



Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ Gordon

Celebrating the National Trust Heritage Festival 2017

Sunday 30 April, 2017

Meet 9.45am for 10am start in front of Gordon Railway Station Ticket Office.

Finish at 12noon

This guided walk will visit the significant heritage sites - Gordon Railway Station, Annie Wyatt Park and its memorials to the Blue Gum High Forest, and Gordon's heritage streetscapes, viewlines and significant trees. It will walk past where Annie Wyatt, the founder of the National Trust once lived.

More about the walk . . .

This ecologically focused heritage walk will explore Gordon's Blue Gum High remnant forest and why it is so significant to the history of the modern environment movement. This guided walk will focus on the story of Annie Wyatt the founder of the National Trust. Annie Wyatt (1885-1961) lived a conventional and comfortable life until one day in 1927 she was so outraged by the dumping of rubbish into her bushland valley that it catapulted her into a life time commitment for the protection of the Australian environment. During the Great Depression she campaigned to save the Blue Gum High Forest at St Ives which remains today as one of Sydney's most significant and endangered forest. Come and learn how the Blue Gum High Forest story began in Gordon with Annie Wyatt. Celebrate the 10th Anniversary when the community yet again came together to fight for this magnificent Forest.

Bring hat, water, snack and wear good walking shoes. Bookings ring Janine Kitson 9498 2402 or 0428 860 623 Email: janine_kitson@tpg.com.au

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Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ St Ives

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Sunday 7 May, 2017, 10am-12noon

Meet 9.45am for 10am start - in front of entrance to Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve, on corner of Rosedale Road and Vista Street, St Ives. Finish at 12noon

Walk through the St Ives Blue Gum High Forest - known as the Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve - with renowned conservationist Nancy Pallin. Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of saving this rare and endangered forest and learn why this forest matters so much.

More about the walk . . .

Sydney's Blue Gum High Forests built Colonial Sydney. By the 1850s most of it had gone. However a few patches survived. The largest one was in St Ives. So rare was it - that Richard Dalrymple-Hay, NSW's first Commissioner of Forests acquired it as a demonstration forest. This became known as the Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve. In 1934 Annie Wyatt - later to become the founder of the National Trust - led a community campaign to save this endangered forest patch. Then again in 2007 the community led another campaign to acquire two privately owned blocks of land in the forest. Celebrate the 10th anniversary of saving this forest and how it continues to this day to be an inspiration for protecting Sydney's forests.

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Blue Gum High Forest Walk @ Turramurra to Pymble

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Sunday 14 May, 2017, 9.45 am for 10am start – meet in front of Turramurra Railway Station Ticket Office. Finish 12noon

Walk from Turramurra Railway Station to Pymble Railway Station along the North Shore ridgeline where Sydney's remaining Blue Gum High forests are. Visit Sheldon Forest - one of Sydney's rare forests and learn about why it must be fully protected.

More about the walk . . .

Come and learn why Sheldon Forest is so important for Sydney's future population and wildlife. Discover why this magnificent Blue Gum High Forest's protection is so important at a time of climate disruption and biodiversity extinction.

Sheldon Forest is one of Sydney's rarest urban forests. It is within walking distance of not one - but two railway stations - Turramurra and Pymble. The North Shore railway line forms a wildlife corridor that connects Sheldon Forest to other remnant forests in reserves and gardens. This ecologically focused heritage walk explores the unique relationship between the natural & built heritage of Ku-ring-gai and Sydney's forest history. It reveals layers of history—Indigenous, Colonial, Federation, Interwar, as well as revealing Australia's rich biodiverse natural history. Learn why its preservation is so significant in light of today's current environmental crises.

This is a long walk from Turramurra Railway Station to Pymble Railway Station and involves walking up some steep hills. Bring hat, water, snack and wear good walking shoes. Bookings ring Janine Kitson 9498 2402 or 0428 860 623

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Blue Gum High Forest Matters. Ku-ring-gai Matters. Fundraising Lunch @ Pecorino Café, Gordon

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Sunday 21 May, 2017, 12.45 pm start. \$35

Meet at Pecorino Café, 77 Werona Ave, Gordon 2072 NSW, short walk from
Gordon Railway Station (one east side)

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 who will talk on why the Blue Gum High Forest matters so much. Cost \$35

More about the luncheon . . .

In recent years NSW's environment and heritage protection laws have been gutted. Join this lunch to listen to a range of speakers who will provide insight into why Sydney's Blue Gum High Forest continue to matter today and into the future.

This luncheon will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Ku-ring-gai community 'Having a Voice' when two privately owned blocks of land were publically acquired within the Dalrymple Hay Nature Reserve in 2007. This public land acquisition was vital for the long term viability of Sydney's Blue Gum High Forests.

Also celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment's nomination "Ku-ring-gai's Conservation Areas within the Context of the Blue Gum High Forest" when Ku-ring-gai was identified as one of the "Top Ten Heritage at Risk Places in Australia" in 2007.

Join this special fund-raising lunch for the Environmental Defenders Office and celebrate why 'Having a Voice' continues to matter. **BOOKING REQUIRED. Please contact regarding special Dietary Requirements. Includes fundraising for EDO and Raffle Prizes.**

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