

The Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) met at the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Blue Mountains Region Office, Katoomba on Friday 5 February 2010 and heard from some of the Region's team about their role in reviewing the Blue Mountains, Kanangra-Boyd and Wollemi Plans of Management, the new EcoPass Commercial Licensing system, and the Discovery Program with its expanded Aboriginal Discovery Ranger program.

Advisory Committee members and observers, NPWS, Katoomba

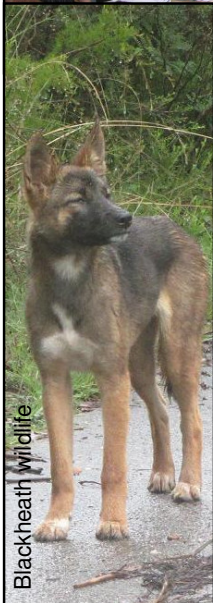


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The Committee discussed the review of the preparation of the GBMWA Statement of Outstanding Universal Significance, the Australian World Heritage Intergovernmental Agreement, the outcomes of the review of the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act*, the periodic report due to the World Heritage Committee in 2011, and congratulated the staff on community responsible for the Living Country Culture Camp 2009 held at Jenolan.

The Committee reconvened to the NPWS Heritage Centre, Blackheath on Saturday 6 February and heard from Tim Lanyon, Project Planning Officer with the Blue Mountains Walking Track Team on the works of the Walking Track Team in the Blue Mountains area. The Committee then viewed the National Pass Walking Track Heritage Conservation Project DVD

The Committee were joined by Adrienne Keane, PhD researcher and John Haydon from the Blue Mountains Conservation Society for morning tea and discussions on the Committee's role and activities.



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The May 2010 meeting of the Advisory Committee will be at the Mount Tomah Botanic Garden focusing on interpretation/adventure tourism and volunteering.

Community are invited to attend a morning tea with members of the Advisory Committee from 11.00am Saturday 8 May at the Mount Tomah Botanic Garden, Bells Line of Road, Mt Tomah to discuss local issues and visit the exciting new Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Exhibition Centre.

The GBMWA Advisory Committee is made up of scientific, technical, Aboriginal and community members appointed by the State and Commonwealth Environment Ministers. The Strategic Plan for the Area is used by the Committee to guide its operations and in providing advice to those Ministers regarding issues relevant to the Area.

The Advisory Committee meets quarterly in different locations around the million hectares of spectacular national parks and reserves that comprise the GBMWA, recognised and protected for its outstanding universal values.

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