

fOKE at the Café

Program



Cr Cheryl Szatow, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai
Janet Harwood, *Our Future is the Natural World*
Emily Ryan, Outreach Director, EDO NSW
Raffle Draw

FOKE Heritage Festival Raffle

Proceeds from this raffle will go to support the EDO NSW,
the independent community legal centre specialising in public interest environmental law

\$2 for one ticket; \$5 for three tickets; \$10 for seven tickets

	<i>Prizes</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
1	Book: <i>A Centenary History of Ku-ring-gai Council</i> by Pauline Curby & Virginia Macleod	Councillor Cheryl Szatow, Mayor of Ku-ring-gai Council
2	NPA Membership	National Parks Association of NSW
3	Pecorino Café Lunch for Two	Pecorino Café 77 Werona Ave, Gordon
4	Books: <i>Blue Mountains World Heritage</i> by Alex Colley <i>Celebrating Wilderness</i> edited by Ian Brown	Colong Foundation for Wilderness
5	Print <i>Feeding Time, Rainbow Lorikeets</i> by artist Nola Sindel	FOKE
6	Print <i>Tawny, Tawny Frogmouth</i> by artist Nola Sindel	FOKE
7	Turtle T-shirt	The Wilderness Society
8	Flower Notelets	FOKE

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A serious backwards step for biodiversity laws

By EDO NSW Policy and Law Reform Director Rachel Walmsley

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The NSW Government's proposed biodiversity legislative and policy package removes many of NSW's long-held environmental protections, and represents a serious backward step for environmental law and policy in NSW.



As part of its biodiversity legislation reform process, the NSW Government has today publicly exhibited a new *Biodiversity Conservation Bill*, a *Local Land Services Amendment Bill*, and information about proposed land clearing codes. This new legislative package is designed to replace the *Native Vegetation Act*, *Threatened Species Conservation Act*, the *Nature Conservation Trust Act* and parts of the *National Parks & Wildlife Act*.

The proposed law and policy is a serious retrograde step, as it involves removing many of NSW's long-held environmental protections. Our key areas of concern include greatly increased land clearing under self-assessable codes, no requirement to maintain or improve biodiversity, water quality, soil and salinity, an increased reliance on flexible (and indirect) offsets, wide discretion of consent authorities to apply the results of the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM), reduced public transparency, and unclear responsibility for who will actually do any compliance and enforcement.

The resourcing and expertise of Local Land Services to administer native vegetation regulation is also in question. Not only are legal protections significantly weakened, but any potential biodiversity gains are dependent on funding decisions and not guaranteed in legislation.

The package will be on public exhibition for the next eight weeks, and submissions close on Tuesday 28 June 2016. During this time community members are able to make submissions.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Paddy Pallin & Tom Moppett *Ku-ring-gai bushwalkers who walked for Conservation, Tuesday 24 May, 2016 10.30 am-12.30 pm* Lindfield Uniting Church undercroft, Cnr Pacific Hwy & Provincial Rd, Lindfield. Bookings essential. Contact Lorraine Prowse 9417 5546. FREE.



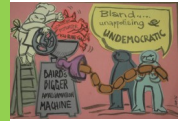
Paddy Pallin



Tom Moppett

FOKE Public Forum—Fighting to Retain Local Democracy

Wednesday 25 May, 8pm. The Baird Government wants to use amalgamation to centralise planning powers & fast track development. This will be at the cost of local democratic rights. Speakers include Mayor of Ku-ring-gai **Clr Cheryl Szatow**, Mr **Phil Jenkyn OAM** Save Hunter's Hill, **Clr Carolyn Corrigan** Mosman Deputy Mayor, **Clr Mary Ann Beregi** North Sydney Council & Woollahra Council Mayor **Clr Toni Zeltzer**.



EDO, NSW Workshops, Responding to NSW Government's Backward legislation for Biodiversity*— Submission deadline 28 June

EDO will be providing resources to help communities have their say. Sign up to EDO weekly eBulletin to help you with your submission. Updates will also be on EDO website



*FOKE term

Launch: FOKE Sheldon Forest Signs

Sunday 5 June, 2016 Date to be confirmed. www.foke.org.au



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FRIENDS OF KU-RING-GAI ENVIRONMENT INC.
We Serve

Lions Club of Ku-ring-gai—Environment Award—Janet Harwood

Wednesday 15 June, Pymble Golf Club, Cowan St, St Ives. \$55 Contact Harold Zev 9402 5469.

Bushcare at Sheldon Forest—3rd Sunday of each month.

Enter via Warragal Road, Turramurra or Jubilee Avenue, Pymble. New members welcome Ph 9449 1448.



JOIN FOKE — Ku-ring-gai's biodiversity needs you!

FOKE Membership Form

Name (incl title)
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of Home Address:
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Suburb:

Postcode:

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.

Signature
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Date

Membership Fee

Ordinary \$10

Concession (student/senior citizen) \$ 5

Donation _____

Amount enclosed _____

Date received:

Date admitted:

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