

MEDIA RELEASE

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KU-RING-GAI WALKS AGAIN FOR ITS BLUE GUM HIGH FOREST

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment will highlight Ku-ring-gai's Blue Gum High Forest with a series of Sunday walks and luncheon starting on the weekend of Sunday 30 April.

These 'Blue Gum High Forest Walks' celebrate the National Trust's 2015 Heritage Festival and the 10th Anniversary of acquiring two blocks of land within the Blue Gum High Forest at St Ives protected in public ownership.

The first walk – 'Blue Gum High Forest at Gordon' walk will be on Sunday 30 April and will celebrate the achievements of past Ku-ring-gai residents who played such an important role in arguing for the importance of our native forests – such as Annie Wyatt, the founder of the National Trust who once lived at Gordon.

FOKE's Blue Gum High Forest Walks - Celebrating the National Trust Heritage Festival 2017

Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ Gordon

Sunday 30 April, 2017 Meet in front of Gordon Railway Station Ticket Office 9.45am for 10am start. Finish at 12noon

Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ St Ives

Sunday 7 May, 2017, 10am-12noon Meet 9.45am for 10am start. Finish at 12noon Meet at Rosedale Road entrance to forest

Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ Turramurra to Pymble

Sunday 14 May, 2017, 10am-12noon Meet in front of Turramurra Railway Station Ticket Office

Blue Gum High Forest Matters. Ku-ring-gai Matters. Fundraising Lunch for Environmental Defenders Office @ Pecorino Café, 77 Werona Ave, Gordon 2072 NSW, short walk from Gordon Railway Station (one east side) \$35

Sunday 21 May, 2017, 12:45 – 3pm Bookings essential. Ring 0428 860 623

FOKE Public Meeting: Guest Speaker: Dick Smith Talks: Sydney's Population Growth—is it sustainable? Wednesday 24 May, 2017 8 pm, Killara Uniting Church, cnr Arnold and Karranga Avenue, Follows FOKE's AGM.

For all walks bring hat, water, snack and wear good walking shoes. All walks finish at 12 noon and are free.

For more information about FOKE's program of Walks and Talks contact Janine Kitson (02) 9498 2402 or M: 0428 860 623 Email <u>info@foke.org.au</u> www.foke.org.au <u>www.facebook.com/friendsofkuringgai</u>

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