

## FRIENDS OF KATOOMBA FALLS CREEK VALLEY.

The Friends were formed at a public meeting on 10 December, 1989.

The Aims of the Friends are:

- (1) to ensure that the natural environment of the Katoomba Falls Creek Valley is protected from damaging development.
- (2) to ensure that the public lands in the Valley remain public lands in perpetuity and are managed in such a way that the natural environment of the Valley is protected from damaging development.
- (3) to ensure that the Katoomba Falls Creek, feeder creeks and associated hanging swamps and Valley swamps be unpolluted.
- (4) to ensure the public lands in the Valley be given environmental protection zoning, especially the Frank Walford Park section, and the middle section known as Katoomba Falls Reserve, be included in the Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan, as environmentally sensitive lands.
- (5) to ensure the rehabilitation of scoured, eroded, and damaged areas, especially in the Frank Walford Park and middle sections of the Valley, and especially the swamps, with special attention to the elimination of exotic weeds and plant pests and to revegetation.

Our vision for this Valley include:

- (a) bushland open space in the midst of urban Blue Mountains.
- (b) maintenance of water quality and flow feeding Katoomba Creek, Katoomba Cascades and Falls.
- (c) a passive recreation amenity acessible to residents and visitors.
- (d) preservation of a significant part of our Aboriginal and European settlement heritage.
- (e) environmental protection for all the public lands in this Valley.

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