

Thanks to the hospitality of the historic village of St Albans, the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) Advisory Committee held a productive meeting at the [Courthouse B&B](#), followed by a rousing gathering of members of the Macdonald Valley Association and local community who came to discuss local issues at the [Settlers Arms Inn](#).

Ian Brown from Epacris Consultants outlined the Greater Blue Mountains Heritage Interpretation Inventory project and the Committee agreed to review the recommendations and identify which of those sit within the management responses of the GBMWA Strategic Plan so that they can be taken into account in the mid-term review.

The Advisory Committee resolved to:

- prepare a letter to the Australian Government to request advice on how it proposes to engage the Committee in the Badgery's Creek Airport proposal, providing information regarding impacts on the GBMWA including noise, pollution, holding patterns etc.
- submit comments to the Springvale Mine and Tinda Creek Mine Extension Projects
- remind OEH that the Committee be involved in the Horse Riding Strategic Plan process, as previously committed to by the former Minister for the Environment.



The Advisory Committee and guests very much appreciated and enjoyed learning of the history of the Old Great North Road from Devine's Hill with Ranger Sarah Brookes for a tour of one of the 11 sites that make up the Australian Convict Sites inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2010.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nswcultureheritage/TheOldGreatNorthRoad.htm>

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The Advisory Committee acknowledges the Darkinjung, Darug, Dharawal, Gundungurra, Wanaruah and Wiradjuri language groups as the traditional custodians of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.



Representatives of those who share connection to Country form the GBMWA Aboriginal Reference Group who meet regularly to provide advice to the Advisory Committee.

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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