

The inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) was held at the National Parks and Wildlife Heritage Centre, Blackheath in September 2006. The meeting was planned as an introduction with the opportunity to meet the members, to appreciate the scale of the Area, to hear how current management is working and current issues of concern.

A welcome to country was provided by David King on behalf of the Gundungurra and Jacinta and Jasper Tobin for the Darug Aboriginal people.

The Advisory Committee members were welcomed by Minister Debus who spoke of the importance of the Committee's role in the conservation and promotion of the values of the GBMWA.

Committee Members were joined by observers from the Blue Mountains, Sydney South and Central Coast Hunter Range National Parks Regional Advisory Committees, Area and Regional Managers from the three regions that make up the GBMWA. Director Central, Bob Conroy and Ross Scott of the Department of Environment and Heritage also contributed to the meeting.



Advisory Committee members Wendy Lewis, Jodi Cameron, Haydn Washington, Leigh Williams, Bronwen Johnston, Joan Domicelj (Chair), Lincoln Hall, Richard Mackay, Doug Benson, and Judy Smith with Minister Debus.

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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