



PROTECTED AREAS

LEARNING & RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Fostering excellence in governance and management of
protected areas in the Asia Pacific and Oceania regions



Navigating complexity & uncertainty in protected area management

Case study: the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area*

This five-day course takes you into the heart of the Blue Mountains to explore the realities of managing a protected conservation area. You will engage with local practitioners engaged in on-ground conservation to develop an understanding of management challenges. Using a problem-oriented framework you will explore management of threats to the Park's integrity.

The course is offered through the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute as part of the Protected Areas Learning & Research Collaboration www.palrc.com and in partnership with local government agencies.

COURSE CONTENT

The Blue Mountains are a one million hectare World Heritage Area inland from the expanding metropolis of Sydney. The area includes a resident population of about 80,000 people and is intermingled with mixed land use including agriculture, mining and tourism. **This presents a fascinating protected area management challenge with multiple interacting threats and opportunities.**

This course will consider how conservation goals can be achieved, with management decisions informing and balancing ecological, economic, political and socio-cultural factors.

Topics include:

- ◆ Ecosystems, bushfires and introduced species
- ◆ Co-management with Indigenous people
- ◆ Public engagement
- ◆ Government/non-government partnerships
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Urban planning and development
- ◆ Identifying common interests and addressing conflicts

OUTCOMES

Capabilities in understanding and addressing the complexity and uncertainty of large-scale ecosystem management. These skills are widely applicable across the field of conservation and beyond.

KEY FEATURES

- ◆ Practical, on-ground application
- ◆ Extended time in the field engaging with a diversity of practitioners in protected area conservation
- ◆ Case study of nature conservation adjacent to a rapidly expanding metropolis
- ◆ Addressing complexity using an interdisciplinary problem orientation framework. This provides a widely applicable process for defining and addressing problems

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

There are no pre-requisites other than commitment and enthusiasm. Suitable for professional development and university students.

WHEN

March 14-18, 2016 (5 days, 4 nights)

COST

AU\$1,900 (includes accommodation, some meals, local transport, tuition & course materials)

REGISTER / FURTHER INFORMATION

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as the traditional owners of the Greater Blue Mountains region