

RECORD OF PUBLIC MEETING AT KATOOMBA CIVIC CENTRE,  
KATOOMBA ST., ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Chairperson: Neil Stuart

Present: (see attached list)

Apologies: (see attached list)

Introduction

The chairperson introduced the meeting and the agenda.

Each person introduced herself/himself.

Speakers

Tom Wood of Wells St. and Pat Nicholson of Wailialda St. each briefly spoke of how they see the valley as significant.

Decisions

- . agreed unanimously that the meeting endorse the proposal placed before it by residents of Katoomba Falls Creek valley, the proposal being that:
  - a) the residents carry out a preliminary Environmental Study of the valley, which shall include a detailed study of the Frank Walford Park section of the valley, including at least the topography, watercourses and hanging swamps, bird and animal life, plant life, an archeological survey of Aboriginal occupation, an archeological survey of former industrial uses;
  - b) the residents seek funding from appropriate sources to carry out a full Environmental Study of the valley, completing the work carried out in the preliminary study, the funding to be administered on behalf of the residents under the auspices of either CORE or the Upper Blue Mountains Conservation Society;
  - c) both the preliminary Study and the final Study shall assess the impacts of the existing uses on the valley and shall assess the significance of the valley to the Blue Mountains community, with special reference to the residents of the valley and the people of Katoomba generally;
  - d) the outcomes of the preliminary Study and of the final Study shall be reported to the residents of the valley who have formed themselves together to make this proposal;
  - e) 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, and be included in the Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan, as has been done with other environmentally sensitive lands;

- f) the preferred uses for the public lands in the valley be passive recreation uses which don't conflict with the environmental protection objective for the valley.
- agreed that this meeting of residents form itself as the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley.
  - agreed that the aims of the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley be:
    - to ensure that the natural environment of the Katoomba Falls Creek valley is protected from damaging development
    - 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
    - to ensure that the Katoomba Falls Creek, feeder creeks and associated hanging swamps and valley swamps be unpolluted
    - 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, and be included in the Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan, as environmentally sensitive lands
    - 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 to elimination of exotic weeds and plant pests and to revegetation.
  - agreed that the working group set up by the meeting of residents be authorised by this meeting, formed as Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley, to take necessary action to implement the proposal adopted by this meeting and other decisions of the meeting and to further the aims of the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley.
  - agreed that the working group have the power to involve other residents and resource persons as needed.
  - agreed that the Friends of Katoomba Falls Creek Valley meet again on January 21, 1990, to receive progress reports and make further decisions.

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- agreed that Council be informed of what is proposed by this meeting and be requested to take necessary action to give environmental protection zoning to public lands in the valley, especially the Frank Walford Park section and the middle section known as Katoomba Falls Reserve, and to include these lands in the Stage 1 Environmental Management Plan, as environmentally sensitive lands, and, further, that this communication be sent to Commissioner Simpson.
- agreed that this meeting issue a press release regarding the meeting and the decisions taken, authorising Grant Solomon, Sheridah Melvin and Carol Proberts to draft the press release.
- agreed that this meeting refer to the working group the question of whether to negotiate with Council for formation of a 530A Committee.

Attendance List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Barbara Sutherland	7 Warriga St.	4
Lorelle Sutton	44 Cascade St.	
Andrea Clark	11 Pine St.	
Margaret Gunning	248 Bathurst Rd.	2
Ray Clulow	2 Sherman Ave.	5
Susan Barrett	252 Bathurst Rd.	
Mark Cannpn	16 Murri St.	5
Sue Capilli	14 Murri St.	10
Tom Tooth	17 Wells St	
Maria Kreisler	47 Loftus St.	5
Heather Smith	79 Cascade St.	5
Clyde Nicholson	8 Warialda St.	5
Pat Nicholson	8 Warialds St.	
Ross Davidson	31 Waratah St.	5
Ann Nikolzev	131 Cascade St.	5
Beverley Wallace	30 Walgett St.	5
Joe Murdolo	31 Peckmans Rd.	4
Carol Probets	21 Wells St.	
Les Petö	10 Lower Wells St.	5
Rosemary Brister	10 Lower Wells St.	
Jim Angel	40 Ninth Ave.	5
Neil Stuart	19 Waratah St.	5
Glenda Host	32 Carlton St.	10
Des Barrett	252 Bathurst Rd.	
Norman Sims	17 Leichhardt St.	
John Gibbs	32 Walgett St.	5
Alwyn Stanyon	123 Cascade St.	2
S.J.Fallows	34 Govett St.	5
Grant Solomon	10A Murri St.	5
Sheridah Melvin	158 Station St., Blackheath	4
Stuart James	The Barn, Shipley Rd., Shipley	
Geoff Young		

Apologies

John Rule	
Peter Quirk	
Bob Blakemore	
Norm & Des Mulcahy	20
Leigh Taylor	
Gayle Davidson	
Dorothy Riley	
Ellis & Marjory Davidson	
Dian Jacobus	
Grace Tooth	
Clive Gunning	

Total 126

<u>Financial Statement</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Balance/Surplus c/fwd 19/11	27.90	
Donations 10/12	133.00	Hall Hire 45.00
		Ad. 15.00
	<u>160.90</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Balance/Surplus c/fwd 10/12	100.90	