

# SAVE Malabar Headland

***Help us to get the Commonwealth Government to declare Malabar Headland a National Park as promised!***

## **Malabar Headland urgently needs your help.**

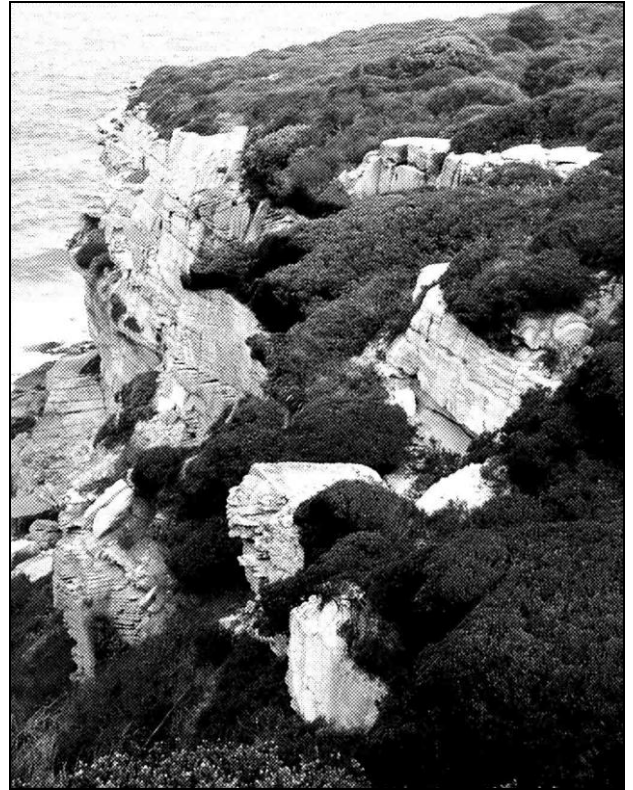
This spectacular peninsula at the southern end of Maroubra Beach is one of the largest and best quality areas of native bush left in the Eastern Suburbs, as well as being host to significant historic sites from World War II. Its rugged scenery features in the Mission Impossible II movie.

**General public access is not permitted.** The Commonwealth Government has stated it will hand over Malabar Headland to the NSW Government for protection as National Park and public open space, **BUT** they are yet to advise **WHEN**. In the meantime, bush and heritage sites continue to be vandalised and degraded and contamination threatens our children's swimming areas.

**Some of the rare bushland on the Headland is zoned Residential and is under threat from potential development.** Don't let this precious bushland environment fall into the hands of developers & be destroyed.

**The whole of Malabar Headland must be protected as a National Park, as promised at the 2010 Federal election by the Prime Minister and Peter Garrett.**

**Join us, the Friends of Malabar Headland to keep this precious area in public hands for all to enjoy.**



*WWII munitions railway in disrepair* (all photos: Peter Ryan)



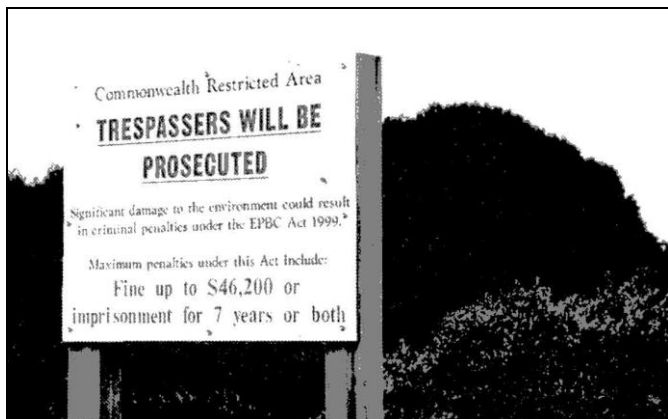
## **The Best Bushland in the East**

Malabar Headland - between Maroubra and Malabar beaches - has earned **National Estate** listing as one of the most important natural and cultural sites on the Sydney Coast.

- It is the **largest patch of native bushland in good condition remaining in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs.**
- It is **home to a startlingly diverse range of fauna and flora** including **rare species** of native plants, birds seldom seen in the city, and the largest remaining patches of the **almost extinct Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub.**
- It provides a **unique record of our heritage**, with 43 important World War II coastal defence sites including forts, unique gun positions, underground defence facilities and a sunken munitions railway.
- It is proposed as an **integral section of the half-completed Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk**, which would allow an uninterrupted coastal footway stretching from Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay.

## Neglected and Abused!

- **Still waiting for a National Park.** State and Commonwealth Governments continue to stall on declaring the area a National Park, even though they agreed to do so more than a decade ago, and at the recent Federal election 2010.
- In the meantime, **precious bushland on the Headland is zoned residential and would be destroyed forever by development.** We are calling on the State and Commonwealth Governments to rezone the bushland to "National Park".
- While Governments procrastinate, **the land is being damaged, bushland degraded, and the public is locked out.**
  - The WWII and historic sites are decaying and being vandalised by graffiti "artists".
  - Weeds, fire, unplanned trails and rubbish dumping are damaging bushland.
  - Seepage from the landfill under the rifle range is contaminating Malabar Beach and the children's pools at the southern end of Maroubra beach.
  - Plans have been made, but as yet, nothing is being done to extend the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk through to Malabar Headland.
  - The general public cannot even enter this spectacular area without a permit.



**Help us to ensure that Malabar Headland stays in public hands with open public access and is managed to protect the unique bush, wildlife and historic sites.**



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**Tel:** 02 9311 2334 (Peter Ryan, chair of FoMH)

## We're calling on the Government to ...

### 1. DECLARE the entire Headland a National Park

This would allow protection of all native vegetation, animal habitat and heritage sites, and must include the east and western bushland with connecting bush corridors.

2. **Rezone the Western Section as "national Park"**
3. **COMPLETE the Malabar Headland section of the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk**
4. **CLEAN up the pollution in Malabar Beach, and the children's pools at South Maroubra Beach.**

## What Can You Do?

1. Write to as many **members of parliament** as possible, asking them to act immediately to protect the Headland.
  - **Hon. Tony Burke**, Minister for Environment, PO Box 6022, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600  
Email: [Tony.Burke.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Tony.Burke.MP@aph.gov.au)
  - **Hon. Gary Gray**, Special Minister of State, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600 Email: [Gary.Gray.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Gary.Gray.MP@aph.gov.au)
  - **Hon. Peter Garrett**, Member for Kingsford-Smith, PO Box 249, Maroubra, NSW 2035 (has on-line email contact: website: <http://www.petegarrett.com.au/default.aspx>)
  - **Hon. Barry O'Farrell**, Premier of NSW  
Level 40 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000 Ph: 9228 5239 Email: [office@premier.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@premier.nsw.gov.au)
  - **Hon. Robyn Parker**, MP, Minister for the Environment, Level 32 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000 Ph: 9228 5253 Email: [office@parker.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@parker.minister.nsw.gov.au)
  - **Hon. Brad Hazzard**, MP, Minister for Planning, Level 33 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000 Ph: 9228 5258  
Email: [office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au)
  - **Hon. Michael Daley**, Member for Maroubra, Suite 501, Level 5, 806 Anzac Parade, Maroubra NSW 2035  
[maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maroubra@parliament.nsw.gov.au)
2. Write to **local newspapers** or call **talk back radio**
3. **Attend FoMH meetings** - at 7pm first Thursday of Feb, April, June, August, October & December at St Marks Church Hall, (downstairs) corner Franklin St & Victoria Lane, Malabar

### 4. Join Friends of Malabar Headland (FoMH):

Fill in the form below, "cut it out" and post it with a cheque to:  
**FoMH, PO Box 6023, Malabar, NSW 2036**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Annual Membership (from July) \$10.00</b>	\$ 10
<b>Donation</b>	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$

*Safeguarding the nature and history of  
Malabar Headland for all to enjoy*



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