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Blue Gum High Forest Walk
Turramurra to Pymble
Sunday 14 May, 2017

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

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SAVE
TURRAMURRA'S HERITAGE
HILLVIEW & LITTLE VILLAGE PARK

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We have a fight on our hands as the threats to our urban trees, parks and bushland continue . . —Total Environment Centre

The NSW Government is turning one of Australia's most environmentally sensitive areas into a construction zone. In 2007 Ku-ring-gai was nominated as **one of Australia's top ten places under threat. This FOKE walk highlights the threats facing Turramurra's built and natural heritage and puts forward the view** that this heritage must be protected for a future City of Sydney.

Threat #1_Little Village Park, Turramurra

In February 2017 Ku-ring-gai Council voted to consign the Little Village Park at Turramurra for high rise development. This was despite a recommendation from an independent inquiry to retain this open space that will adjoin a future Turramurra 'town-hub' high-rise development. This vote illustrates the development-driven system that the residents of NSW are enduring under the current NSW Government.

Threat #2_Hillview Heritage Conservation Area, Turramurra

FOKE has concerns that this heritage precinct, which belongs to the people of Sydney and is worthy of State Heritage protection, is vulnerable to the NSW Government's 'demolition by neglect' and 'asset sell-offs'. Hillview's viewlines are too important to be lost and the Little Village Park is a significant part of Hillview's curtilage.

Threat #3_Sheldon Forest, Turramurra

Sheldon Forest is Sydney's second largest surviving remnant of Blue Gum High Forest and a critically endangered ecological community on the Wianamatta Group shale soils. It is the only significant BGHF reserve on shale derived soil that forms part of a broader, essentially continuous natural area to the Lane Cove National Park. Sheldon Forest has exceptional significance because it includes Sydney Iron Bark Turpentine Forest—another threatened ecological community. In FOKE's view it is completely inappropriate to have a Scout lease and associated building on such an environmentally sensitive site. In the long term the hard surfaces that surround the building —the road, pavement & building—will increase stormwater runoff down the lower slopes, bringing weeds, and thus threatening the long term viability of the Forest. FOKE is also concerned that Ku-ring-gai Council has zoned an area within the Forest as 'Recreational' —which is completely inappropriate for this Forest of such high conservation value.

Threat #4_Remnant Blue Gum High Forest, Ku-ring-gai

The walk through Pymble views the massive construction sites that have now erased Pymble's remnant forests. The NSW Government plans for more medium-high density development in Turramurra, Pymble and other remnant forest areas of Ku-ring-gai. This is akin to 'mining' the landscape and its unique soil profile. Without the soil and its seedbank the Forest is doomed to extinction—including its wildlife.

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Darvall Pk
Chatswood
Manly
Ryde
Parramatta
Burrows Pk
North Sydney
0
5
10 Km
SYDNEY
BLUE GUM HIGH FOREST
Approximate total Australian coverage in 1788
Location of present day remnants

Warrangi St
Bannockburn Rd
Reservoir Rd
Pacific Hwy
Albion Ave

FOKE Heritage Festival Events 2017

Celebrating the National Trust Heritage Festival 2017

Blue Gum High Forest Matters. Ku-ring-gai Matters.

Fundraising Lunch for EDO NSW @ Pecorino Café, Gordon

Sunday 21 May, 2017, 12:45pm-3pm **$35**

Enjoy a light lunch and coffee at the heritage Café Pecorino, 77 Werona Ave, Gordon, a short walk from Gordon Railway Station (on east side). Listen to Cr Cheryl Szatow, Councillor for Gordon Ward, Ku-ring-gai Council and other speakers about why the Blue Gum High Forest matters so much for Ku-ring-gai. Bookings Essential for catering purposes. Contact Janine Kitson 9498 2402 or 0428 860 623 Email: janine_kitson@tpg.com.au

Dick Smith Talks: *Sydney's Population Growth—is it sustainable?*

Wednesday 24 May, 2017, 8pm

Killara Uniting Church Hall, cnr Arnold and Karranga Avenue, Killara. Follows FOKE's AGM. All welcome Renowned businessman Dick Smith speak about the need for a debate on Australia's addiction to population and economic growth and the concerns he feels for today's grandchildren. www.foke.org.au www.facebook.com/friendsofkuringgai

Wildthings Annual Festival—Habitat Matters!

Sunday 13 August, 2017, 10am-4pm Turramurra Masonic Hall

The Battle of the Blue Gums

Saturday 10th June, 2017, 10am-12noon WEA, Sydney course $35

During the 1930s, two forests were under threat – the Blue Gum Forest in the Blue Mountains and the Blue Gum High Forest in suburban Sydney. Discover how pioneer conservationists like Myles Dunphy and Annie Wyatt successfully rallied to protect these forests. How did these forest battles contribute to the modern Australian conservation movement? How are these forests faring today – at a time of burgeoning population increase, habitat loss and climate change? Bookings WEA, SYDNEY Ph: (02) 9264 2781 E: info@weasydney.nsw.edu.au www.weasydney.com.au

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FOKE Membership Form

Name (incl title)

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Address: ……..…

Suburb: ……..…Postcoe ……...

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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: Date:

Date Received: …… Date Admitted: ……..

Membership Fee—Jan to Dec

☐ Ordinary	$10
☐ Concession (student/senior citizen)	$ 5
☐ Donation	____
Amount enclosed	____

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