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Media Release

National Trust Preserves Local Blue Gum High Forest

In the early 20th century majestic Blue Gums dominated the ridge lines in northern and north-western Sydney. Today only small remnants remain and the vegetation known as Blue Gum High Forest is protected under the Threatened Species Conservation Act.

One such pocket of bushland is the Ludovic Blackwood Memorial Sanctuary which is managed and owned by the National Trust of NSW.

The 1.4 hectare sanctuary is a green haven for wildlife in an area surrounded by busy roads and development. The site is near the top of a ridge and has been closed to public access for many years. Its relative isolation has helped protect the site from degrading factors such as contaminated stormwater, dog droppings, fertilisers and rubbish. The Forest is being actively restored by National Trust volunteers and trained bush regenerators and around 140 plant species have been identified on the site.

The National Trust is hosting an open day for the public to visit this Blue Gum High Forest. It is a chance to wander among the towering gums and get a sense of what our local landscape would have been like before the urban sprawl.

There will be a free guided walk at 10am on Sunday 13th April 2008.

Booking is essential as numbers are restricted.

The Ludovic Blackwood Memorial Sanctuary is located near the corner of Beecroft & Pennant Hills Roads, Beecroft.

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