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Custodians of North Head

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Thank You

Tom Keneally for an interesting talk at our general meeting on 18 June 2022.



Tom is with Geoff Lambert

Photo Jenny Wilson

Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are open **Saturdays and Sundays between 10am** and 4pm. Please call in and have a chat

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer and helping visitors to better get to know North Head and all its treasures should contact Judy Lambert (email: twswombat@iinet.net.au or phone 0427 217 580).

Native Plant Nursery



Photo by Peter Nash taken 27 May 2022

In our April 2022 newsletter, we advised the bank of the frog pond had collapsed during the heavy rain. The Harbour Federation Trust has now repaired the drain and the restored the bank. Above you can see our Friday Nursery volunteers planting into the stabilised bank.



Photo by Peter Nash taken 16 June 2022.

In June more plants had been planted and the bank has been mulched by the volunteers.

The Nursery grows Eastern Surburbs Banksia Scrub plants for planting into degraded areas of North Head by our volunteers.

If you would like to join us, there is planting, weeding and maintenance to be done, although now that it is colder, we are catching up on maintenance.

Please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon, when we are open or email <u>northhead@fastmail.com.au</u>, if you would like to join us. To join you must be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation and be COVID vaccinated.

North Head Water Resource Recovery Facility

Or North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant as it was previously called is having some upgrades – including a Biosolid project and Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer rehabilitation project.

For further information about the project, please go to https://www.sydneywatertalk.com.au/nh-biosolids



Sydney Water North Head facility from Curl Curl Beach. Photo by Jenny Wilson

FrogID

Remember you can download the Australian Museum FrogID app which will record and help match your frog calls. https://www.frogid.net.au/get-involved

Bondi to Manly Walk



It is amazing, all the whale signs that one can see on a walk up to and around North Head. These are guide signs for the Bondi to Manly Walk which goes past Little Manly, through Collins Beach and

on to North Head Scenic Drive, back into North Head Sanctuary then into the Harbour Trust's North Head Sanctuary land and then on to North Fort and the Fairfax lookouts (currently closed) and back into Harbour Trust land. It includes the Hanging Swamp walk. Then back to Bluefish Drive, down to Cabbage Tree Bay and back to Manly.

The walk also goes past the Third Cemetery. For more details see <u>https://www.bonditomanly.com</u>

To find out what is happening with the Fairfax look, see <u>https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-</u><u>do/walking-tracks/fairfax-walk/local-alerts</u>



Track to Ave of Honour. Photo by Ian Evans taken 30 March 2022

Black Cockatoo



Photo by lan Evans A walk around North Head is always better when you see a Black Cockatoo or an Echidna or even a whale.

I have been told there are 45 plants in flower at present. How many can you find?

Third Cemetery

Australian Star (Sydney, NSW : 1887-1909), 9 April 1900.

Jenny Wilson

"ABOUT THE LAST PATIENTS,

The patient Enoch Powell followed the occupation of a sand carter and feeling indisposed went to the Sydney Hospital for treatment when his illness was pronounced plague. Charles Kennedy, who resided at Marrickville, was employed in a King-street establishment, in which another recently attacked person had been employed. The child Frederick Boshell and his mother resided in a hotel within the area of the city just released from Isolation. The child died before he could be removed. Elizabeth Langford was taken to Prince Alfred Hospital. She had hardly any of the external symptoms of plague; but the precaution was taken to place her in Isolation. Death occurred on Friday night, and a postmortem made on Saturday revealed the presence of plague germs. The body was forwarded to the Quarantine Station for burial."

Australian Star (Sydney, NSW : 1887-1909), 14 April 1900

THE PLAGUE

Seven Cases Yesterday, Three Additional Deaths. The plague record for yesterday jumped up to seven fresh cases and two deaths, in addition to the death of the patient James Vaughan, which occurred late on Thursday. The list of new cases is: — Mary Davis (20), Hugo Hogan (17), John Hackell (9), all residing in the city: William Taylor (22), Woollahra; Henry Griffith (17), Glebe; and William Davis (30), Darlington. The patient Davis died vesterday morning, and though his complaint had not been diagnosed as plague it was regarded as suspicious. A post-mortem made subsequently at the Sydney Hospital morgue, whither the body was taken, revealed the fact that death had occurred from plague. The corpse has been sent to the Quarantine Ground for burial. Charles Kennedy, who was removed to Quarantine several days ago, died yesterday"

Elizabeth Langford, aged 60, died 6 April 1900. Frederick Boshell was 3 ½ and living with his parents at a hotel in King St. He died on 8 April 1900. His mother, Mary Boshell also contracted the plaque but survived. Enoch Powell was 44 years old and died on 10 April 1900. James Vaughan, 27 died on 12 April and Charles Kennedy, 45 died on 13 April. William Davis died on 12 April 1900. All buried in Third Quarantine Cemetery. (Above dates taken from Third Cemetery grave register)

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