

The Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) met at the [Blue Mountains YHA](#) Katoomba, on Thursday 18 November 2010.

Kate Hammill from the Fire Ecology Unit within DECCW outlined the research of the Monitoring Fire Regimes and Biodiversity in the GBMWA project, which summarises the fire regimes and vegetation of the GBMWA, as well as exploring some of the possible climate change impacts.

Giselle Howard from the Environment Protection Regulation Division of DECCW, provided an insight into the background of DECCW's response to the long wall coal mining industry and resolved to write to the CEO of Centennial Coal congratulating them on their decisions a) not to mine Sunnyside Swamp; and b) to support the creation of the Genowlan Airly State Conservation Area which abuts the GBMWA.

Karen Hartog from the Blue Mountains City Council advised that the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre was progressing well and Randall Walker, Chair of Blue Mountains Tourism Ltd gave the Committee an update on the Greater Blue Mountains Drive and National Landscapes.

The Committee also welcomed Peter Shadie, the new Research Manager of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute who explored the Research Prospectus, developed from a recommendation of the Advisory Committee 12 months prior.



The Committee attended the opening ceremony of the Living Country Culture Camp at The Gully Aboriginal Place, Katoomba on Friday 19 November.



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The Committee accepted the invitation from Broke/Fordwhich Tourism Association to hold its meeting in that region on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 February 2011 and agreed that the existing Committee would join the 'new' Committee for their first meeting in 2011.

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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