

Initiating the Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion

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A wonderland of natural and cultural heritage.

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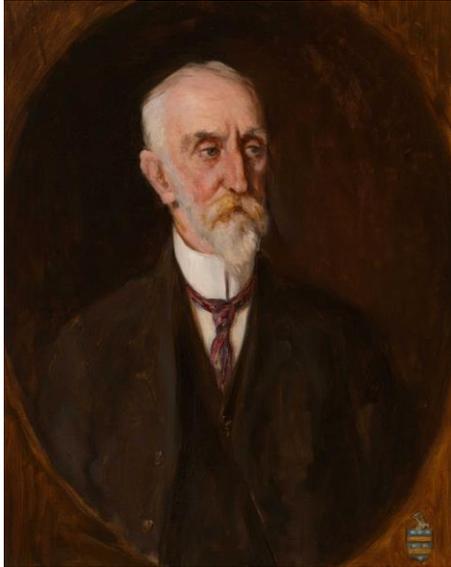


Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment

- Commenced in 1994
- Dedicated to the conservation and protection of Ku-ring-gai's built and natural environment and heritage.
- In 2018 embarked on an objective to add extra protections to, and increase awareness of, Ku-ring-gai's existing natural heritage ...specifically Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

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Ku-ring-gai's Conservationists



Eccleston Du Faur
(1832-1915)
Passionate Advocate
for Ku-ring-gai Chase
National Park,
created in 1894.



Annie Wyatt (1885-1961)
Established the National Trust
Movement in Australia. Founded Ku-
ring-gai Tree Lovers League in 1927.

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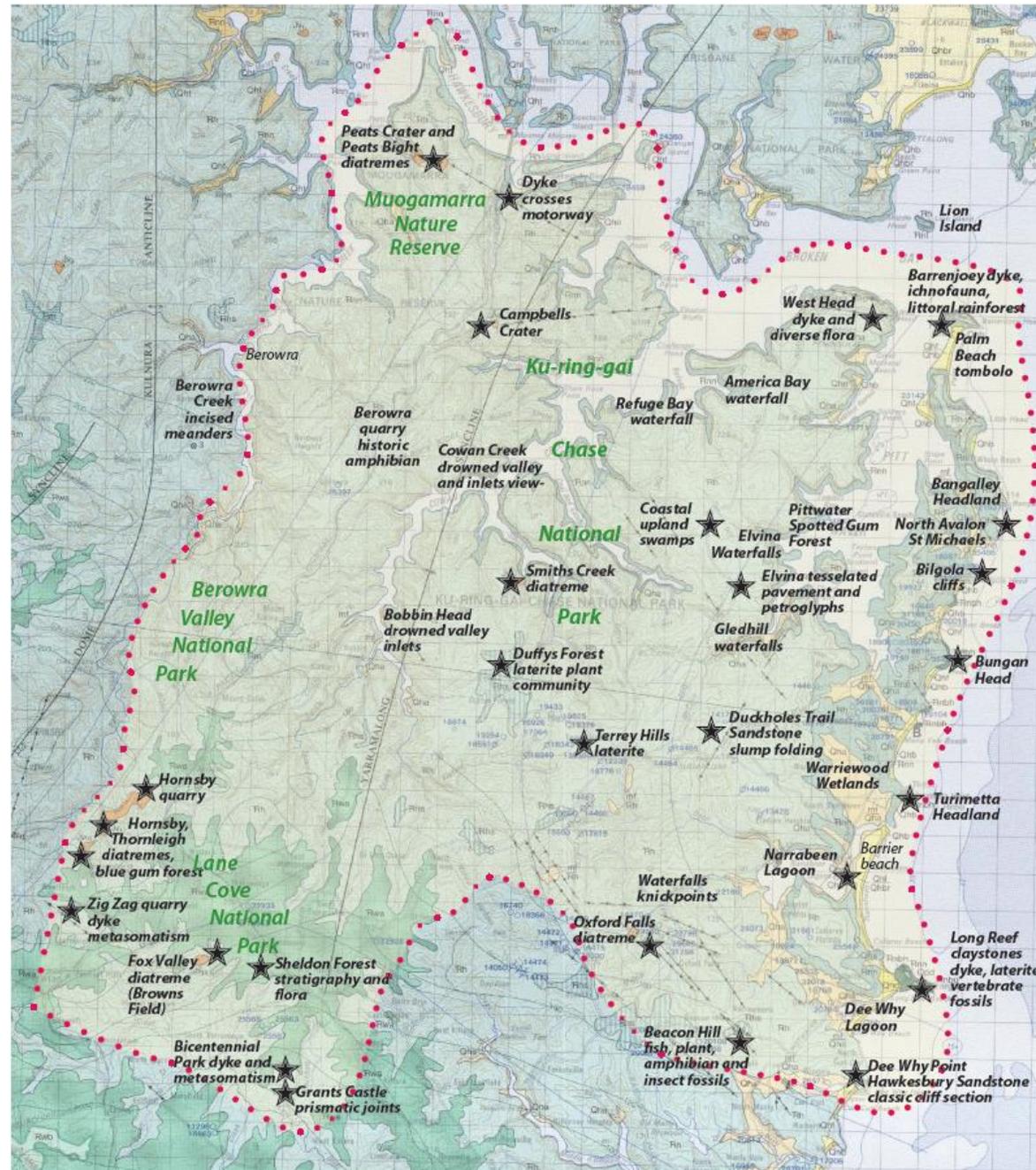


The Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion (KGR)

- Aims to build on the area's recognised natural and cultural values, its biodiversity, Aboriginal heritage, and significant geology.
- Area extends from Berowra Valley, from the Hawkesbury river to northern Lane Cove, and east to the Northern Beaches coastline north of Dee Why to Barrenjoey.
- Approximately half is located within existing national parks, i.e., Muogammarra, Berowra Valley, Lane Cove, Garigal, and centrally Ku-ring-gai Chase.

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- Over 50 geologically significant sites.
- 1424 recorded Aboriginal sites
- Outstanding biodiversity values
- Rare and unique flora and fauna





Physiography of the KGR

- Comprises the sandstone and shale landscapes of the Sydney Basin including the coast, estuaries, and plateau.
- Contains some of the richest examples of indigenous occupation and connection to Country anywhere in Australia.
- Occupies a land mass of some 38,400 ha, comprising forest, woodlands, shrubland, developed areas, some 5,060 ha of estuaries and coastal embayments, and approximately 27 km of coastline.
- Includes part of a dissected sandstone plateau known as the Hornsby Plateau, with the highest point near Cowan at 235m above sea-level.



Conservation and Education

- FOKE believes that raising the awareness of the natural and cultural heritage of our area will lead to better conservation and protection outcomes.
- The UNESCO Global Geoparks program, rather than the World Heritage program, represents a far more achievable outcome to meet these objectives.
- Education remains key via school programs and increasing awareness of our surrounds among our new residents.
- What we value, we protect.

Welcome to the KGR

Through the courtesy of Dr Peter Mitchell and John Illingsworth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOzka7xbrLQ>



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