

The February 2008 meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) was held at Yerranderie with a focus on climate change, science and research in the GBMWA.



← Val Luehde, owner of the 'ghost town' of [Yerranderie](#), hosted the Advisory Committee and their guests at her historic retreat, approximately 20kms west of Lake Burragorang near the Blue Mountains National Park. Val led a short tour of the ghost town and shared her enthusiasm for the early explorers and their relationships with the local Aboriginal people.

The Advisory Committee received informative presentations of a range of topics including the DECC's Climate Change Science program, the [Alps to Atherton](#) Initiative, the [Monitoring for Ecosystem Change project](#) and water quality issues in the Grose Valley catchment of the GBMWA. The Advisory Committee resolved to support these initiatives.

The Advisory Committee welcomed Professor Amareswar Galla, a Technical Advisor to the World Heritage Committee and Madame Allisandra Cummins, Member of the [World Heritage Committee](#) to discuss World Heritage values and presentation at the international level.

Of importance to the six Aboriginal language groups of the GBMWA, the Advisory Committee resolved to support the recommendations of the Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network from its meeting in Cairns, October 2007. In particular, the establishment of an Aboriginal Reference Group for the GBMWA to advise and assist the GBMWA Advisory Committee and hosting the next meeting of AWHIN delegates in the GBMWA in October 2008.

Attendees participated in a tour of the Joorilands site with an informative overview provided by Ranger Duncan Scott-Lawson. →



The May 2008 meeting will be held at Dunns Swamp in the [Wollemi National Park](#) with a focus on Monitoring and Reporting on the values of the GBMWA.

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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