



The second Kosciuszko Run from Charlotte Pass Village to the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

This will be followed by **A Day of Fun at Kosciuszko Run** in the Village: a concert to honour the runners, a medal presentation ceremony, an all-day picnic, stalls, Polish sausages, famous potato pancakes, and Kosciuszko Wines tasting! We are also planning paragliding flights over Mt. Kosciuszko.

These twin events are organised by: the Australian Mountain Runners Association, Strzelecki Heritage Inc. and The Puls Polonii Cultural Foundation Inc. They are sponsored by: Wspólnota Polska, the Blum Foundation, the NSW Government, the National Parks & Wildlife Service, the Polish Embassy and Consulate General, and www.pulspolonii.com.

The Patron of the events is His Excellency Andrzej Jaroszyński, the Ambassador of Poland.

Kosciuszko Run will take place on February 12 at 8:00am. The 11km course starts outside Kosciuszko Hotel in Charlotte Pass Village (off the Kosciuszko Rd. in Kosciuszko National Park) and finishes at the summit of Mt. Kosciuszko. The altitude at the start is 1740m and 2228m at the finish.

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Paul Edmund Strzelecki – the international explorer who named the mountain – was an energetic, adventurous man who loved the great outdoors.

Strzelecki was probably the first white man in Australia to write about Indigenous issues in a sympathetic and humane manner. In fact, the entire chapter of his scientific book, *A Physical Description of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land*, published in London in 1845, was devoted to describing the situation of Aboriginal people.

Mount Kosciuszko was placed on the National Heritage List on November 7, 2008.

My mountain Kosciuszko is your mountain, too,
It's a mountain for all Aussies, and visitors, too.
Whatever you do and whatever you believe,
It's a mountain that reminds us that we're lucky to be free!
It's a mountain that unites us
And excites us from within
It's a place where no-one cares about the colour of your skin.

Ursula Lang, *My Mountain Kosciuszko* (2008)

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