The Bibbulmun Track is Western Australia’s world-class long distance walking track, stretching 1000 kilometres from Kalamunda in the Perth Hills to Albany on the south coast.

From karri forest to coastal heathlands the Track traverses some of the most beautiful and wild areas of the South West, and offers facilities unrivalled on any long trail in Australia.

Passing through nine rural towns and many popular scenic spots, walkers can enjoy day walks and the hospitality of local accommodation or embark on a wilderness adventure camping out in the three-sided timber shelters along the Track.
The Bibbulmun Track Foundation

*The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation established to provide support for the management, maintenance and marketing of the Bibbulmun Track.*

Whilst the Department of Parks and Wildlife acts as Manager of the Track, the Bibbulmun Track Foundation is recognised as the primary focal point for community-based support and involvement, and has primary responsibility for promoting the Track to potential walkers and maintaining the Track through the Newmont Boddington Gold *Eyes on the Ground* volunteer maintenance program.

The relationship and key roles of the Foundation and the department are outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding.

**Vision**
The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is a vibrant, soundly managed and economically stable organisation which utilises a strong community base to provide essential support for the ongoing management, maintenance and marketing of the Bibbulmun Track.

**Mission**
“To support the management of the Bibbulmun Track so that it remains a sustainable long distance walk trail of international significance and quality” through:

1. Community participation contributing to physical and social well-being;
2. Development of opportunities for tourism, employment and education;
3. Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track;
4. Attraction of funds and other resources; and
5. Being an advocate for the Track in relation to the formulation and implementation of relevant government economic, social and environmental policy.

**Key Emphasis**
The key emphasis of the Strategic Plan 2013 to 2016 is to balance *Capacity* with *Quality* to ensure the long term sustainability of the Bibbulmun Track and the Foundation – and MAINTAIN THE QUALITY OF THE EXPERIENCE for walkers.

*Front cover photo: Walker on the south coast by Deb Badger.*
Message from the Chairman
Mike Wood

I take great pleasure in reporting to our membership that another successful year for the Bibbulmun Track Foundation has passed.

After 18 years of hard work, dedication and focusing on aspiring to be a world class walking trail we are still kicking goals.

There are a number of reasons for this; mostly it comes down to our people. We have a stable and cohesive Board with a broad range of talented people who are able to take a big picture view of the Foundation, the Track itself and of our relationships with a whole range of stakeholders, particularly government. I am very proud to have been asked to act as Chair to such a talented group of people.

Our staff and volunteers are second to none. Ably led by Linda Daniels, the Foundation achieves so much that many believe we have hundreds of people working in the office rather than five part-time staff and seventeen volunteers. The camaraderie and goodwill in the office and out on the Track is wonderful and I commend all those who contribute towards it.

I would like make special mention of Steve Sertis, our indomitable Head Guide, for all the work that he put in to getting out then new guide books. Not only did Steve walk the whole Track to recalibrate the accuracy of our mapping with GPS technology, he, Linda and others laboured over descriptions, photos and route accuracy for months before finally sending the guide books to the printers.

Finally, National Geographic Magazine recently announced that the Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's top 20 trails, calling it the "South West's Appalachian Trail" and saying that it is suitable for "pretty much anyone - from families to hard core speed hikers".

We share the list with trails such as the Camino de Santiago in Spain, the West Highland Way in Scotland, the Cinque Terra in Italy and the Appalachian Trail. Considering that our mission is to support the Track so that it continues to be a world class trail in the future, I’d say we are fulfilling our task admirably.

Message from the Executive Director
Linda Daniels

You might assume that once a trail has been built, marked, mapped and become a household name that the only thing left to concentrate on is maintaining it. Sadly, this isn’t the case and it is incredible the number of issues that arise which can, or potentially can, impact on the Track and therefore the quality of the experience for walkers.

Physical impacts such as mining, logging and urban development have been constant issues since the inception of the Track, however more recently we are also experiencing the effects of climate change with the warmer weather and lower water table in some areas resulting in a thinning of the undergrowth and a noticeable increase in ticks – the walker’s bane.

This year we have also had a strong push for recreational hunting in our parks and, whilst we understand that this is a legitimate recreational pursuit in some areas, we are strongly advocating to keep hunters away from the Bibbulmun Track.

Whilst we can’t do anything about the weather – we can do our best to try and minimise impacts from other areas and the support of over 2300 members and our loyal sponsors provides us with a legitimate voice. Having recently been recognised as one of the world’s ‘holy grails’ of trails we are determined to keep it that way!

We receive many emails and stories from walkers, and over the years the recurring observations are often about the uniqueness of the Track in comparison to other long distance walks around the world. The variation in the landscape from forest to ocean, the rare flora and fauna including our magnificent tingle trees and the campsites with their timber shelters. But there’s also something less tangible that draws people back to the Track - a camaraderie, a feeling... as one walker puts it ‘the Bibb gets in your blood”.

A warm thank you to the staff and volunteers for all their hard work during the year – and to our members and sponsors for your continued support of our outstanding Bibbulmun Track.
Bibbulmun Track named one of World’s Best

We are delighted that the Bibbulmun Track has been included in National Geographic’s list of World’s Best Hikes: 20 Epic Trails. It is the only Australian trail named in the top 20.

So – what is an Epic Trail? Here’s the explanation of “the holy grails of trails across the world” by National Geographic writer Doug Schnitzpahn.

A truly great trail winds into the essence of a place, so when assembling this list of the world’s great hikes we kept an eye on more than the footpath. We looked for walks that travel deeper into a location’s history and culture. Sure, there’s outdoor adventure on each of these 20 hikes, but the trails also tell a rich story.

Described as ‘Southwestern Australia’s answer to the Appalachian Trail’, Doug Schnitzpahn goes on to say that it’s the social aspect of the trail that makes it most Australian. “At the campsites you will meet hikers from around the globe as well as regular Australians who have fulfilled the original promise of the trail and are spending time simply walking for weeks to better understand themselves and the unique place where they live.”

New Guidebooks

In July to September 2013, the Foundation’s lead guide, Steve Sertis, undertook a 60-day end-to-end walk to update the notes for both the Northern and Southern Bibbulmun Track Guidebooks and update the GPS data. Additionally, a complete audit of Track infrastructure was carried out to assist in prioritising maintenance.

The Foundation was pleased to launch the new series of 8 Guidebooks and a Handbook in April 2014.

With each guidebook corresponding to a map, walkers no longer need to carry a book covering half of the Track when they are walking only short sections. Furthermore the planning, history and other reference information is now contained in the Bibbulmun Track Handbook – which can be absorbed at home rather than it having to be carried as part of a Guidebook.

Having updated the GPS coordinates we also determined that the Bibbulmun Track is actually over 1000km long. No longer do we have to say almost 1000km!

User Survey underway

The Foundation commenced a survey to assist with the future planning, management and maintenance of the Track.

The survey will continue until the end of 2014 and, for the first time, will be collaborated with data from Track counters which will have been in place over a 12 month period. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by March 2015.

Thank you to the volunteers who have been monitoring the counters and intercepting walkers on the Track!
Community Participation

Guided Events

Our events continue to be well patronised and highly rated by participants on the evaluation forms. The Events Calendar has been running since 1998 and many of the original events, such as the Social Sunday Walks and the Walk with Mum and Walk with Dad weekends are still popular. The variety of walks on offer give people a chance to experience the Track in ways that suit their fitness, comfort zone and skill level. Feedback from participants suggests that many use these events to find other like-minded people to head off with on other walks, longer walks or even end-to-ends. The price of events has also held steady to keep it affordable for as many as possible.

65 events were held this financial year with 840 participants, including 122 children. 339 people were either non-members of the Foundation or had never been on the Bibbulmun Track before.

With the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation we planned a second series of walks for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities. The program is scheduled for the latter part of 2014 and includes a series of presentations about the Track, a youth leadership walk and two family walks. The walks are available to people at the Edmund Rice Centre who are new to Australia, don’t have English as their first language and for whom walking in the bush for recreation is an alien concept.

Independent walkers

The majority of walks on the Bibbulmun Track are by independent walkers, either solo or with family and friends. 70 per cent of walks are for a few hours or a day, although more people appear to be venturing out for longer and it will be interesting to see if this bears out in the results of our current survey.

End-to-Enders are encouraged to register their achievement and receive a certificate, badge and short profile in Bibbulmun News magazine. Of the 1580 walkers who have registered since 1998, 71% are West Australian, 17% are from interstate and 12% are from overseas.

International registrations include 41 from New Zealand, 34 from the UK and 25 from both Germany and the USA.

Alcoa takes action on the Bibbulmun Track.

In May, a group of Alcoa staff members who usually spend their Friday’s sitting in an office took up rake hoes and secateurs to realign a short section of the Bibbulmun Track near Dwellingup.

Under the supervision of the Department of Parks and Wildlife, the team created a new alignment to avoid a river crossing where the timber bridge was deteriorating and a tree was in danger of falling across the Track.

The volunteer project was undertaken as part of Alcoa’s ACTION grant program which supports the efforts of employees who volunteer together on a community service project.
Bibbulmun Track Foundation salutes our dedicated volunteers

Foundation volunteers contributed 25,838 hours during the year. Whether maintaining the Track, sitting on the Board, answering enquiries, manning displays or guiding events, each volunteer makes an invaluable contribution to the Foundation and to the Track and we thank each and every one of them.

Our volunteers were invited to and recognised at a number of events including the Foundation’s own "Thank you" functions in Perth and regional areas.

Volunteers are vital to the work of the Foundation and without them we would not be able to achieve all we do. A very sincere thank you to all of our 300 volunteers—your contribution, be it large or small, is very much appreciated.

Gwen Plunkett
Volunteer Coordinator

Outstanding Service Awards 2013

Congratulations to the following volunteers, who each received an Outstanding Service Award from the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

The volunteers were presented the Awards in recognition of their many years of hard work and commitment to the Track.

The awards were presented by the Minister for the Environment, Albert Jacob, at the WA Conservation Science Centre in Kensington on 25 November 2013.

Guy Spouge
Volunteer since 2000
Maintenance volunteer and volunteer on the Bibbulmun Team Challenge.

Isabel Busch
Volunteer since 2005
Office volunteer, Maintenance volunteer and a volunteer Guide on BTF events.

Peter Sweetman
Volunteer since 2003
Office volunteer, Maintenance volunteer and bus driver for BTF events.

Previous Volunteer of the Year and Outstanding Service Award Recipients

1998/99 Gwen Plunkett VOY
2002 Don Briers VOY
2003 Jim Freeman VOY
2004 Jan and Colin Read OSA
2004 Bonnie Hennessey VOY
2005 Peter Dear OSA
2006 Edith Thomas VOY

2007 Jim Baker OSA
2008 Lesley Kerr OSA
2009 Tony Jennings OSA
2010 John Hardman, Charmaine Harris, Wendy Nelson OSA
2011 John Chellew, Jim Freeman, Colin and Jan Read, Steve Sertis OSA
2102 Trish Bird, Val Cocker, Chris Plunkett, Bev Visser OSA
Long Service Awards

Long Service Awards recognise the commitment and loyalty of our long serving volunteers – regardless of how many hours they are able to volunteer annually. The Foundation is fortunate to have many loyal volunteers and we were pleased to acknowledge the following who reached their 5 year and 10 year milestones.

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Volunteer Rewards

These awards recognise the number of hours various individuals volunteered over a 12 month period. Collectively, the Foundation’s 300 volunteers contributed 25,837 hours.

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The annual Volunteer Rewards are sponsored by Mountain Designs.

The Bibbulmun Track Volunteer Training Program is sponsored by Western Power.
Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track

Newmont Boddington Gold

Eyes on the Ground Maintenance Program

During 2013/14 we reached an important milestone in the Volunteer Maintenance program with all sections but one being allocated. We are also in the very fortunate position of having a number of prospective volunteers wanting to assist, so that when a section does become available it can be quickly filled.

Field Days were held in all districts and were well-attended, with much-needed projects being completed on the day as well as training for new volunteers. During the Field Trips, volunteer coordinators Gwen Plunkett and Charmaine Harris were able to visit various problem areas and either assist volunteers to remedy the problem or report back to the district with suggestions for a possible solution.

Over 500 reports were submitted to the Foundation throughout the year. From these, the Foundation compiles regular reports for each district highlighting issues that require attention from department staff. With assistance from the Recreation and Trails Unit, this reporting system was significantly improved, leading to a clearer understanding of problems and thus work being completed more quickly. It also allows for easy recognition of long standing issues which often require major, and costly, work.

Thanks must go to this dedicated team of 240 volunteers and the Parks and Wildlife officers for their hard work and commitment to maintaining the Bibbulmun Track to such a high standard.

A sincere thank you to Newmont Boddington Gold for their continued support of this vital program.

An important step forward for our timber trestle bridges

Both the heritage listed Long Gully Bridge (aka Asquith) near Dwellingup and the River Road Bridge near Pemberton require significant restoration work.

The Foundation wrote to Engineering Heritage WA seeking an engineer to assess the timber bridges on a pro-bono basis. We are delighted to say that Ian Maitland, of Maitland Heritage Engineers, responded.

A field trip was arranged and Ian, accompanied by Lloyd Margetts, an experienced bridge engineer and timber bridge expert, travelled to Pemberton to assess River Road Bridge. Two Foundation volunteers, Roland Stayt and Hedley Amos, provided extra arms and man-power for numbering and measuring the poles and digging numerous holes.

The assessment report has detailed the works required and identified the tasks that can be carried out by Foundation volunteers. The next step is to review the report for Long Gully Bridge and develop a works program and budget for both bridges.

The Foundation is very grateful to both Ian and Lloyd for contributing their time and expertise pro-bono. It is fantastic to have made this important step forward to save these bridges from further decay.
The new Department of Parks and Wildlife commenced operations on the 1 July 2013 with a new focus on the management of parks and reserves across 27 million hectares for around 15.5 million visitors a year.

The past year has seen a works program based on visitor safety, maintenance, repairs and management.

Examples of work undertaken by the Districts include:

- Different taps trialled in response to ongoing water loss and leaks from high level of use and wear. A spring loaded twist tap with automatic closure post use is considered the most reliable and robust.
- Replacement of old steps.
- Tree mitigation works and trail clearing in conjunction with section 95 crews from Bunbury Regional Prison. The particular support from their Vocational Officer, Steve Smith, and his team made a huge contribution to the overall effort.
- Replacement and oiling of boards on several timber bridges and tables.
- Repairs and rehabilitation at Blackwood Campsite and the Track near Balingup, which is still closed after extensive damage by bushfire in 2013.
- Repair of bunks and leaking shelter roofs at various campsites.
- Track clearing, grading and culverts replaced.
- Treatment of slippery timber on bridges and other bridge repairs.
- Small realignments near Dwellingup and Walpole.
- Damage caused by a large fallen branch repaired at Hewett’s Hill Camp Site.

Track Management

Key projects undertaken by the Recreation and Trails Unit include:

A review of Track infrastructure to provide better data for its management and future planning, including budget requirements. A works program has been developed from this data.

Training and liaison with the Foundation volunteers monitoring the 13 counters along the Track.

Coordinating new signage for water tanks and inlets to meet the department’s risk management guidelines.

Coordinating the design of new paper sleeves for maps to replace the environmentally unfriendly PVC sleeves.
Development of opportunities for tourism & education

China’s Donkey Friends

In Chinese to be a donkey friend is to be someone who likes to go hiking.

On 27 September 2013 a workshop was held at the University of Western Australia on Australia, China and the Great Outdoors. The workshop brought hikers, commercial providers, government departments, and community organisations from both Australia and China together to share experiences in the provision and management of outdoor recreation and hiking in particular. The Bibbulmun Track Foundation and the Department of Parks and Wildlife made a joint presentation on partnerships.

Among the participants were students from a number of Chinese universities, plus hiking enthusiasts from one of China’s largest hiking clubs, who spent four days walking on the Bibbulmun Track. One of the workshop coordinators, Dr Gary Sigley of UWA, accompanied the hikers on their trek.

Work program for young offenders helps reintegration

Residents from the Wandoo Reintegration Facility — a minimum security prison for men aged 18 to 24 — undertake supervised visits to the Bibbulmun Wellington Spur Trail to undertake maintenance and learn new skills. The program is used as a reward and physical activity for specially selected residents during their last 12 months in the facility.

In August 2013, Corrective Services Minister Joe Francis travelled to the Track to see the prisoners and talk about the effect the program had on them. “Speaking to them, they felt they were gaining something worthwhile from the program,” he said. “You have to give these prisoners a sense of purpose and this program accommodates that. Once they’ve been released, they can take their family back to show what they achieved. It’s leaving a positive legacy.”

Mr Francis said while the prisoners who could take part in the program were carefully selected, he felt it helped reintegrate them. “We’ve found the reoffending rate is exceptionally low,” he said.

The 18 kilometre spur trail links the Bibbulmun Track to the Wellington Dam recreation area. Many thanks to Nick Evans, Parks and Visitor Services officer from the Collie district for supervising the work.

New Walker Friendly Business logo

A new Walker Friendly Business logo was launched to:

- Specifically promote accommodation and service providers which cater for walkers.
- Establish some basic criteria that meet the needs of walkers.
- Easily identify these businesses as walker friendly.
- Complement the cycle friendly business program developed by the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation.

We greatly appreciate the support of the businesses that provide Bibbulmun Track walkers with walker friendly facilities and services. Each business has a detailed profile on the Bibbulmun Track website.
Advocacy for the Track in relation to the formulation and implementation of relevant government economic, social and environmental policy.

The Foundation continues to campaign for policies and funding to protect the quality of the experience for walkers on the Bibbulmun Track.

In late 2013 the WA Parliament launched an inquiry into the potential environmental contribution of recreational hunting systems. The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is not in favour of allowing recreational hunting in WA’s parks (particularly in the vicinity of the Bibbulmun Track) and made a submission outlining its concerns.

Key points were made around walker safety and unauthorised access of Bibbulmun Track facilities by hunters resulting in negative experiences for walkers.

Foundation staff and Board members participated in or contributed to various committees and projects in the Trails and Recreation area including:

- Lotterywest Trails Funding Panel
- Outdoors October
- Trails WA
- WA Recreation Custodian Group
- WA Trails Reference Group and
- WA State Trails and Outdoors Conference
- Presentations at various forums and workshops.

2013 Trails Industry Walking Stick Award

The Foundation’s Executive Director, Linda Daniels, was presented with the 2013 Trails Industry Walking Stick Award at the WA State Trails and Outdoors Conference in October.

The Award is presented to an individual who has shown outstanding service to the trails sector. Linda has been Executive Director of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation for over ten years, sits on the Trails Grants Assessment Panel for the Lotterywest/DSR trails funding program, managed the major state initiative of TopTrails WA, is a member of the Trails Reference Group and is the current Executive Officer of the new Trails WA.

Linda was presented the award by The Honourable Barry House MLC, President of the Legislative Council who has actively supported the trails sector for over 20 years.

Foundation ED, Linda Daniels, receiving the 2013 Trails Industry Walking Stick Award from The Hon. Barry House MLC.
The Bibbulmun Track Foundation thanks our many supporters

Our Members

On June 30 2013 the Foundation had 2300 members including 141 Life Members - and we thank you all sincerely for your support.

A strong membership not only provides the Foundation with a direct income from membership fees, it also greatly increases our chances of receiving grants and support for the upkeep of the Track and campsites. Members therefore not only give the Foundation vitality, but also help to ensure that the Track remains a well maintained and valuable community resource for the next generation.

Affiliated Organisations

Our thanks to the following organisations that support the Foundation through Affiliated Organisation membership:

Action Outdoors Association  Ocean Reef SHS Emergency Services Cadets
Albany Visitor Centre  Outward Bound (WA)
All Saints College  Pemberton Visitors Centre Inc
Bunbury Bushwalking Club  Perth Hills Visitor Information Centre
Collie Visitors Centre  Presbyterian Ladies College
Crown Lands NSW  Scotch College
Department of Sport and Recreation  Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests WA
Friends of the Cape to Cape Track  The National Trust of Australia (WA)
Great Southern Development Commission  Western Walking Club (Inc)
Munda Biddi Trail Foundation

Walker Friendly Businesses

Our thanks to the following businesses that support the Foundation through WFB membership:

Adventurous Women  Naturally Walpole - Track and Trail Transfers
Albany Bayside Ocean Villas  Norman House B&B
Albany Bayview Backpackers YHA  Nutkin Lodge
Treenridge Estate  Peaceful Bay Chalets & Backpackers
Bayside Villas  Pelicans At Denmark
Blue Wren Travellers Rest  Pemberton Camp School
Camp Kennedy  Pemberton Discovery Tours
Cape Howe Cottages  Pemberton Old Picture Theatre Holiday Apartments
Che Sara Sara Chalets  Silkwood Wines
Coalmine Beach Holiday Park  Taddy Creek
Collie River Valley Tourist Park  The Colliefields
Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park  The Cove
Denmark Waterfront Motel  The Post House (Balingup Budget Accommodation)
Donnelly River Holiday Village  Walpole Lodge
Dwellingleup Adventures  Watermark Kilns
Dwellingleup B&B and Chalets  Whispering Pines B & B
Inspiration Outdoors  Windrose B & B
Just Like Mums  Yoho Pizza
Mundaring Weir Hotel
Dunny Donors

In 2012 the Foundation launched the Dunny Donor appeal to raise funds for the upgrade of the Track dummies to an environmentally sustainable sealed vault design.

The Dunny Appeal raised a total of $40,600 with a donor plaque installed in every dunny along the Track.

The following Donors donated $500+ and are immortalised with a plaque on the back of a dunny door!

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Thank you to Signcode for donating the plaques and to our maintenance volunteers Jim Freeman, Alex Williams and Mal Cooper for installing them.
Donors

Thank you to all the following who generously made a donation during the year:

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Neil Douglas
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Rut Rh Leslie
Ryan Dixon
Sally Wright
Samantha James
Sherylee Bassett
Tessa Dittrich
Timothy Walsh
Tom Hilliar
Valerie Jordan
Wendy Abraham

Bequest

A heart-felt thank you to Mr Kenneth Birch who left a $10,000 bequest to the Foundation. Mr Birch passed away in August 2013.

What is the highlight of your volunteering career?

“There are several things that come to mind when I reflect on my volunteering career for the Bibbulmun Track Foundation. The first is the wide variety of interesting people - locals, interstate and international visitors - who visit the office for assistance. The second is the satisfaction gained from a maintenance visit to a section of the Track in need of repair. The third is the camaraderie of the like-minded people I work with on my office day.”

Peter Whittle, Office and Maintenance Volunteer
Our Sponsors

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Key Partners

Grants

Department of Sport & Recreation: $14,000 to conduct a series of walks and leadership training for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) community.

Lotterywest: $15,000 to conduct audit of Track Campsites and update the GPS data and walk notes for the length of the Track.

Lotterywest: $10,500 for tables and benches at three Group Campsites.

Our Board

A very warm thank you to our Board Members for their continued support of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation and for their advice and expertise:

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<td>Mike Wood</td>
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<td>Simon Holthouse</td>
<td>Deputy Chair, Planning Consultant, former Chairman of State Planning Commission</td>
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<td>Leonie Kirke</td>
<td>Former Assistant Principal, All Saints College</td>
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<td>Bruce Manning</td>
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<td>Jim Sharp</td>
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<td>Louise Yeaman</td>
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<td>Kerstin Stender</td>
<td>Recreation and Trails Unit</td>
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Our Staff

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<td>Linda Daniels</td>
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<td>Steve Sertis</td>
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<td>Edith Thomas</td>
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Financial Information

Thank you to Paul Bruno for auditing the Foundation’s accounts and grants pro-bono and to Sally Woodhead for bookkeeping throughout the year.

Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2014

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Equity

| 486,090.82    |               |

Treasurer’s Report

Our surplus for the financial year was $85,765.41. This is higher than anticipated due to grant income received prior to the end of this financial year which will be expended on specific projects in the coming year. These include $14,000 for the CaLD walks program and $21,000 for the user survey.

Gross income from our key revenue streams:

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Earned income includes Bibbulmun Walking Breaks, tours, guided walks, hire gear and merchandise sales. After deducting the costs, Earned Income accounted for 24% of our Net income.

The Foundation is starting the new financial year in a financially sound position with Net Assets of $571,856 including $65,980 in stock.

Funds earmarked for specific projects include $40,000 for dunny upgrades, $35,000 to aid the restoration of Long Gully Bridge and $21,000 for other maintenance projects.
This is the last shelter on the 11 day bushwalking trip that I went on to spice up my Australian holiday, and it has been the best part of the whole three months. The things I’ve seen, the things I’ve experienced and the people I’ve met in the bush—I can’t find the words to describe them.

Wojek, Poland at Grimwade Campsite.