



# North Head Sanctuary Foundation Inc

## Custodians of North Head

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### General Meeting

Our General Meeting will be on 3 December 2022 at 2pm in Building 20, Bandicoot Heaven.

Our speaker will be Dr Peter Mitchell and the subject - North Head: geology and landscape. Everyone welcome.

### Education Room - Bandicoot Heaven

We are open on **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](mailto:twswombat@iinet.net.au) or phone 0427 217 580).

### Native Plant Nursery



Some of our nursery volunteers

The Nursery grows mainly Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub plants for planting by our volunteers into degraded areas of North Head. We are also looking after and planting in and around the frog habitat.

If you would like to join us, there is planting, weeding and maintenance to be done.

Please call in any Tuesday or Friday morning between 8am and noon, when we are open if it's not raining, or email [northhead@fastmail.com.au](mailto:northhead@fastmail.com.au) if you would like to join us. To join you must be a member of North Head Sanctuary Foundation and be COVID vaccinated.

We will be closed between Christmas and New Year.

### Echidna Photo Survey Update

Judy Lambert

Our year-long update survey of echidnas across North Head began on 1 September.

The photo collection is growing weekly, with about 40 photos from different sightings already received (not all of these different animals, but a healthy population for our area). All the photos, by which we can pretty much identify individual animals, are safely stored in our database and will be part of the end-of-survey analysis.



If you have already contributed – Thank you and please keep up the good work. And, if you're not yet part of this year-long echidna census, please take a photo on your mobile (preferably with face showing and size and colour identifiable) and email it to: [twswombat@iinet.net.au](mailto:twswombat@iinet.net.au). For more information about the project call in to Bandicoot Heaven visitor info room any Saturday or Sunday between 10am and 4pm or visit our website <https://northheadsanctuaryfoundation.org.au/action/Activities.htm>

### New Holland Honeyeater



Photo Ian Evans

"The New Holland Honeyeater is mostly black and white, with a large yellow wing patch and yellow sides on the tail. It has a small white ear patch, a thin white whisker at the base of the bill and a white eye. This honeyeater is an active bird, and rarely sits still long enough to give an extended view. Sexes are similar in looks, but females are slightly smaller in size. New Holland Honeyeaters are active feeders. They mostly eat the nectar of flowers, and busily dart from flower to flower in search of this high-

energy food. Other food items include fruit, insects and spiders.”

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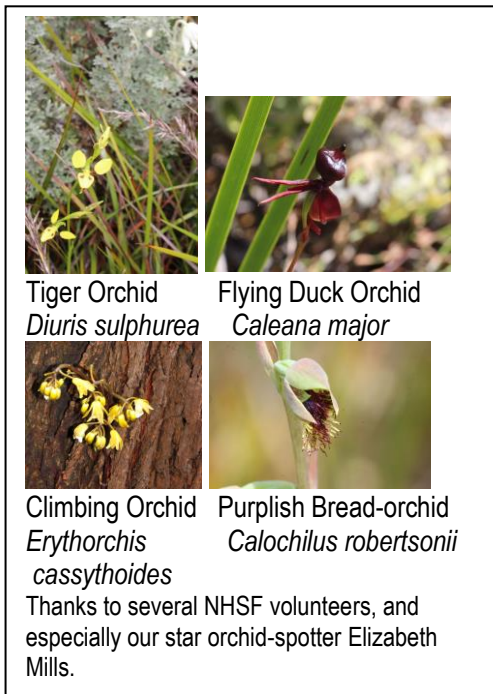
<https://birdlife.org.au/bird-profile/new-holland-honeyeater>

## Surveying Wild Orchids

Judy Lambert

As many of you already know, North Head is a great place for native orchids, with spring and summer their main flowering times. Many of them are small and not very conspicuous, so you need to be on the watch-out to see them.

Recently a citizen science project begun in South Australia has been expanded to gather ecological information about native orchids across the country. You can find out more and become part of this project to contribute to science and conservation efforts for these wonderful plants by going to [www.wildorchidwatch.org](http://www.wildorchidwatch.org) and downloading the recording app.



## *Cryptostylis subulata*



Is commonly known as the tongue orchid or cow orchid. It is a common orchid found in southeastern Australia. It has relatively large, leathery, dark green to yellowish-green leaves and can have up to twenty yellowish flowers with a reddish-brown and dark purple labellum. It is often found in

damp or swampy situations and is out now for you to enjoy.

## North Head Scenic Area

Work is continuing on the lookouts, so the walking track is closed but other areas are open, please see <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/sydney-harbour-national-park/north-head-upgrade> for further details.

## Third Cemetery

Jenny Wilson

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW:1883- 1930), Monday 8 December 1884

### “SMALLPOX IN SYDNEY

Two of the persons who were removed to the Quarantine Station with the Cohen family were reported yesterday as having been attacked with smallpox. Their names are Peter Christian and Joseph Israel. The former resided next door to the Cohens, and the latter in close vicinity to them. The first is said to be a rather bad case, but the other has only been mildly attacked by the disease. They were both removed to the hospital ship Faraway. A fresh case was also discovered in Sydney last evening. The person attacked is a man named John Casey, aged 33 years, a journey-man butcher, residing at No. 12 Ada-street, off Quarry-street, Ultimo. He has been employed at a butcher's in Elizabeth-street and left off work on Thursday. The next day symptoms of a rash showed upon him, and last evening his case came to the knowledge of the health authorities. He was then visited by the medical inspecting officer who found that he had contracted a severe attack of smallpox, and the house was ordered to be quarantined. Besides the patient, who is a married man, another family lived in the house, and altogether they numbered eight. All of them will be removed to the Quarantine Station to-day. The case, so far, cannot be traced immediately to any of the previous cases. The shop at which Casey was employed is some distance from the house in Elizabeth-street from which a person suffering from smallpox was removed, and it is not known that he came in contact with any of the inmates of that house. It would seem, therefore, that a fresh centre has been created.”

Only two people died of smallpox in December 1884, they were John Casey who died on 20 December on board the hospital ship Faraway. He had never been vaccinated and was married and had four children. Elizabeth Sawyer came from Botany Road Sydney on 24 December to quarantine and died the following day. She was 47 years old. Both are buried in the Third Cemetery.

## Newsletter

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