



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Education Centre

We are open every weekend, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please call in and see our displays, in Building 21. Walk past the Parade Ground, continue along the road then follow the footprints from our gate.

Our card designer, Julie Nettleton's work is included in Botanica 2010 Exhibition – Treasuring Plants: Treasuring our Planet. The Exhibition runs from 16 to 25 April 2010, 10am to 4pm daily at the Lion Gate Lodge, Royal Botanic Gardens.

We will have some new designs for our cards soon.

Native Plant Nursery

We are continuing to plant out in the mulched area, as you can see from the photo taken on our planting out day in March 2010.



If you would like to help, please contact Toni on toni_stevenson@bigpond.com

The two Water tanks supplied by The Sydney Harbour Trust have now been installed by Amazon Plumbing Services. Thanks Steve.

Cabbage Tree Bay Management Plan

is now available for comment by 30 April 2010. See <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/pomdevCabbageTreeBayAR.htm>

A Day at the Bay

Saturday 24 April at Cabbage Tree Bay

The event includes 'Artists with Easels' painting in and around the bay, talks & walks, music, guided snorkel tours, rock platform walks, children's giant art project. Plenty of activities for all the family to participate in at Shelly Beach and Fairy Bower.

The Sanctuary Foundation will have a stall at the event. Please volunteer to help out or come and visit us. Contact Jenny on northhead@fastmail.fm.

Bossiaea heterophylla



or Variable Bossiaea is an upright small shrub to one metre tall, with leaves that look like grass. The pea flowers are yellow, orange and red.

Flowering period April to July. It is a species characteristic of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

Sanctuary Foundation members nominated as **unsung heroes.**

It was great to see both Toni Stevenson and Jenny Wilson nominated as 'unsung heroes' at the recent Eco Awards run by Manly Environment Centre.

Both Jenny and Toni are hard-working members who volunteer regularly for North Head Sanctuary activities. Well done Toni and Jenny, recognition well deserved.

Something in the Air

If there is an unpleasant smell in the air at North Head, please report it to Sydney Water's 24 hour number 9934 4423 and also to DECCW on 131 555

Mysteries of North Head

By Geoff Lambert

The Stone Obelisk

E 33° 49' 08.3"
N 151° 17' 37.4"



Almost everybody has seen the Obelisk. It is clearly visible from the Fairfax Lookout and from the lone pine above Quarantine Station. The brave few who approach it however, literally fall into a trap, for it is surrounded by a deep pit of unknown purpose. The Obelisk is of sandstone and is about 10 metres high. An obelisk is shown at this location on site plans dating from 1807-09, though it is not known if the existing one is the original. The obelisk is in fair condition but requires some stonework repairs at the base. It may prove to be the oldest surviving structure on North Head and one of the oldest on Sydney Harbour. The obelisk is one of the few landscape elements on the quarantine land that relates to a non-quarantine function. It is thought to have been a navigation marker. An 1860s painting of a lightship at Sow and Pigs Reef appears to show a white structure at this spot.

There are a number of engravings made by internees from the Quarantine Station, although many of these date from the late 1800s. Several maps produced by the Harbour Trust show this structure, but always wildly out of place.

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

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.

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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By Direct Deposit to
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