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HELP PROTECT THE LONG - NOSED BANDICOOT POPULATION AT NORTH HEAD SANCTUARY, MANLY

To help protect the Long-nosed Bandicoots please observe these simple measures when accessing North Head Sanctuary:

- Minimise the use of vehicles between dusk and dawn when Bandicoots are most active.
- Check under cars before driving off (particularly at dawn and dusk).
- Drive within speed limits and watch out for fauna on the roads.
- No machinery or loud tools to be used outside the hours of 7:30am - 4:30pm.
- Dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted on any part of North Head Sanctuary, Manly.
- Report immediately any sightings of foxes, dogs or cats to Harbour Trust Rangers or Security.
- Do not feed any wildlife.
- Keep to walking tracks.
- No lighting fires.

The Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*) is an Australian native animal about the size of a small rabbit, that has a long nose, pointed ears, a short tail and grey-brown fur. Bandicoots sleep during the day and are most active at night. They feed on soil invertebrates and fungi and live under dense groundcover plants in bushland. They feed in lawns, garden beds, and open bushland areas, leaving behind numerous conical shaped diggings.

The Long-nosed Bandicoot is widely distributed along the east coast of Australia, and was once common throughout Sydney. Today, the Long-nosed Bandicoot population at North Head is in danger of extinction and has been listed as an “endangered population” on Part 2, Schedule 1 of the *NSW Threatened Species Act 1995*. There are approximately 100 individuals remaining at North Head. The main threats to the Long-nosed Bandicoot population at North Head Sanctuary are road kill, predation by foxes, dogs and cats, and loss of habitat. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is working closely with the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the North Head Sanctuary Foundation and the Australian Wildlife Conservancy to help conserve and restore the Bandicoot population to a sustainable level.

Reporting Incidents: If you notice any sick, injured or dead Long-nosed Bandicoots within the North Head Sanctuary, please immediately notify the Harbour Trust Rangers on 0434 652 152 (8am - 4pm). If out of hours, please contact Harbour Trust Security on 0433 631 689 (4pm - 8am).