



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Newsletter – December 2008

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2008.

We now have the keys to Building 21 and are in the process of getting the building furnished and set up. We thank the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust for their donation of surplus furniture. We are short of chairs – we'll let you know next newsletter about any other shortfall.

Next year our Education and Outreach program will commence and our Native Plant Nursery will be operational so watch for our first newsletter for 2009.

Ocean Care Day Festival Sunday 7 December 11am to 5pm

Celebrate the 'International Year of the Reef' at Cabbage Tree Bay.

There will be plenty to see - over 40 exhibitors, talks & films, zoo-mobile, marine life, live music, Maori pavilion, performances, kids activities, artists' tent, Penguin Pavilion.

There will be three great marine talks at south Steyne Surf Club

1.30pm - The Marine Life of Manly by Award winning underwater filmmaker George Evatt

2.30pm - Marine Archaeologist Tim Smith – Heritage at the Bottom of the Harbour including the M24 Midget Japanese submarine sunk in 1942.

3.30pm Author Chris Pash - The last Whale – discuss whalers & protesters involved in taking the last whale in Australia

To book a seat for any of these FREE talks, ring the MEC on (02) 9976 2842

Our stall will be there with a fun Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) competition to challenge you, so pop in and see us.

We would appreciate your assistance - if you can volunteer a couple of hours on Ocean Care Day to help out on the stall.

Email Jenny on jenwilson@fastmail.fm

ESBS Seed collection

On 22 October 2008 we received our Permit for collection and propagation of seeds and cuttings from ESBS at North Head.

The first set of seeds has been collected. (NOTE: It is illegal to collect seed or cuttings from ESBS at North Head without a permit.)

ESBS

Some of our members are preparing a self-guided walk map with information to help you identify plants.



This photo was taken on 11 Nov 2008 from City lookout on the Gunners' walk. Can you identify any plants in the picture?

Remember the red *Lambertia formosa* (Mountain Devil) from our last newsletter?

There is one of them in this picture.

The white "flowers" are Flannel Flowers or *Actinotus belianthi*. Actually, the white parts are bracts - the flowers are tiny and are bunched in the centre. They grow to different heights depending on the soil and are a short-lived perennial.

Did you know that there are two types of Flannel Flowers? There is a little one called *Actinotus minor*, which is a small sprawling scrub with wiry stems. Study the picture below to see both types.

Actinotus belianthi and Actinotus minor



Membership

Thank you to all our members that have renewed. If you have not renewed please do so now, as we need your support.

North Head 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.

NHSF Membership Application
I, _____ (full name of applicant - please print clearly)
Address _____ _____
Phone _____
Fax _____
Email _____
hereby apply to become a member of the abovementioned incorporated association.
Single \$20 Family \$30 Unwaged \$10
Donation \$..... (tax deductible if in separate cheque from membership)
In accordance with Model Rules, membership is subject to acceptance by the committee. I agree with the aims of NHSF and I agree to be bound by the rules of the association.
Signed: _____
Date: _____
Cheques made payable to North Head Sanctuary Foundation PO Box 896, Balgowlah NSW 2093
Proposed and seconded by:-
I, _____ a member of the association, nominate this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.
Signed: _____ Date: _____
I, _____, a member of the association, second the nomination this person, who is personally known by me, for membership of the Association.
Signed: _____ Date: _____