

# Grand Strzelecki Track

Officially Opened by

**The Hon. Peter Ryan MP**

Deputy Premier

Member for Gippsland South

Minister for Regional and Rural Development

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The eastern section of the project was conceived by Richard Appleton and Pam and David Pattison of the Balook and District Residents Association.

The western section of the track was conceived by Chris Lord and Laurie Paton from the Billys Creek and Jeeralang communities.

The project was designed and implemented by Alan Lewis of Lewis McNaughton Pty Ltd., Professional Project Managers.

The project was constructed by Kevin Heggen, Hedley Range Services Pty Ltd.

The project was funded by a \$500,000 grant from the Bush Fire Relief Fund of which \$250,000 was contributed by the Bendigo Bank.

The Track will be managed by the Grand Strzelecki Track Inc. an incorporated body representing the communities of Balook, Jeeralang, Tarra Valley, Macks Creek with representatives of Gippsland Walking Groups.

The Track is on land managed by Parks Victoria, Department of Sustainability and Environment and HVP Plantations whose generous support and agreement is gratefully acknowledged. In particular the Grand Strzelecki Track Inc. acknowledge Owen Trumper Manager of HVP Plantations, Gippsland and Andy Gillham Ranger in Charge Latrobe West Gippsland District Parks Vic.

The Tarra- Bulga National Park section of the Track is on land owned by the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation whose approval and support is also gratefully acknowledged.

The Track is dedicated to the victims and communities impacted by the devastating bushfires of February 2009.

The Track Logo design is by Dan Towb, who won the logo competition held in November 2010.

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