

KU~RING~GAI

Birthplace of the National Trust in Australia.

“You have something special here in Ku-ring-gai. Fight for it.”

The Hon Tom Uren AO 2001



Genesis of Foke

Reports and letters to the press regarding over-development of individual building blocks and the “concreting of Ku-ring-gai” were the catalysts for a meeting on December 8 1994 which brought together a group of eight residents with like concerns regarding the built and natural environment of Ku-ring-gai.

FOKE (Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment Inc.), established as a result of this meeting, now operates to preserve the unique character and environment of Ku-ring-gai for future generations.



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. It is, indeed, the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

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LOVE IT, or LOSE IT!

Heritage

Natural
Tree canopy
Bushland habitat

Biodiversity
Absorbent surfaces
Maintenance of water cycle

Natural climate controls

Amenity
Harmony

Loss of heritage

Unnatural
Loss of tree canopy
Loss of native flora & fauna

Lack of biodiversity
Hard surfaces
Polluted run-off

Artificial climate controls

Loss of amenity
Discord



“Protecting our heritage – it’s a human right”

The Hon. Justice M.D. Kirby AC CMG
Inaugural National Trust Heritage Week Lecture,
April 1995.

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FRIENDS OF
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ENVIRONMENT INC.

2009 NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE AWARDS HIGHLY
COMMENDED

2008 NSW GOVERNMENT HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS
AWARD

2000 WINNER NSW HERITAGE OFFICE AWARD
“HERITAGE WATCH OVER OUR PLACE OF NATIONAL
SIGNIFICANCE – KU-RING-GAI”

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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(FOKE)

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Application for Membership

Name (incl title).....

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Home Address.....

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Telephone.....

Email.....

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hereby applies for membership of Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment Inc. (FOKE). In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

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(Signature) (Date)

Membership fees: \$10.00 (ordinary)
(Annually Jan. - Dec.) \$ 5.00 (student/
senior citizen)

[Donation \$]

Amount enclosed \$

Date received:

Date admitted:

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Functions and Objectives

- Φ **To work** - on behalf of residents and friends - for the maintenance of Ku-ring-gai's heritage and the enhancement of the existing traditional character and amenity of its environment, both built and natural.
- Φ **To lobby** for maintenance and/or adoption of appropriate policies and their consistent application by Ku-ring-gai Council and to encourage open government.
- Φ **To encourage** Ku-ring-gai Council to consult with and involve Ku-ring-gai residents in policy formation and to lobby for policy changes at local, State and Federal levels, where appropriate, including commenting on and responding to policy initiatives and drafts relevant to the functions and objectives of FOKE.
- Φ **To provide a support network** for Ku-ring-gai residents and friends to take action on issues affecting them, within the framework of the aims and objectives of FOKE.
- Φ **To promote** public awareness of issues and policies affecting the traditional character and environment of Ku-ring-gai.
- Φ **To support and encourage** the election to Ku-ring-gai Council of persons who are supportive of the aims and objectives of FOKE.
- Φ **To co-operate and exchange information** with other groups dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the environment.