The final meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWHA) was held at Ngurra Bu’s Camp Wollombi on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 October 2012 to coincide with the Living Country Culture Camp Yengo 2012 at that location.

The Advisory Committee noted the report from the Chair, Professor Richard Mackay which included his meeting with Minister Parker in May 2012, meeting with Senator Doug Cameron in July, Chairing the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee meeting in August, attending the AC IUCN World Heritage Symposium in Cairns in August, and dealing with a range of correspondence and submissions.

Gary Howling, OEH, gave the Advisory Committee an overview and update on the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative, a continental-scale lifeline to engage people with nature, 2800 km long and extend from the Australian Alps north of Melbourne, Victoria to the Atherton Tablelands to the west and north of Cairns in far north Queensland.

The Committee noted reports and updates on the Phytophthora forum held in June 2012 and resultant report; the Bell Miner Associated Dieback project; Cave Access Protocols for OEH; the GBMWA Aboriginal Co-management Strategic Plan; the Muswellbrook Shire Council ecotourism project; Blue Mountains Bicentenary Crossings project and the OEH Interim Corporate Plan 2012-13.

The AC welcomed and thanked Kate and Peter Hughes, Project Team from the Rescue the Future/Macdonald Valley for their update on the project which has received funding under the Environmental Trust over the next 4 years.

The Committee and guests participated in a site visit to the Wollemi National Park via Thompsons Road at Milbrodale and were guided on an old track along a gully with Martin Fallding and Deon van Rensberg (NPWS) and resolved to express their support for the preparation of planning to progress a walking track at the site.