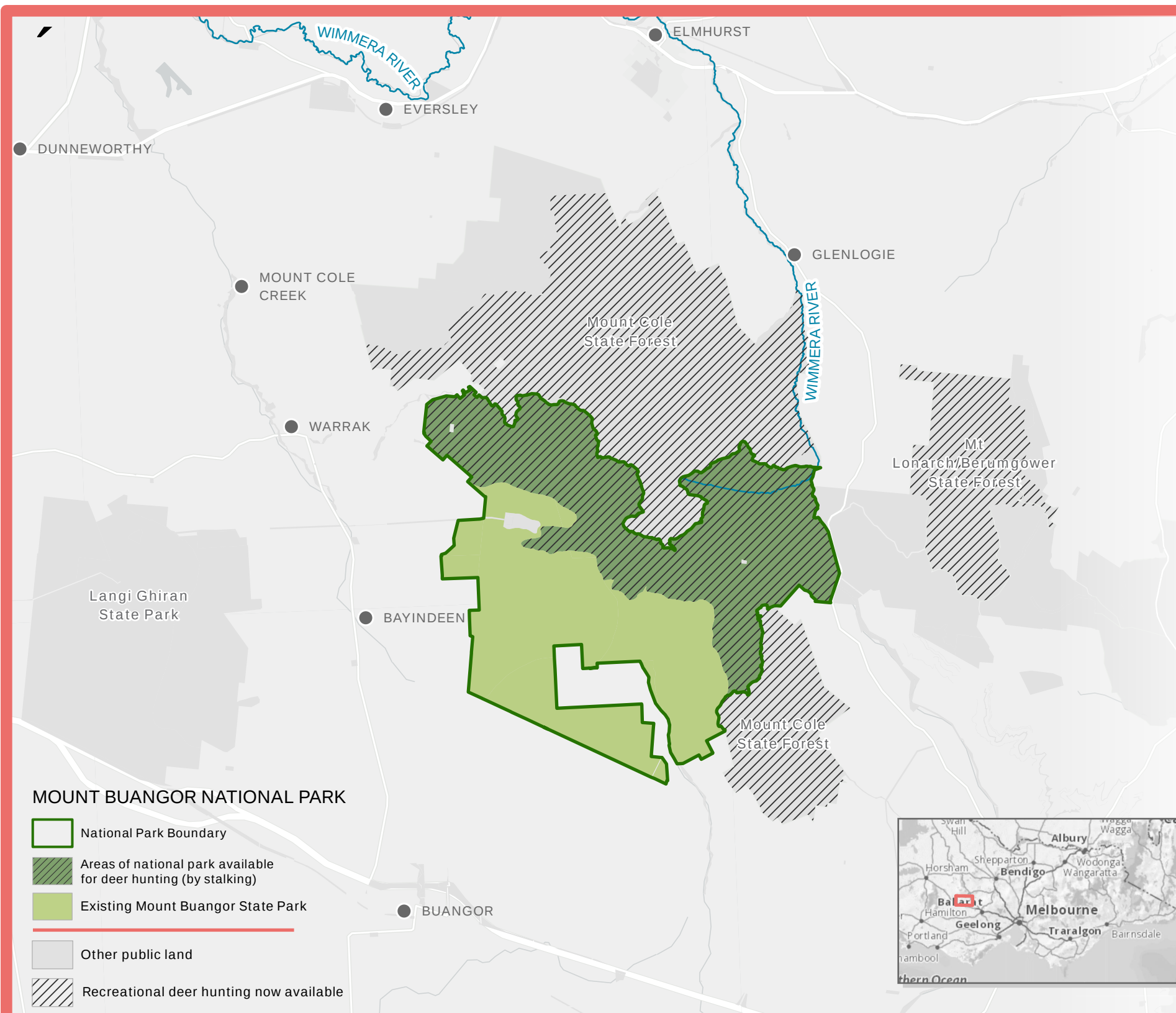




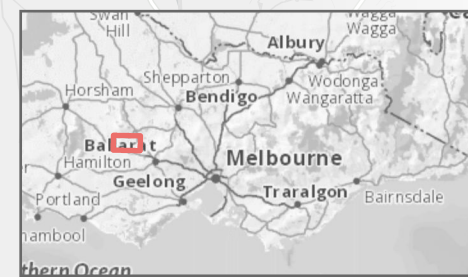
Mount Buangor National Park (5265 hectares) will comprise the existing Mount Buangor State Park and more than 2,800 hectares of the adjoining Mount Cole State Forest, about 65 kilometres west of Ballarat. Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered Aboriginal Party for this Country.

The national park will protect significant natural and cultural values while providing a range of opportunities for nature-based outdoor recreation.

It will include an important area of forest within a largely cleared landscape, and protect habitat for several species at the edge of their geographic range as well as threatened species including the endangered Mount Cole grevillea. The headwaters of the Wimmera River are included in the park, and the upper reach of the river will also be added to the Wimmera Heritage River.

Most existing recreational activities will continue in the new park, which will include the popular Beeripmo Walk.

The Mount Cole Game Sanctuary is being revoked to enable recreational deer hunting in more than 6,100 hectares of the Mount Cole and Mount Lonarch state forests. In addition, seasonal recreational deer hunting (by stalking) will be permitted in the areas of the national park that are currently state forest.



Mount Buangor National Park