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Explore the wonders of Currawong at open day – Sunday 29 May

NSW Primary Industries Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Pittwater, Rob Stokes have encouraged the public to explore the wonders of Currawong, when this significant part of the Pittwater has an open day this Sunday (29 May).

Currawong is a 23 hectare bushland and beachfront hideaway and is located at the northern end of Pittwater on the edge of Sydney's spectacular Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

“The whole community is invited to come and see for themselves this unique site that has been brought back into public ownership,” Katrina Hodgkinson said.

“As the centerpiece of the soon to be created Pittwater State Park, Currawong will offer unique, affordable holiday options for families, conference and recreational facilities, while at the same time protecting its wonderful natural bushland setting.

“The open day will include free sausage sizzles at Palm Beach wharf, complimentary return ferry trips, as well as guided tours of Currawong by the Manly-Warringah-Pittwater Historical Society,” Katrina said.

Katrina Hodgkinson said the NSW Government is now working cooperatively with Pittwater Council in establishing a new state park based on Currawong to be known as Pittwater State Park.

“This means that the area is of importance and value to the people of New South Wales,” Katrina said.

“The NSW Government is committed to ensuring Currawong remains a people’s paradise for future generations to share and enjoy.”

Pittwater mayor, Harvey Rose, said the open day is an opportunity for the public to celebrate Currawong’s return to public ownership.

“The open day will give everyone a chance to experience the magic of Currawong,” Mayor Rose said.

“We also want to take this opportunity to thank those who have consistently kept Currawong in the public eye and led the fight tirelessly against over-development of the site, such as Pittwater MP Rob Stokes and Friends of Currawong,” he said.

As an interim measure, Pittwater Council will manage Currawong and be responsible for its day-to-day operations.

The open day, hosted jointly by the Crown Lands division of the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Pittwater Council, will commence at 10am.

Residents are reminded that there is very limited parking at Palm Beach wharf.

A free shuttle bus from 9.45am will run to and from the wharf from Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach. The L90 bus also runs from the city to Palm Beach wharf.

For more information on bus times visit www.131500.com.au or phone 131 500.

Residents are also requested to leave their dogs at home, as dogs are prohibited on the Currawong site.

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