



MEDIA RELEASE

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POPULAR PADDY PALLIN WALK

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment [FOKE] celebrated the 2016 National Trust Heritage Festival by holding a Paddy Pallin Walk. This walk proved immensely popular with many locals attending as well as people from as far away as Nowra on Sunday 24 April, 2016.

Frank Austin (Paddy) Pallin (1900-1991) is fondly remembered as one of Sydney's most popular pioneer bushwalker and conservationist. In 1930, during the Great Depression, Paddy found himself unemployed and decided to open a shop selling quality of bushwalking and camping equipment. His 'Paddy Pallin' shops continue today as a successful family business.

Paddy is remembered for saying, "*In the bush, the problems of life are no longer complex*".

The FOKE walk began at Lindfield Railway Station, followed Beaconsfield Parade into Bent Street – where Paddy and his family lived for many years. In 1950 when his shop at Wynyard had burnt down, his home was used as a temporary factory and warehouse.

The walk finished at Paddy Pallin Reserve, which was dedicated by Ku-ring-gai Council as a bushland reserve in 1985 in recognition of Paddy Pallin's enormous contribution to the modern Australian environment movement.

FOKE's next Heritage Festival event will be a Turramurra to Sheldon Forest walk on Sunday 1st May. FOKE will complete its National Trust program with a \$30 fundraising luncheon at Pecorino Café at Werona Avenue, Gordon on Sunday 8 May. Details below.

FOKE will also be holding a public forum "Fighting to Retain our Local Democracy" on Wednesday 25 May 8pm Killara Uniting Church Hall, Killara, Corner Karranga Avenue & Arnold Street, Killara. Speakers include Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Cr Cheryl Szatow and other representatives from Sydney councils fighting forced amalgamation.

For more information about FOKE's Heritage Program visit www.foke.org.au

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TURRAMURRA to Sheldon Forest WALK, SUNDAY 1 May, 2016

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.**

FOKE at the CAFÉ TALK - *Biodiversity Matters. Ku-ring-gai Matters*, SUNDAY 8 May, 2016

Enjoy a light lunch and coffee at the heritage Pecorino Cafe, on the east side of Gordon Railway Station. Listen to why biodiversity matters so much in Ku-ring-gai. Speakers include Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Cr Cheryl Szatow, Janet Harwood who has been recognized by the Lions Club of Kur-ring-gai for her services to the environment, and Emily Ryan, Outreach Director from the EDO NSW that is a public interest legal support for the environment and whose funding was cut by the NSW and Federal Governments. Cost \$30.

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