

The November 2007 meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) was held at the Big Yango homestead in [Yengo National Park](#) which focused on Aboriginal co-management issues and included cultural awareness workshop for attendees.

The Indigenous reps on the Committee shared their experiences attending the Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network meeting in Cairns, October 2007. The Committee resolved to support the recommendation from that meeting that the next AWHIN gathering will be hosted in the GBMWA. Den Barber, the Aboriginal Co-management Officer provided an update on [co-management](#) projects and initiatives within and around the GBMWA, which included input from the Regional Manager, Central Coast Hunter Range (CCHR) regarding the CCHR Co-management Committee.



Meeting attendees at Finchley Trig Lookout, Yengo NP

The Committee also heard about the progress of reviewing the Blue Mountains, Kanangra Boyd and Wollemi Park [Plans of Management](#) from Project Officer, Melissa Giese; recommended that a survey and long-term, widespread study of Psyllid-associated dieback (including Bell Minor Associated Die Back) in the GBMWA; and congratulated international student project officer Ona Viliekis on her Indigenous Tourism Masters research project.



Members commented on the excellent Cultural Awareness workshop conducted by Darren Green (Aboriginal Project Officer, DECC) and Lloyd Dolan (Head Teacher, Western Institute of TAFE). and resolved to support ongoing co-management initiatives in and around the GBMWA.

← The Committee participated in a smoking ceremony at the Finchley Trig Aboriginal Place and thanked Wayne Krause and Arthur Fletcher for sharing their knowledge of culture and local Aboriginal sites.

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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