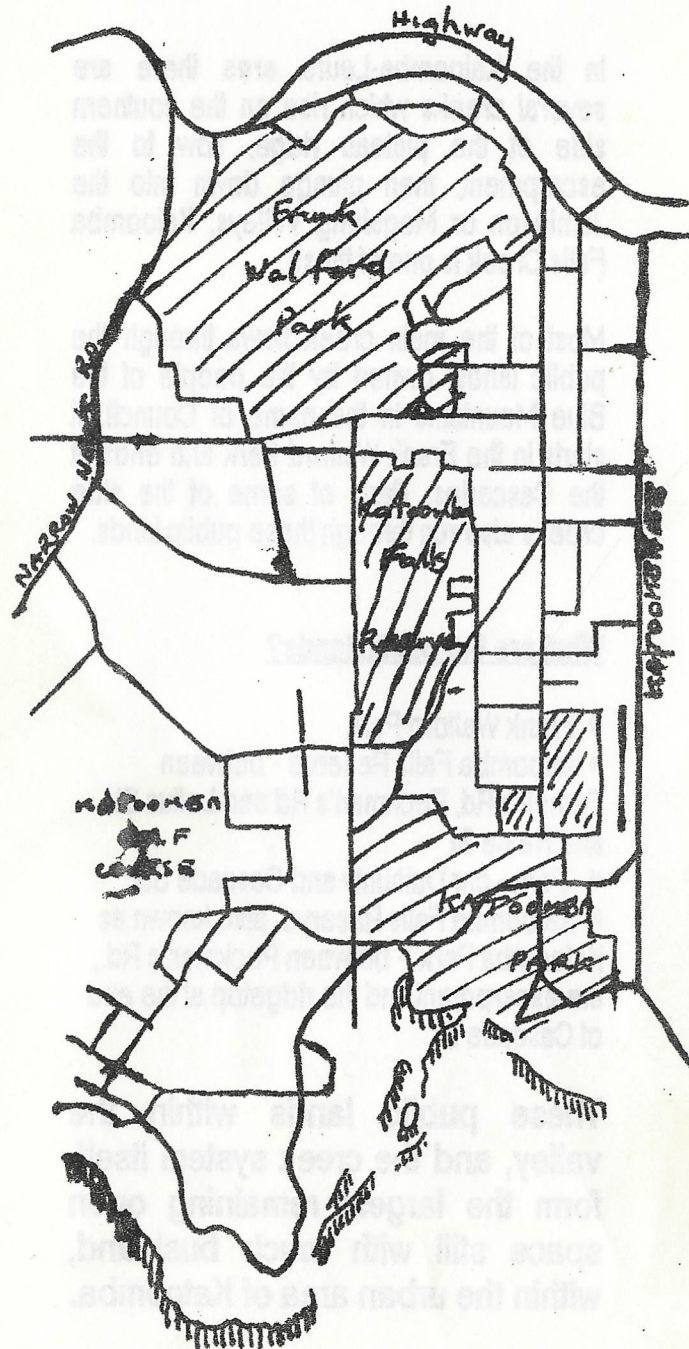


SKETCH MAP OF THE AREA



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- * an opportunity for residents of the valley to share in protecting the environment of the valley, especially the public lands
- * sharing information about the public lands
- * sharing ideas about the best uses of Frank Walford Park and other public lands, for residents and also for visitors
- * discuss current uses of Frank Walford Park and other public lands and the concerns of residents
- * decide on goals for the public lands in the Katoomba Falls Creek valley and how to achieve these goals

COME TO A MEETING

OF

RESIDENTS

OF

THE VALLEY OF

KATOOMBA FALLS CREEK

(from Frank Walford Park to
Katoomba Falls cascades)

Meeting called by:

Andrea Clark, Maria Kriesler, Olive and
Margaret Gunning, Joe Murolo, Glenda
Host, Grace and Tom Tooth, Susan Barrett,
John Rule, Neil Stuart

THE VALLEY OF KATOOMBA FALLS CREEK

WHEN?

Sunday, November 19th
2.00pm to 4.00pm

WHERE?

In the large shed in the backyard of 19 Waratah St (corner of Waratah St and Cascade Streets - side entrance off Cascade St)

Note: No chairs are provided - bring your own chair or cushion or stand or sit on floor

WHY THIS MEETING?

A group of 11 residents met on October 15 to share their concerns. They agreed to work together to get car racing, motor-bike racing, go-cart racing stopped from Frank Walford Park, to have Frank Walford Park protected as a bushland reserve, preferably with Open Space Environmental Protection zoning, perhaps with walking trails, functioning as a native plant botanic garden, and for the whole valley to be managed as an entire system protecting the natural environment of the valley. They agreed to have another meeting involving other interested residents in the valley.

In the Katoomba-Leura area there are several creeks which rise on the southern side of the plateau ridge, flow to the escarpment, then plunge down into the Jamieson or Megalong Valleys. Katoomba Falls Creek is one of these.

Most of the main creek flows through the public lands, owned by the people of the Blue Mountains in the name of Council. It starts in the Frank Walford Park and ends at the Cascades. Parts of some of the side creeks also run through these public lands.

What are the public lands?

- * Frank Walford Park
- * Katoomba Falls Reserve - between Farnell's Rd, Peckman's Rd and Loftus St and Neale St
- * Park - cnr Dulhunty and Cascade Sts
- * Katoomba Falls Reserve also known as Katoomba Park - between Peckman's Rd., the escarpment and the ridgetop at the end of Cascade St

These public lands within the valley, and the creek system itself, form the largest remaining open space still with much bushland, within the urban area of Katoomba.

Present Uses of Lands within the Valley

We all have a fairly good idea what the public lands in the valley are being used for now. We all know some of the lands are being used for residences.

Some lands are vacant, partly cleared or not cleared - are these public lands or not? We need to know.

The lands are also a wildlife corridor, especially for birds. They are a refuge for many birds of the plateau.

The lands contain hanging swamps, important plant communities. They are necessary.

What Might The Public Lands Be Used For?

One of the main purposes of this meeting is to get our answer to this question. Legally, the uses permitted are decided by zoning. All the information about current zoning, zoning intended by the draft Environmental Management Plan, will be shared at the meeting. We will discuss and decide the zoning preferred by the meeting.