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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE meeting update February 2017

The Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) Advisory Committee met in February 2017 at Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural & Education Centre near Penrith with a focus on fire.

Darug woman Erin Wilkins and Cultural and Community Liaison Officer Welcomed the committee for their meeting and Peter Chia introduced the programs of Muru Mittigar.

In support of the meeting's fire theme, the Committee received presentations from:

- Assoc Prof Scott Mooney, University of NSW about the holocene fire history of the GBMWA, a long-term perspective on fire: lessons for contemporary natural resource management;
- Glenn Meade, Area Manager Hawkesbury who provided an overview of wild and hazard reduction fires across the GBMWA in recent years and responses by the Enhanced Bushfire Management Program;
- Donald MacDonald, Fire Incident Management Team, OEH who described the NPWS master fire management strategy; and
- Andrew Jones, Rural Fire Service Bush Fire Risk Management Plan about the development of Bush Fire Risk Management Plans with Bush Fire Coordinating Committee and Local Bush Fire Management Committees.



The Committee agreed to adopt the former Committee's program and priorities:

- reservation of Gardens of Stone Stage II;
- implementation and mid-term review of the GBMWA Strategic Plan
- co-management, especially through finalisation and adoption of the Co-management Strategic Plan
- planning instrument zonings and provisions for adjacent land
- progressing the National Heritage List re-assessment



And to incorporate the aspirations as minuted at the November 2016 meeting:

- a focus on addressing the cumulative impacts on OUV (the slow erosion of little things over a long period of time), not just the big ticket items of the day;
- appointing the vacant Aboriginal representative;
- a focus on Cultural and geoheritage and buffer zones; and
- good consultation with Aboriginal communities relating to the GBMWA.

The Committee and guests visited Shaws Creek Aboriginal Place in Yellomundee Regional Park and enjoyed hearing cultural stories from Uncle Lex Dadd.

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