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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE MAY 2018

The Blue Mountains Region Advisory Committee (RAC) joined the 42nd meeting of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWHA) Advisory Committee at Katoomba to share information and resources and gain a clearer understanding of respective roles and responsibilities of the committees.

The meeting was pleased to note that consultation with owners, occupiers, and Indigenous interests (as required by the EPBC Act) and other stakeholders on the National Heritage List assessment is anticipated to commence during 2018.

The Committee congratulated the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust on the works to upgrade the Jenolan Café and noted the formal opening of the café by the Minister (Hon Gabrielle Upton MP) and local member (the Hon Paul Toole MP) planned for 29th May 2018.

The meeting also congratulated NPWS for the successful Yellomundee Culture Camp 27-29 April 2018 with over 150 participants at Yellomundee Regional Park. It included a celebration of the Shaws Creek Aboriginal Place, workshops on interpretation stories, the Firesticks program, bushcare program, the reformation of an Aboriginal Reference Group and the creation of a reference group for the Shaws Creek Aboriginal Place, see more at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tXIAeQ-4sg>

2020 will see the anniversary of World Heritage listing of the Greater Blue Mountains and the meeting was pleased to hear of plans to celebrate the anniversary from Sabrina Roesner of the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre with the next World Heritage Artist in residence program and agreed to stay informed and involved in celebrations.

All agreed the combined meeting was a success and will plan at least one combined meeting per year in different areas across the GBMWHA/Blue Mountains Branch.



Members visited Echo Point and thanked Dave Crust and NPWS staff for an overview of the current hazard reduction program across the Greater Blue Mountains.

Members enjoyed an historical tour of parts of Katoomba lead by member Ruth Longdin.



The Advisory Committee acknowledges the Darkinjung, Darug, Dharawal, Gundungurra, Wanaruah and Wiradjuri language groups as the traditional custodians of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.



Representatives of those who share connection to Country form the GBMWHA Aboriginal Reference Group who meet regularly to provide advice to the Advisory Committee.

The GBMWHA 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 GBMWHA, recognised and protected for its outstanding universal values.

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