



## **Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion Project – Steering Committee Members**

The Steering Committee for the creation and development of the Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion comprises individuals with strong geology, geoscience, flora and local fauna experience, project management and marketing expertise, and cultural knowledge from a Garigal representative.

### **Ursula Bonzol BCom (Mktg), DipFinPlan, FAICD, (CHAIR)**

Ursula has been a committee member of Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE) since 2009. With 35 years experience in strategy development, marketing and management of major projects, Ursula has worked in General Manager positions for some of Australia's largest corporations. These companies include MBF Health Insurance and MLC Investments, Insurance and Superannuation. *Contact: [ubonzol@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ubonzol@yahoo.com.au)*

### **Bob Conroy BA, GradDipEnvStudies, MMgt, MAICD**

Bob has 50 years of experience in protected area management in operational, executive and advisory roles. Bob is a member of the NSW Bush Fire Coordinating Committee, the Rural Fire Service Advisory Council, the National Parks and Wildlife (NPW) Advisory Council and the NPW Greater Sydney Advisory Committee. Bob is a RFS Deputy Captain, a member of WCPA, an expert assessor under the IUCN Green List program and a Churchill Fellow. As a Director of ARRDENT Pty Ltd, Bob has also undertaken environmental and planning reviews for Australian protected area agencies and rural fire authorities and is a bushwalking guide for local government.

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### **Frederick Cook, BSc, BEcon, MGeoscience, GradCertMan, FAusIMM (CP), PGeo**

Fred holds geology, geomorphology and economics qualifications. He has held positions in both the private and public sectors during his working career. Fred has undertaken resources exploration for mining companies across Australia, Papua New Guinea and Canada. In the public sector Fred has held the positions of Principal Mineral Economist in the Geological Surveys of NSW and South Australia with responsibility for economic assessment of resources policies and projects, marketing, and project proponent liaison. Subsequently, Fred worked in the Primary Industries and Energy Department in Canberra on primary production R&D funding, and vetting coal exports. Fred managed House of Representatives Committee inquiries and carried out research for the Australian Parliament as Director of Science, Technology, Environment and Resources. *Contact: [eartheconx@gmail.com](mailto:eartheconx@gmail.com)*

### **Rob Corkery. B Appl Sc, M Appl Sc**

Rob has qualifications in geology and environmental science and worked for the Geological Survey of NSW for 10 years and his own consulting business for 40 years focusing on industrial minerals, particularly brick-making raw materials and environmental management for proposed and operating mines and quarries. Whilst much of Rob's focus over many years has been upon environmental matters, he is now enjoying greater involvement with geological matters and education. Rob is a volunteer with the Chase Alive Volunteer Program within the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and contributes to the appreciation of geological features throughout the National Park and with other NPWS guided walks in the Sydney area. *Contact: [robert.corkery@yahoo.com.au](mailto:robert.corkery@yahoo.com.au)*

### **John Martyn PhD**

John completed his doctorate on Kenya Rift Valley geology and has carried out numerous geological assignments in Australia, and places as distant as Uruguay, the Gobi Desert and West Africa. The topics of his professional papers range from the East African Rift Valley to the Mauritanides of West Africa, published in science journals such as Nature, Precambrian Research, Journal of African Earth Sciences, and Australian Journal of Earth Sciences. Now many years retired, he guided the creation of detailed bushwalking maps of greater northern Sydney and produced the full colour books Sydney's Natural World, Field Guide to the Bushland of the Lane Cove Valley, Understanding the Weather and Rocks and Trees, all published by STEP, a group of which he is a long-standing committee member. He is currently employed by and leads bushwalks for Hornsby Shire Council. *Contact: [johnmartyn3@icloud.com](mailto:johnmartyn3@icloud.com)*

## **Peter Mitchell PhD, OAM**

Peter has qualifications in geology, geomorphology, soil science and environmental management. He retired as Head of the Department of Physical Geography at Macquarie University and spent several years contract teaching Summer Schools and as an Erskine Fellow at the University of Canterbury (NZ). He also taught resource and environmental management and landscape interpretation courses for NSW TAFE, and archaeologists. Peter has been consulting for 25 years on geomorphology, pedology, and heritage matters to clients including government agencies, local governments, developers, and consulting archaeologists. He is the author of 60 scientific publications and 130 contracted reports. *Contact:* [pbm4371@gmail.com](mailto:pbm4371@gmail.com)

## **Angus M Robinson BSc, FAusIMM (CP), MAICD**

An exploration geologist by profession, Angus established Leisure Solutions® in 1993 and joined Ecotourism Australia as a member. Since 2011, he has led geotourism development for the Geological Society of Australia, establishing the Geotourism Standing Committee, and now serving in a pro-bono capacity as the Coordinator, National Geotourism Strategy (Geotourism Australia) for the AGC. He has also been engaged as an eco-certified tour operator in Queensland's Scenic Rim. Angus is also a long-standing member of FOKE. Prior to 2008, Angus worked in advanced manufacturing, technology diffusion, tourism attraction, and mining industry related roles in an executive capacity. Angus is also a member of FOKE and a member of the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife. *Contact:* [angus@leisuresolutions.com.au](mailto:angus@leisuresolutions.com.au)

## **David Robson BSc, GradDipGeophysics, GradCertMan**

David Robson is an exploration minerals geophysicist with extensive experience working throughout Australia and Asia. Recently, David retired as Chief Geophysicist from the Geological Survey of New South Wales, and in later years was also Manager of the Regional Mapping and Exploration Geoscience Group. Since retiring, David was instrumental in the compilation and publication of Edition 2 of the NSW Geotourism Map. David is a member of the Geological Society of Australia and chairs the Geotourism Standing Committee. He is also the Goal Leader of the Geotrails Working Group in the newly formed National Geotourism Strategy being implemented by the AGC. Through both these roles, David is guiding the establishment of geotrails throughout Australia. *Contact:* [robodavidf@gmail.com](mailto:robodavidf@gmail.com)

## **Cultural Advisor:**

### **Brad Twynham**

Brad is a proud Garigal man of the Kari language group otherwise known as the Broken Bay Tribe. A descendant of Bidy Salamander (Sarah Lewis or Bidy Lewis), sister of Bowen Bungaree and daughter of Bungaree, his family has been living sustainably in and around the Derubin (Hawkesbury) River since long before European settlement. Born in Milsons Passage, his love for Country and Cultural understanding of his ancestry has been developed throughout his life. He is now a well known Speaker and Author in Corporate and First Nations Leadership and Technology. Brad sits on a number of Boards and Committees including the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network, Central Coast Montessori Primary School and the Central Coast Council Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee.

## **Specialist Adviser:**

### **Jayden Walsh BBiodivers Conserv**

Jayden Walsh has extensive knowledge of the natural history of NSW with the Sydney Basin Bioregion being his speciality following a decade of practical and theoretical research. Jayden has delivered lectures about, and led nature-based tours within the Ku-ring-gai GeoRegion to many thousands of people on behalf of Northern Beaches Council, Pittwater Natural Heritage Association, Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment, Cumberland Bird Observers Club, Birding NSW, Wildthings NSW, Oatley flora & fauna conservation society, and through independently led tours. Jayden has published in *Australian Field Ornithology*, has photographic works published by Australia Post, works as an Ecologist for several ecological consultancies, and was the 2021 *NSW Birdwatching Big Year* record holder.