombat@optusnet.com.au or see Kath at our Ocean Care Day stall

Native Plant Nursery



One of the areas that our Friday group look after is the pond and the bank in front of it. Pigeon grass and couch love this area, so there is a lot of weeding involved here. Sometimes frogs can be heard in the pond.

During the financial year ending 30 June 2018, the Nursery grew and planted out 2333 plants and give away 160 plants on Discovery Day. Volunteer hours were 3393. These figures give an indication of how much weeding and maintenance is done by our volunteers.

If you would like to help just join us on Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and 12 noon. For more details email <u>northhead@fastmail.com.au</u> Or just turn up and ask for Jenny.

Insects of North Head



Photo Elizabeth Mills

The sword grass brown butterfly, *Tisiphone abeona*, is often found around the swampy areas of North Head. It breeds on large sword sedges, *Gahnia* sp. However, in this photo it is resting on a fern *Gleichenia* sp.



Photo Elizabeth Mills

White Tussock Moth (*Acyphas* sp) Thank you to Graham Owen & Len from The Society for Insect Studies for the moths identification.

Back in Time

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette (National: 1901 - 1973), Thursday 5 December 1918 (No.188), page 2302 Home and Territories Department, Melbourne.

"RETRANSFER OF QUARANTINE LAND AT NORTH HEAD, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE.,

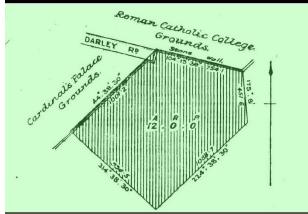
His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, in consideration of the remission of part of the compensation money, has approved of certain Quarantine land at North Head, Sydney, New South Wales, as described in the schedule hereunder, being retransferred to the Government of the State, such land being no longer required for Commonwealth purposes.

P. Mm. GLYNN,

NX.18/2555. Minister of State for Home and Territories.

Description of Land referred to.

All that piece or parcel of land containing an area of 12 acres, more or less, near Manly, Parish of Manly Cove, County of Cumberland, State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, as shown hachured on plan hereunder: Commencing at a point in the southern boundary of the Roman Catholic College Grounds, being the northern corner of the eastern end of Darley Road; thence by part of the southern boundary of the Roman Catholic College Grounds, being a line along the centre of a stone wall beating 104 degs. 19 mms. 30 secs. 764.1 links; thence by lines bearing 175 degs. 8 mins. 451.6 links, 224 degs.38 mins. 30 secs. 1,088.7 links, and 314 degs. 38 mins. 30 sees. 994.5 links to a point in the southeastern boundary of the Cardinal's Palace Grounds; and thence by part of that boundary and the eastern end of Darley Road before mentioned, being a line bearing 44 degs. 38 mins. 30 secs. 1,001.2 links to the commencing point."



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Third Quarantine Cemetery Jenny Wilson

Brisbane Courier (Qld: 1864 - 1933), 3 December 1918,

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"ROLL OF HONOUR.

CAHILL. —On the 27th November 1918, at the Sydney Quarantine Hospital, from influenza, Private James Cahill, A.I.F., second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cahill, of Beenleigh, age 29 years."

James Michael Cahill enlisted in the Australian Military Forces on 5 September 1918. He was working as a Labourer and living in Cessnock. He was in 27th (N) Reinforcements and embarked at Sydney on H.M.A.T. Medic on 2 November 1918. Service number 67833. But the ship was recalled owing to the signing of the armistice and returned to Sydney on 21 November 1918 with nearly 200 cases of influenza, mostly of a mild type and was guarantined at North Head.

James died on 27 November. Private Robert Fairley, aged 19 and Corporal Thomas John Treacy, aged 29 also died on this day. They were buried in the Third Cemetery with full military honours. The soldiers' graves are identified by a concrete slab but nothing to identify them individually. However, they all have bronze plaques in the Garden of Remembrance.



As James father had died, his Memorial Plaque & British War Medal were sent to his mother, Mary Cahill in 1923.

Our committee for 2018-2019 are:

Matthew TaylorPresidentKath PearceVice PresentGeoff LambertSecretaryJenny WilsonTreasurerCommittee members are:Lynette JonesJudy LambertKatie MeyerJudy ReizesToni Stevenson