



**PROTECTED AREAS**  
LEARNING & RESEARCH  
COLLABORATION  
Fostering excellence in governance and management of  
protected areas in the Asia Pacific and Oceania regions



# Keeping Special Places Special

## Planning and adaptive management for protected areas using the Open Standards

Registrations are open for a five-day Open Standards / Healthy Country Planning workshop in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area\*. Using a well-proven adult learning approach, this intensive live-in course will give people a good understanding of how these tools can be directly used in their own work.

### WHO

The course is delivered under the Protected Areas Learning and Research Collaboration jointly by the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute and Conservation Management.

### WHERE

The five day live-in training course is in Katoomba, NSW, adjacent to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, 2 hrs by train from Sydney.

### WHEN

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
(if sufficient enrolments) .

### COST

\$2,200 (inc GST) including all food, accommodation, transport and materials

### FURTHER INFORMATION

[Click here to see testimonials from the January 2016 Open Standards course.](#)

[Click here for news about the Healthy Country Planning course in November 2016.](#)

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### COURSE CONTENT

Introduce the concepts, steps and structures of the [Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation](#) by using the [Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area](#) - a fascinating protected area management challenge with multiple interacting threats and opportunities as a case study to directly demonstrate its application.

Students will work in small teams to pursue specific threads through the entire adaptive planning and management loop and learn how to integrate these threads into a powerful, ongoing, planning and management framework.

### OUTCOME

The knowledge gained is readily implemented and applicable for use in a diverse range of protected areas, including those managed by governments, non-government organisations, private landholders and Indigenous communities.

The approach is also applicable to conservation projects and property planning and management at any scale. It is increasingly used by government and non- government agencies across diverse jurisdictions and geographies.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited scholarships are available for PALRC courses and details are available [at this link](#).



Participants in the 2016 course

**Click here to register**  
**Closing 14 May 2017**

\* The Dharug, Gundungurra, Wiradjuri, Dharawal, Darkinjung & Wanaruah are recognised as the traditional owners of the Greater Blue Mountains region.