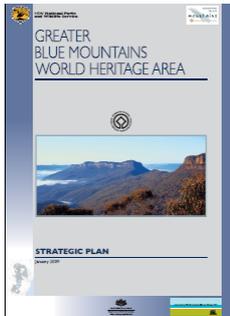




The Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) met at Baerami on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 May at the delightful Baerami Community Hall with a focus on tourism and national parks.

The Advisory Committee resolved to: provide comments on the values statements for the draft Kanangra, Blue Mountains and Wollemi Plans of Management; meet with the Dept Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to discuss the National Heritage List (NHL) assessment process; progress inclusion on Australia's Tentative List and ultimately to seek re-nomination to the World

Heritage List contingent on any new values identified through the NHL assessment process; and to circulate tourism comments to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment, the Minister for Tourism and the National Tourism Steering Committee.



The Advisory Committee was pleased to receive printed copies of the Strategic Plan at its February 2009 meeting and looks forward to the imminent Ministerial launch of the Plan.

The Advisory Committee were joined by several members of the local community for morning tea and for conversations on local issues and the Committee's role.



The Advisory Committee and guests participated in a tour of the Myrtle Trail through Widden Valley, enjoyed lunch at Keith's Lookout and carried on to Olinda near Dunns Swamp. Many thanks to Dave Crust and Lisa Menke, NPWS Mudgee for their assistance.

The August 2009 meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held at Green Gully (Megalong Valley) with a focus on culture and heritage, preceded by the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting.

The Committee and guests at Keith's Lookout



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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