



Paddy Pallin Walk



Paddy Pallin, 1979, by Marg Turton

Sunday 24 April, 2016 10am-12 noon

Lindfield, NSW, Australia

9.45 am for 10 am start.

In the bush, the problems of life are no longer complex -
Paddy Pallin

Frank Austin (Paddy) Pallin (1900-1991) is recognized as one of Sydney pioneer bushwalker and conservationist, fondly remembered because of his popular 'Paddy Pallin' bushwalking and camping equipment stores that continue to operate to this day.

Paddy Pallin was born in England and was actively involved in the early Boys Scout movement. He led hikes across the English countryside and even further afield to Denmark. In 1926 he accompanied impoverished young London men – known as the 'Dreadnought Boys' – on assisted passage to Australia that gave them work on the land. Soon after arrival in Australia, Paddy joined the newly formed Sydney Bush Walkers Club that was established in 1927. In 1930 Paddy found himself newly married and unemployed with the start of the Great Depression. He decided to have a go at improving the design and quality of bushwalking equipment and selling these products in his own bushwalking shop.

Bushwalking proved a popular outdoor sport for both men and women during the Depression because it was inexpensive, healthy and fun. It spawned the bushwalking conservation movement that became so significant in campaigning for a Blue Mountains National Park in 1959 and in more recent times led to World Heritage listing of the Blue Mountains in 2000.

Despite the time consuming task of running his business, Paddy was generous in allowing his shop to be a venue for talks and meetings that promoted bushwalking and conservation. **A noticeboard in his shops promoted bushwalking clubs' walks and events.** Paddy was one of the founders of the National Parks Association of NSW and many of their early meetings were held in his shop, after close of business.

Paddy was instrumental in establishing the Bushwalkers Search and Rescue Squad that rescued a party of lost bushwalkers in the Blue Mountains in 1936.

Paddy Pallin lived at 93 Bent Street, Lindfield with his Welsh wife, May Bell Morris and their three children Jennifer, Catherine and Robert.

In 1985 the bushland reserve between Provincial Road & Polding Road was dedicated as the '**Paddy Pallin Reserve in recognition of his enormous contribution to the modern Australian environment movement.**

Paddy's son, Robert Pallin married Nancy Moppett in 1968 the daughter of the famous conservationists Tom Moppett and Jean Moppett (nee Trimble). Together **Robert and Nancy followed their parents' commitment to protecting the environment.** Robert not only served as an alderman to Ku-ring-gai Councillor (1991-1995) and Deputy Mayor in 1991 and 1993 but he was also elected as the Chair of the Nature Conservation Council of NSW as well as its Treasurer for many years. Nancy served as chair of the Ku-ring-gai Bat Conservation Society and the St Ives Blue Gum High Forest Group that was instrumental in securing parcels of land that were adjacent to the Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve into public acquisition.

Timeline — Paddy Pallin

- 1900 Paddy Pallin born in County Durham, England.
- 1909 Jean Trimble born.
- 1912 Thomas (Tom) White Moppett born.
- 1926 Paddy accompanies a group of young impoverished London men – known as the **'Dreadnought Boys'** – on assisted passage to Australia where on arrival they would seek employment on the land.
- 1927 Paddy Pallin is a founding member of the Sydney Bush Walkers that is open to women.
- 1931 Alan Rigby successfully leads a group to save the Blue Gum Forest Campaign in the Blue Mountains. **Leads to the formation of the Bushwalkers' Federation.**
- 1932 Bushwalkers successfully raise £130 to buy out the lease to stop the Blue Gum Forest in the Grose Valley from being logged.
- Federation of Bushwalking Clubs formed** “ . . . to strive for the establishment, preservation and wise management of conservation reserves, such as national parks and wilderness areas”.
- 1933 Tom Moppett meets Jean Trimble at Kosciusko. Jean introduced Tom to the Sydney Bush Walkers where they make life long friendships in the bushwalking conservation movement. Paddy publishes his book *Bushwalking and Camping*.
- 1936 Paddy is a founding member of the first Bushwalkers Search and Rescue Squad after a party of four bushwalkers becomes lost in the Blue Mountains. Jean Trimble becomes the first woman to ski from Kiandra to Kosciusko.
- 1939 Paddy co-founds The Bush Club.
- 1940 Jean and Tom marry.
- 1941 Tom joins the RAAF and moves to UK in 1942 to train in bomber aircraft with the RAF. **During WWII Tom's Lancaster crew flies 61 bombing missions over enemy territory.**
- 1944 Kosciusko State Park Bill.
- 1946 Allen Strom initiates Caloola Club—**probably one of NSW's most successful educationally focused bushwalking groups.**
- 1948 Fauna Protection Act established.
- 1955 Nature Conservation Council formed.
- 1957 National Parks Association of NSW formed.
- 1959 Greater Blue Mountains National Park, from Mittagong to the Hunter Valley.
- 1962 Caloola Club merges with the National Parks Association.
- 1965 Tom Mopeet appointed Deputy Chair of the Fauna Protection Panel.
- 1967 National Parks & Wild Life Service (NPWS) established to manage the NSW park system.
- 1968 Colong Committee established after a meeting of over 50 conservation societies when NSW Premier Askin grants mining lease for Colong Caves.
- 1991 Paddy Pallin dies, 3 January, 1991.
- 2000 Tom Moppett dies.

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 1 May, 2016

National Trust Heritage Festival 2016
TURRAMURRA to Sheldon Forest WALK



Walk from Turramurra Railway Station to Sheldon Forest and learn about FOKE's vision for this rare urban forest set in walking distance from the Hillview heritage conservation area. Meet at Turramurra Railway Station Ticket Office. Tour starts at 9.45am for 10am start. Bring hat, water, snack and wear good walking shoes. Finishes at 12 noon. Free. For bookings ring (02) 9498 2402 or Mobile 0428 860 623.

SUNDAY 8 May, 2016

National Trust Heritage Festival 2016
FOKE at the CAFÉ TALK *Biodiversity Matters Ku-ring-gai*



Enjoy a light lunch and coffee at the heritage café Pecorino, on the east side of Gordon Railway Station, while listening to a range of speakers talk on why biodiversity matters so much in Ku-ring-gai. Cost \$30. Meet at 1pm Pecorino Café, 77 Werona Ave, Gordon 9498 8020. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING ring (02) 9498 2402 or Mobile 0428 860 623.

FOKE Public Meeting—Fighting to Retain Local Democracy



Wednesday 25 May, 8pm All welcome to attend

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Allen Strom & Allan Fox—untiring allies in conservation & education

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Paddy Pallin & Tom Moppett— Brothers-in-arms working for

Bushwalking Conservation SATURDAY 20 AUGUST, 2016 10am-12 pm Cost \$35 Bookings essential. Contact WEA, SYDNEY Ph: (02) 9264 2781 E: info@weasydney.nsw.edu.au www.weasydney.com.au

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