

# Improving park skills and knowledge

**Parks Victoria and Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) have been working together on two key projects in Central Gippsland to improve and upgrade park facilities for visitors.**

Parks Victoria and Gunaikurnai rangers have been working cooperatively to improve a range of facilities at the Point Wilson visitor area at Sperm Whale Head within The Lakes National Park.

Firstly, a new cultural centrepiece is being installed at the park with five totem poles that will provide information on Gunaikurnai cultural heritage, joint management and European history.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy upgraded facilities including toilets, information shelter, picnic tables, dedicated pathways and directional signage.

The project was funded through the former Gippsland Lakes Ministerial Advisory Committee (GLMAC) and administered by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

Further inland, at the jointly managed Tarra Bulga National Park, the ranger teams worked side by side to restore the walking track at Tarra Valley.

The teams moved 45 cubic metres of crushed rock spread over a length of 1200 metres over 11 days, which now provides a clean and all-weather surface on a very popular track at the park.

"These projects have strengthened the joint management partnership not only between



**Parks Victoria's Craig Bray and chief executive officer, Matthew Jackson, with one of five totem poles erected at Sperm Whale Head that provide information on Gunaikurnai cultural heritage, joint management and European history. (PS)**

Parks Victoria and GLaWAC, but other partners including East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority," GLaWAC chief executive, Roger Fenwick, said.

"Projects like these help to develop in-



**Visitor facilities at Sperm Whale Head include an information shelter. (PS)**

creased skills and knowledge for both Parks Victoria and GLaWAC rangers and enhance cultural understanding."

"These projects demonstrate the importance of Parks Victoria working closely

together with GLaWAC to improve visitor access, build stronger working relationships as well as sharing ecological and cultural knowledge," Parks Victoria district manager, Helen Dixon, said.