

PROTECT Malabar Headland

Commonwealth delay threatens heritage & bushland Declare Malabar Headland a National Park

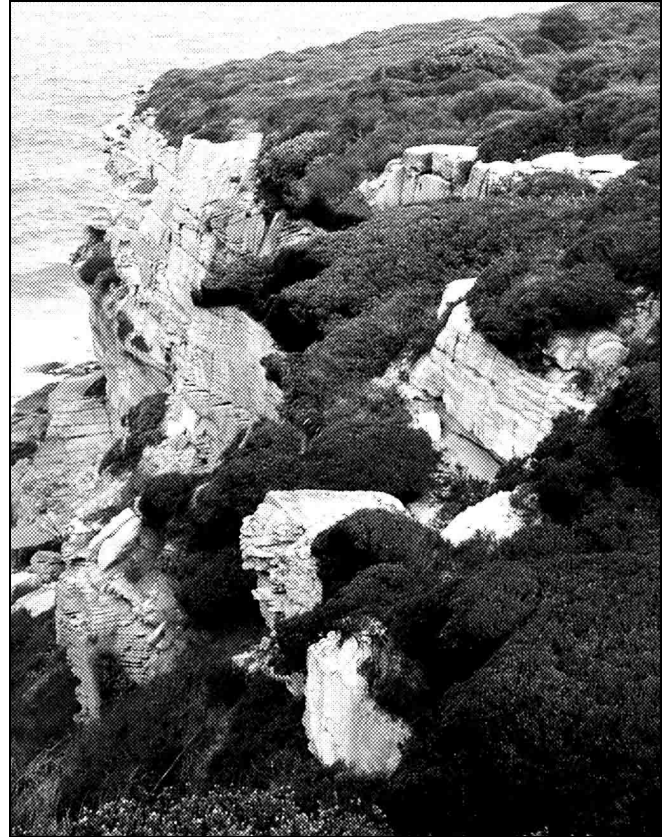
Malabar Headland urgently needs your help.

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 Aboriginal and World War II heritage sites. Its rugged scenery features in the Mission Impossible movie.

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

On top of this, **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.**

Join with 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)



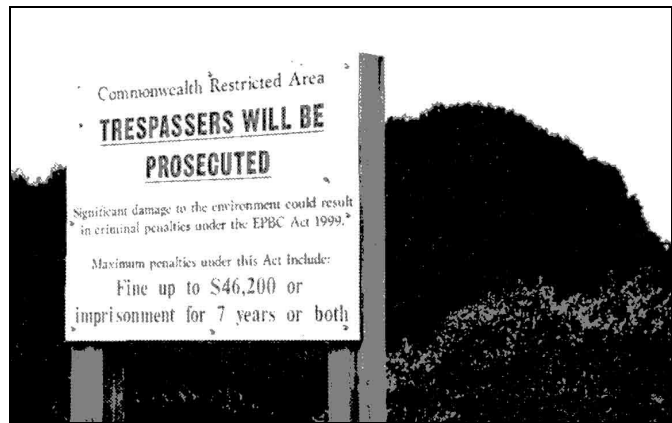
The Best Bushland in the East

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, **endangered communities - Themeda Grassland and 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.
- In the meantime, **precious bushland on the headland is zoned Residential and would be destroyed by development.** We are calling on the State Government 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.
 - 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 rock pools at the southern end of Maroubra beach.
 - Extension of the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk through Malabar Headland has stalled.
 - And 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 heritage sites.



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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 and a bush corridor on the north and south sides.
- 2. REZONE the Rifle Range as public open space**
- 3. COMPLETE the Malabar Headland section of the Eastern Beaches Coastal Walk**
- 4. CLEAN up the pollution of Malabar Beach and the children’s rock pools at Maroubra beach.**

What Can You Do?

- You can help to protect and open up the Headland for future generations:
1. Write to one (or more) **members of parliament** and ask them to act immediately to protect the Headland.
 - Hon. Lindsay Tanner, Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.
 - Hon. Peter Garrett, Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.
 - Hon. Kristina Keneally, State Minister for Planning, Parliament House, Sydney NSW 2000.
 - Hon. John Robertson MLC, Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Parliament House, Sydney NSW 2000.
 - Hon. Michael Daley, Member for Maroubra, Suite 501 Level 5, 806 Anzac Parade, Maroubra NSW 2035.
 2. Write to your **local newspapers** or call up **talk back radio**
 3. **Attend FoMH meetings** - at 7pm on first Thursday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct & Dec) at St Marks Church Hall (lower ground floor), cnr Franklin Street and Victoria Lane, Malabar

4. **Join Friends of Malabar Headland (FoMH) ...**
 Fill in the form below, "cut out" and post it with your cheque to: PO Box 6023, Malabar NSW 2036

Name		
Address		
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Annual Membership \$10.00	\$	
Donation	\$	
Total	\$	
<i>Safeguarding the nature and history of Malabar Headland for all to enjoy</i>		

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