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# Turrumurra to Sheldon Forest Walk



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2015 FOKE Turrumurra Heritage Walk



Aerial photograph of Turrumurra Railway Station, Turrumurra Village Park, Turrumurra Lookout Park, 'Hillyview' and Hillyview Heritage Conservation Area — bounded by Pacific Hwy, Bassingpoint Road and Boyd Street, Turrumurra.



Aerial photograph of Sheldon Forest bounded by Pacific Hwy, North Shore Railway corridor, Jubilee Avenue, Warrigal Street.

*Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment was formed in 1994 to defend and promote Ku-ring-gai's cultural and natural heritage.*

# Turrumurra to Sheldon Forest

Sheldon Forest is one of Sydney's rarest urban forests. Uniquely it is in walking distance not only from one railway station - Turrumurra – but also Pymble. The railway line forms an environmental corridor from Sheldon Forest to other reserves and forest remnants in garden settings.

The walk from Turrumurra Railway Station to Sheldon Forest showcases the unique relationship between the natural & built heritage of Ku-ring-gai. It also reveals layers of history—Indigenous, Colonial, Federation, Interwar, as well as revealing Australia's rich natural history.

Turrumurra is well known for its magnificent views. The Aboriginal word 'Turrumurra' means 'big hill' because of its location on one of the highest points on the North shore ridgeline. Turrumurra's most significant building— 'Hillview' is named because of its views towards Sydney's Botany Bay. The 'Turrumurra Lookout Park' is similarly named because of its views. Even pocket parks such as 'Turrumurra Village Park' provide important 'green viewline' from the 1890 Turrumurra railway station to 'Hillview'.

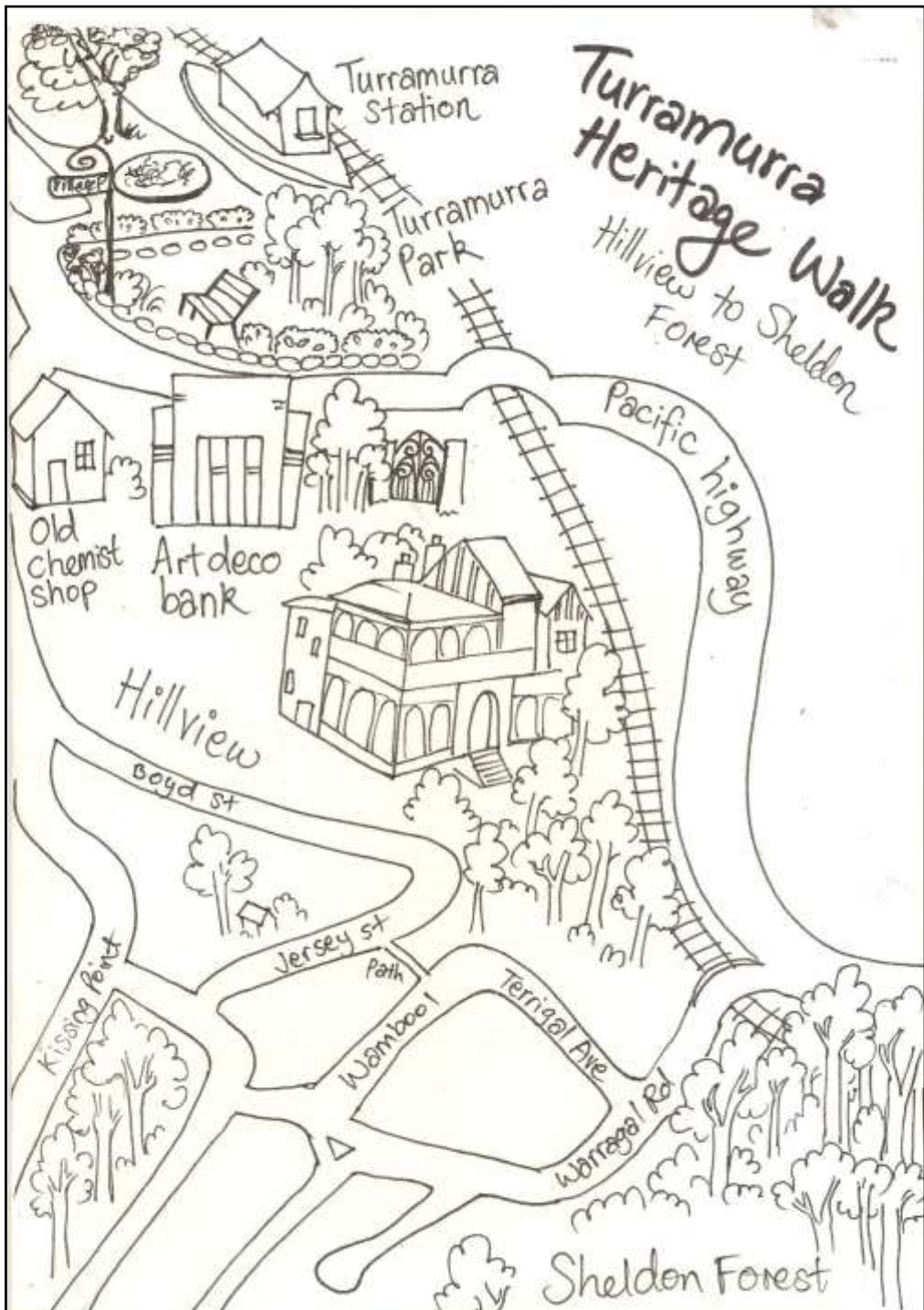
Recently the heritage of 'Hillview' has been extended to include the 1930s Commonwealth Bank, 1900s shop, the original chemist shop, and an early duplex in Boyd Street. This Hillview Heritage Conservation Area provides a rare opportunity to physically experience Turrumurra's many layers of history that includes the timbergetters that built early Sydney, the first land grants, the orchards, the health movement of the late Victorian period that established health retreats, guest and boarding houses. Today the site continues to be used for the community's health.

The FOKE walk proceeds into a valley of interwar bungalows and gardens, set in a landscape of remnant forest until it reaches the magnificent Sheldon Forest that contains the original soils to support this extremely rare Blue Gum High Forest (BGHF) and Sydney Turpentine Ironbark Forest (STIFF).

Medium density rezoning adjoining Sheldon Forest, and even recreational zoning within Sheldon Forest threatens the integrity of one of Sydney's rarest urban forests at its most valuable and vulnerable point – the narrow section—that is the last piece of Blue Gum High Forest to stretch to the Pacific Highway. FOKE is concerned that a recreational zoning within Sheldon Forest will fail to protect the forest for "perpetuity" as the recent BioBanking Agreement promises.

Instead of zoning for environmental protection, this unique landscape is still treated as 'grey field'. This attitude fails to acknowledge the contemporary crises of extinction, biodiversity loss and climate change. The walk will explain the threatening processes of fragmentation, canopy loss and habitat loss.

If we lose this heritage we will progressively lose our national identity.



## FUTURE EVENTS:

### FOKE at the Café Talk *Biodiversity Matters. Ku-ring-gai Matters*

**Sunday 8 May, 2016** 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 talk on why biodiversity matters so much in Ku-ring-gai. **Cost \$30** Meet at **1pm** Pecorino Café, 77 Werona Ave, Gordon 9498 8020. **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING** ring (02) 9498 2402 or Mobile 0428 860 623.



### Bushcare at Sheldon Forest

Sunday 15 May, 2016 9am-12noon. Help care for the rare biodiversity of this Blue Gum High Forest. Bushcare for Sheldon Forest is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Enter via Warragal Road, Turramurra or Jubilee Avenue, Pymble. New members welcome Ph 9449 1448.



### FOKE Public Forum —Fighting to Retain Local Democracy

Wednesday 25 May, 8pm All welcome to attend. Hear a range of speakers—including Ku-ring-gai Mayor Cr Cheryl Szatow—lifting the lid on the Baird's Government's forced amalgamation agenda that threatens local democracy. Kilaru Uniting Church Hall, Killara, Corner Karranga Ave & Arnold St, Killara

### Paddy Pallin & Tom Moppett *Ku-ring-gai bushwalkers who walked for Conservation*

Tuesday 24 May, 2016 10.30 am-12.30 pm **FREE** Meet at Lindfield Uniting Church, where the Lindara Markets meet, Cnr Pacific Highway & Provincial Road, Lindfield. Undercroft space under Hall. Enter from Pacific Hwy driveway. Bookings essential for catering purposes. Contact Lorraine Prowse 9417 5546.



### Allen Strom & Allan Fox—untiring allies in conservation & education

**SATURDAY 4 JUNE, 2016 10am-12 pm Cost \$35** Bookings essential. Contact WEA, SYDNEY Ph: (02) 9264 2781 E: [info@weasydney.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@weasydney.nsw.edu.au) [www.weasydney.com.au](http://www.weasydney.com.au)



### Lions Club of Ku-ring-gai—Community Service to the Environment Award—Janet Harwood

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

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### FOKE Membership Form

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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

Membership Fee

Annually January—December

Ordinary

\$10

Concession (student/senior citizen)

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