



North Head Sanctuary Foundation

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Happy New Year to all our readers.

Next Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be a planning session, at which we map out a plan for our main activities during 2011.

If you'd like to be part of setting our direction for what promises to be a busy year ahead, please come along to the meeting to be held in the Education Room, Gatehouse Visitors' Centre at North Head Sanctuary on Saturday 12 February. Committee member Matthew Taylor, who has worked in various community-based organisations and in the business sector, will lead our planning session, which will run from 2-5pm.

Bring your ideas on how to expand our membership and get more people actively involved in our work towards a sanctuary at North Head, while still setting ourselves realistic targets for a volunteer-based group.

Native Plant Nursery



Planting out continues, its amazing the changes taking place in the planted out areas.

Help is always appreciated whether on a regular basis or just a one off. If you would like to help with the planting out or weeding, please email northhead@fastmail.fm

Caring for Country Community Action Grant

We have received a grant for recreating habitat linkages at North Head for an endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots by planting flora of the endangered ecological community Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.

Education Centre

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

Share our caring for North Head Wednesday 19 January 2011 from 9am

Bring the family. Come along to Collins Beach from 9am on Wednesday and be part of the Summerama coastal activities program. Help restore some wildlife habitat, enjoy a sausage sizzle, learn about what lives on North Head and join in a guided snorkel or a walk to Shelly Beach.

North Head Sanctuary Foundation is partnering with National Parks & Wildlife Service to host one of the summer activities program events that are part of the bigger Summerama program run by the Sydney Coastal Councils group. You can learn more about Summerama by visiting the website: www.summerama.com.au or keep up-to-date about what's on at www.facebook.com/summerama.

Have your say

The Sydney Harbour National Park Draft Plan of management is now available at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/SydneyHarbourNPdraftPOM.htm>
Submissions close on 30 April 2011.

Ocean Care Day Festival



Thank you to Christabel Casimir, Judith Halnan, Pamela Francis, Mary Johnsen, Geoff Lambert, Judy Lambert, Jennie Minifie, Julie Nettleton and Kathy Ridge for their help on the day.

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.

Avenue of Honour - part one

From Sydney Morning Herald 11 December 1933



2010 view

Manly Council decided to make the main roadway, in Park Hill North Head, an Avenue of Honour in memory of the fallen soldiers -232- with its scheme of tree-planting of Norfolk Island Pines. On Saturday 9 December 1933 the first section was opened by Mr Parkhill, the Postmaster General. "There was no way in which the advantages of the park could be more greatly enhanced". Mr Parkhill said "than by the Avenue of Honour It was a gracious thought of the Manly Council to set aside a portion of the park for the erection of noble trees as symbols of noble deeds. The soldiers who fell In the Great War were valiant and steadfast. They gave their lives for the common weal and in so doing won for themselves the praise which grew not old. Their sepulchers were not the places where they lay buried but the hearts in which the glory of their lives survived in fragrant and everlasting remembrance. The epitaphs on monuments were not their only commemoration for there abode in each breast an unwritten memorial Implanted In the heart lithier than graven in stone." The Mayor of Manly, Alderman Cross, expressed the thanks of the council to Mr Parkhill for his efforts in securing the area. The 269 acres of the area he said would be a national playground and one of the most beautiful vantage points in Australia. The Minister for Lands, Mr Buttenshaw said there was no area superior to Park Hill In beauty and grandeur. Trees were planted by Mr Parkhill, Mr Buttenshaw, Mr A E V Reid ML A, the Mayoress Mrs Cross, Mrs Buttenshaw and Mr C Daunt (for the president of the RSL). he trees were Norfolk Island pines, each one in memory of a soldier from the Manly district who fell in the war."

To join go to

<http://www.northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/join/membership.htm>

Mysteries of North Head

The Navigation Marker

One of our members, Steve Johnston, has advised that the navigation marker Geoff Lambert wrote about in the last newsletter is actually the front or lower marker and the upper one is also triangular but pointing up and is set back on the edge of Quarantine area in front of a shed. It has also lost all of its paint and blends in with the background.

Hibbertia scandens



or Climbing Guinea Flower a climbing or trailing vine which is identified by its glossy entire leaves. Its large open yellow flowers, up to 5 cm, with their masses of stamens are showy and very attractive to insects.

Flowers can be seen all year around and can be found on nature strips as well as in the bush.

Third Cemetery



George Reginald Braunton was 21 months old when he died of measles at the Quarantine Station on 23 March 1913. He had been a passenger on the steamer Raugatira from London with his mother who was coming to Sydney to meet up her husband who had arrived here some time ago.

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.