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### **Our Spirit wins July round of Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards**

Adventure tourism company, Our Spirit, specialising in adventure walks and trekking in Papua New Guinea and Australia, has won the July round of the annual Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards.

Rich in Australian heritage, Our Spirit offers life-changing adventures and adventure walks. In PNG follow in the footsteps of Australia's Diggers on the 96 kilometre Kokoda Track or the grueling Black Cat Trail.

Rich in cultural, environmental or historical significance and often extreme in nature Our Spirit's journeys are unique, raw, challenging and personally rewarding.

For those seeking to stretch themselves, there are still places available on the September 2008 Black Cat trek – often described by Diggers as the hardest slog they'd ever done. Harder than Kokoda it includes dangerous river crossings, swamps, cliffs, fallen trees, moss covered rocks and dangerous ledges, making the Black Cat Trail one of the toughest tracks in PNG and in the world.

Evidence of the ferocious fighting with the Japanese is still evident everywhere. The trail is littered with live bombs, ammunition and other war junk, including boots and even plane wrecks. There are also Japanese tunnels and anti aircraft guns.

Today the trail is peaceful, tranquil and much less travelled, and the locals are still as hospitable and supportive as they were in 1942. This makes for a genuine cultural experience.

Note: the **Black Cat Trail** is recommended only for very fit and experienced trekkers.

Our Spirit travel packages available Ex-Brisbane and Ex-Sydney. Details on <http://www.ourspirit.com.au/>

Further information on PNG attractions can be found at [www.png-tourism.com](http://www.png-tourism.com)

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