

The May 2008 meeting of the Advisory Committee for the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) was held at Nullo Mountain, near Dunns Swamp, [Wollemi National Park](#), with a focus on monitoring and reporting on the values of the GBMWA.

Advisory Committee members, observers and speakers on Nullo Mt with a view to the south east (left) and at sunset looking west.



At the meeting, Tim Hager, DECC, described the monitoring and reporting strategy that will form the basis of the monitoring program for the values of the GBMWA and the Committee recommended that DECC and the Commonwealth pursue sustained resourcing for effective monitoring.



Dunns Swamp, Wollemi National Park

Ross Scott, Dept Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (C'wth) outlined the periodic reporting process for World Heritage properties in Australia, with the next report due to the World Heritage Committee in 2010-11.

The Committee recommended that the Chair seek meetings with both State and Federal Ministers to discuss Ministerial attendance at a future meeting and the inclusion of the GBMWA on the 'priority list' for the reassessment for additional values on the National Heritage List.

The Committee thanked Professor Paul Tacon (Griffith Uni.) for sharing some experiences from the *Landscapes of Blue Mountains Rock Art* project.

Attendees participated in an informative cruise on the swamp with Ranger Chris Pavitch, followed by an update of the Dunns Swamp Precinct Plan from Lisa Menke, Senior Field Supervisor and an overview of the local Wiradjuri Rock Art with Wendy Lewis.

The August 2008 meeting will be held at Picton with a focus on community engagement regarding the GBMWA.

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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