

Timeline

2010

On 22 October 2010, the Gunaikurnai people were recognised as holding Native Title over much of Gippsland. On the same day, State Traditional Owner Recognition and Settlement Agreement transferred 10 parks and reserves to be jointly managed with the State.

2013

The Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner Land Management Board (GKTOLMB) formed to begin the process for establishing joint management of the 10 parks and reserves.

2015

Initial talks were held across Gippsland and Victoria with the partners: Gunaikurnai representative bodies, DELWP and Parks Victoria, and community, on what needed to be included in the plan.

mid 2016

Wider Gunaikurnai consultations were held to discuss preliminary draft summary ideas for further feedback and comment.

late 2016

Current stage

Seeking the input of key user groups to share their experience and to raise any issues relating to the joint management of the 10 parks and reserves.

The Draft Plan will then be developed by the GKTOLMB on behalf of the partners.

mid 2017

The prepared Draft Joint Management Plan will be endorsed by the partners and presented to the DELWP Secretary to be released for wider community consultation.

The wider consultation will include feedback from the community and user groups involved with the 10 parks and reserves.

2017

The agreed Joint Management Plan will be endorsed by GLaWAC, DELWP and Parks Victoria, before being presented by the GKTOLMB to the Minister for approval.

2017/18

The plan for managing the 10 parks and reserves will be implemented.