

The Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) met at St Albans on Friday 6 and Saturday 7 February, following the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting on Thursday 5 February.

The Advisory Committee resolved to support recommendations from the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting (see the [April 2009 Connections newsletter](#) for more information) regarding repatriation, priority acquisition of private land at Wentworth Falls for its cultural heritage values, interpretation and signage to include more information on the Country of the 6 language groups of the Greater Blue Mountains and that the 2009 [Living Country Culture Camp](#) will be held at Jenolan Caves from Friday 20 to Sunday 22 November.



The Advisory Committee were joined by several members of the local community for afternoon tea (despite the indoor temperature of 41°C) and for conversations on local issues and the Committee's role.



The Advisory Committee participated in a tour of the Old Great North Road, one of the 11 [Convict Sites in Australia's World Heritage serial nomination](#).

The May 2009 meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held at Baerami (Hunter Region) with a focus on tourism and national parks.

Inspection of a section of the Old Great North Road

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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