The Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWHA) enjoyed a productive meeting at Jenolan Caves on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 August 2013 and very much appreciated an informative presentation of the management of Jenolan Caves, Caves House and the current EOI process from General Manager Sandy McFeeters; the expertly guided tour of the Orient Cave and the Temple of Baal with Manager Cave Operations Dan Cove; and the generous hospitality offered by staff, especially Domino Holbrook-Cove, Manager Corporate, Functions & Events.

The Committee noted, in particular:

- the IUCN’s World Heritage Programme together with the World Commission on Protected Area, is preparing a State of World Heritage Report for natural sites (to be published in 2014), which will provide the first global overview of the Conservation Outlook for all 222 natural and mixed World Heritage sites. This report will appear on the IUCN website: [https://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/wcpa_worldheritage/about_world_heritage/worldheritageoutlook/](https://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/wcpa_worldheritage/about_world_heritage/worldheritageoutlook/)

- the update from various ‘team leaders’ preparing the draft theme-based essays to support the National Heritage List assessment of the additional values of the GBMWHA.


The location was spectacular and it was extremely beneficial for the Advisory Committee members to witness the variety of management challenges and take in the extraordinary beauty and other values of the Caves, Caves House and the surrounding karst landscape.