



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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At our meeting on Wednesday night 24 February Geoff Bailey, CEO at Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, told us that signage was going to be changed this year, that a call for tenders has gone out for North Fort café and a smaller coffee shop near our nursery and that work was going to be done to make the walking tracks link up.

Education Centre

We are open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, every Saturday and Sunday. Please call in and see our displays, follow the footprints from the gate.

Native Plant Nursery

Our weed day on 7 February 2010 started out wet but cleared and we were able to do some weeding and plant out over 70 plants.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped.



The mulch piles are getting smaller but they are still there as are some of the weeds and we have more plants to plant out. Our next Planting out/weed day is Sunday 7 March 2010 between 8.30 to 11 am. If you can help or would like to be contacted for other planting out days during the week, please contact Toni on toni_stevenson@bigpond.com

Join us

We are a volunteer organisation and we need your support to continue our protection of North Head. Just being a financial member adds your voice to ours and although we need more helpers for various activities, you can be a member without being a volunteer.

Who's Who on North Head



Rachel Miller is the Ranger (part-time) for National Parks & Wildlife Service on North Head. She knows North Head well, as she has been a Ranger here for 10 years (with some time out for her little family) and has been monitoring the endangered Long-nosed Bandicoot population since 1996.

Rachel's degree in Science, Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science and Research Masters in Ecology and her work in bush regeneration and with small mammals equip her well to look after the North Head part of Sydney Harbour National Park.

Like all National Parks Rangers, Rachel's job is wide-ranging and very varied. Protection of our endangered populations, ecological communities and individual species of plants and animals, conservation of Aboriginal sites, fire management, vertebrate pest control, and traffic and visitor management within the National Park. ensuring that visitors behave responsibly and in ways that respect the natural and cultural values of the area, as well as educational and other activities all fall within her daily routine.

Hakea teretifolia



or Dagger Needle-bush is a large shrub to 3m high with crowded needle-like leaves with a sharp tip. The flowers are white and the seed pod is woody and looks like a dagger. It flowers from November to March. It is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

Mysteries of North Head

By Geoff Lambert

The Ruined Infirmaries

E 33° 49' 6.7" N 151° 17' 38.8"



In the bush near the Obelisk (a future Mystery we will explore) are the burned-out ruins of two small buildings. From aerial photos, we can say that they were built some time after May 1943, but before 1950, they appear to have been infirmaries for the North Fort Camp. Scattered around are bedsteads, bedpans, washbasins, electrical and plumbing fittings, kerosene lamps and stoves. On the new Google Earth maps of North Head these two buildings are very clear, but I have never met anyone who knows anything about them. I took an NPWS ranger in to

look at them last year, but he had never seen them before. My best bet is that they were two small infirmaries, one male, one female, for the male and female barracks buildings just across the road to the north. It is possible that they were built without authorization on QS property and this is why there is no documentation. If you search Picture Australia for "Launch Wreck, North Head", you will see a series of images, one of which seems to be taken inside such an infirmary. We will discuss the other fascinating photos in a later installment.

In the next issue- The Mysterious Obelisk.

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 _____

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
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Q Station Community Open Day - 10th May 2010
10am to 4pm, for further information see
www.qstation.com.au. Bookings essential 9466 1551