

A brief history

This wooded headland was once used as a campsite for HMAS Assault during World War Two.

It later became a migrant camp until 1952 when most of the buildings were demolished. In 1982, the Port Stephens Native Flora Garden Committee formed. Many people on government work programs carried out early works from 1984 to 1986, removing weeds like lantana and fishbone fern. They were mostly supervised by Geoff Woolnough and Anne Heath — our earliest volunteers.

Hundreds of native shrubs were brought in to be seed sources, joining the existing native flora — Kangaroo Grass, Dianella Lilies and Hibbertia Scandens. There are now a number of species which have flourished here including Christmas Bush, Blueberry Ash, Gymea Lilies, Hibiscus, Cedar Wattle as well as Bunya, Hoop and Kauri pines.

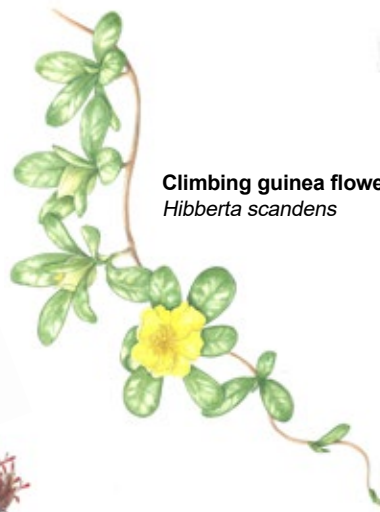
The flora now attracts many native birds, which use the gardens as a home or feeding ground. Friendly Kookaburras are seen all year round, while Rainbow Lorikeets and Scaley-Breasted Lorikeets nest in the hollows of the high Eucalypts and enjoy the spring flowers of the Angophora trees. There are several birdbaths and nesting boxes in the garden to provide for birds, gliders and microbats.



Native sarsaparilla
Hardenbergia violacea



Climbing guinea flower
Hibbertia scandens



Blueberry ash
Elaeocarpus reticulatus



Gymea lily
Doryanthes Excelsa



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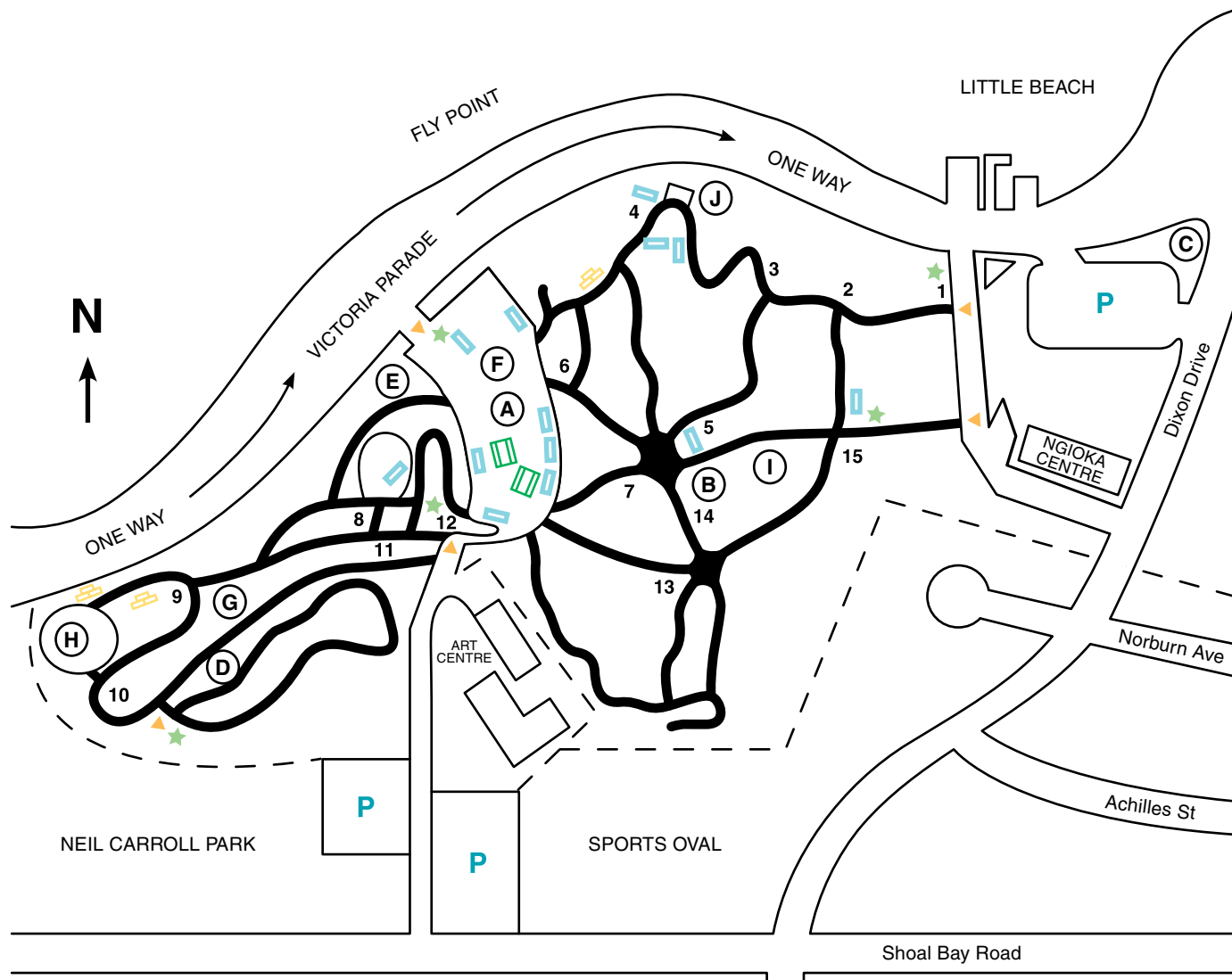
Coast banksia
Banksia integrifolia

Fly Point Native Flora Reserve

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| A = Amphitheatre | F = Gazebo |
| B = Blackbutt | G = Ferns |
| C = Canoe trees | H = Palm grove |
| D = Corkwood trees | I = Red cedar tree |
| E = Fallen fig tree | J = Look out |

LEGEND

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|  | Historic remnants |  | Picnic table |
|  | Entry/exit |  | Parking |
|  | Information box | 1-15 | Track numbers |
|  | Bench seat | | |



The Fly Point Nature Reserve is one of Nelson Bay's most beautiful attractions. Covering 8 hectares, these gardens offer wonderful native vegetation, cultural history, walking paths and abundant birdlife. They also provide an inviting area for bush picnics and weddings.

The Fly Point Nature Reserve Group is made up of local volunteers. Our main activities are mulching of pathways, weeding, encouraging wildlife and improving amenity for picnics and weddings. As volunteers of Port Stephens Council we are supported with equipment, advice, training and insurance.

Regular working bees are held on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from 9 to 11am. We are a small friendly group and always seeking more volunteers.

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