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.
Message from the Chairman
Mike Wood

I am very pleased to be able to contribute once again to the Bibbulmun Track Foundation’s Annual Report.

This year has been a difficult one due to the huge fires that damaged the Track and some of its infrastructure back in the summer. Parks and Wildlife staff members and other firefighters, including local volunteers, put their lives on the line, and on hold, to try and save the south west from the series of fires that tore through the forests and threatened many communities. They should be commended for the fact that not more homes and infrastructure were lost - and that, thankfully, no-one was killed.

Even so, we did lose four campsites and, worse, some bridges. Our primary goal in this coming year will be to ensure that we get a replacement for Long Gully Bridge built so that the Murray River can be safely crossed. And we will continue to work to ensure that the campsites are brought back to the standard that you have come to expect from the Bibbulmun Track.

My sincere thanks go to the Board members for their dedication in ensuring that the Foundation is run in such a positive and constructive manner. The ‘tone’ of the organisation starts with the Board and continues through the staff and volunteers and they are to be commended that the Foundation is so strong and well regarded. Thanks especially to Jim Sharp who has remained on the Board even though he now has a huge work load as the Director General of the Department of Parks and Wildlife.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank our Executive Director, Linda Daniels, and her wonderful staff; Steve, Gwen, Lindsay (welcome!) and Chelsea for the amazing work that they do. And, of course, the volunteers that help in the office, in the maintenance and in the guiding, to make the Track a world class trail experience for all those who walk it.

Message from the Executive Director
Linda Daniels

Since February the office staff and volunteers have been kept particularly busy keeping walkers abreast of Track closures and diversions. Anyone who had been in contact with us for trip planning or purchasing maps in preparation for an end-to-end was advised to put off their walk if they possibly could. Of course, for those coming from interstate and overseas flights may already have been booked or long-service leave arranged making any change of plan too difficult. Hopefully the 70% of untouched Track was enough to provide the experience they were seeking.

We were blown away by the response from our members and volunteers offering support and donations to help with the rebuild. The loss of Long Gully Bridge was particularly tragic as it was a magnificent structure and a relic of WA’s timber industry. The donations received will be added to those funds previously raised for its restoration to help build a replacement.

Recreation and Trails Unit staff members swung into action with assessing the damage and planning the rebuild including a new rammed earth design for the shelters. As outlined in their report on page 10, the four campsites will be rebuilt over summer.

In the meantime, the majority of walks on the Track are day walks and with over 700 kilometres of Track and 45 campsites still in great shape there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors on the Bibbulmun Track!

Sincere thanks as always to our members, volunteers and sponsors for your ongoing support – we’ve never needed you more!
Bibbulmun Track hit hard by bushfires

In early February a low pressure system passed through the State's south-west, resulting in extensive thunderstorm activity with lightning strikes sparking numerous fires throughout the region.

Three of the fires - the Helena National Park fire east of Armadale, the Lower Hotham fire in Lane Poole Reserve between Dwellingup and Collie, and the Northcliffe fire in the Walpole Wilderness Area between Northcliffe and Walpole - caused significant damage to visitor facilities including the Bibbulmun Track.

Helena fire

The Helena National Park fire destroyed Brookton campsite and burnt 3.9 kilometres of Track. The loss of the Track also means the loss of all associated signage and infrastructure such as water bars and creek crossings.

Boddington (Hotham) fire

The Lower Hotham fire burnt 52,000 hectares including 23 kilometres of the Track between Dwelling and Collie. Possum Springs Campsite was lost and, tragically, the beautiful and historic Long Gully Bridge over the Murray River. The 128 metre long Bridge was not only a highlight in this section of Track but provided the only viable crossing point over the Murray River.

The loss of the heritage listed Long Gully (Asquith) Bridge was felt keenly by Bibbulmun Track walkers, railway enthusiasts and historians alike. The photos above show that this stunning 28 span timber trestle bridge was literally reduced to ash.
Northcliffe fire

The Northcliffe fire burnt through more than 98,000ha of private property, national park and State forest, including almost 40 kilometres of the Bibbulmun Track. For some time the towns of Northcliffe and Windy Harbour were under severe threat and many of the townspeople were evacuated to Pemberton. At the peak of the firefighting efforts, fire fighters from New South Wales and Victoria were flown in to assist the exhausted crews who worked night and day to get the blaze under control. Through the efforts of these men and women serious damage to the towns was averted with no injuries or loss of life.

Both the Gardner and Dog Pool camp sites were lost and several bridges affected.

Remains of Dog Pool Campsite and the bridge over the Shannon River.

After the fires the Foundation endeavoured to contact anyone who had made enquiries or undertaken trip planning for an end-to-end walk to inform them that large sections of the Track would be closed for some time and to encourage them to delay their plans if possible.

The Foundation also promoted the fact that 70% of the Track was unaffected and encouraged West Australians to head south to support the communities of Northcliffe and Walpole who would be negatively impacted by the loss of visitors.

Community Participation

Guided Events

With the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation we planned a third series of walks for the culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities. The program is scheduled for the earlier part of 2016 and includes a guide training session, three family walks, and a series of workshops and walks for youth leaders. The family walks are available to a range of people in the CaLD community who are new to Australia, do not have English as their first language and for whom walking in the bush for recreation is an alien concept.

Our events continue to be well patronised. 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.

64 events were held this financial year with 968 participants, including 156 children. 352 people were either non-members of the Foundation or had never been on the Bibbulmun Track before.

Left: CaLD families enjoyed a day walk in the Perth Hills.
Independent walkers

Whilst over 70% of walks are day trips around 120 people each year complete the length of the Track and in March the Foundation hosted a picnic for End-to-Enders. Despite ominous weather forecasts 76 end-to-enders attended with friends and family to share stories, renew friendships made on the Track and meet the people they may have read about in the campsite registers.

Of the 1619 who have registered since 1998, 71% are West Australian, 17% are from interstate and 12% are from overseas. 67% are male and 33% female.

Bibbulmun Team Challenge 2014

During October and November, 32 participants in eight teams competed in this unique team-building event.

The event raised $8000 for the Track and KPMG was awarded the title of Challenge Champions.

Clean-up day at Mt Wells campsite

In late October eight Alcoa volunteers helped out with a variety of tasks at Mt Wells campsite.

The inside of the hut was repainted and a wooden table installed along with large hooks for packs and wet gear.

Outside, the crew established some much needed tent sites and removed weeds and debris from around the hut.
Bibbulmun Track Foundation salutes our dedicated volunteers

Foundation volunteers contributed 21,975 hours, down slightly on last year due to maintenance volunteers being unable to access their fire-affected sections. 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, with seven volunteers receiving 15 year Long Service Awards.

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 337 volunteers—your contribution, be it large or small, is very much appreciated.

Gwen Plunkett
Volunteer Coordinator

Outstanding Service Awards 2014

We are very pleased to recognise the following volunteers who were presented with Outstanding Service Awards by the Department of Parks and Wildlife on 5 December 2014.

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

Colin Gee
Volunteer since 2005
Office volunteer, Maintenance volunteer and a volunteer Guide on BTF events.

Elsie Grygiel
Volunteer since 2006
Office volunteer, and a volunteer Guide on BTF events.

Hans Hoette
Volunteer since 1998
Office volunteer and Maintenance volunteer

Peter Whittle
Volunteer since 2006
Office volunteer and Maintenance volunteer

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 Chelley, Jim Freeman, Colin and Jan Read, Steve Sertis OSA
2012 Trish Bird, Val Cocker, Chris Plunkett, Bev Visser OSA
2013 Guy Spouge, Isabel Busch, Peter Sweetman 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.

Thank you to you all!

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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 plus volunteers contributed 21,975 hours.

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Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track

Newmont Boddington Gold
Eyes on the Ground Maintenance Program

During 2014/15 we continued to have almost all sections maintained and we are in
the fortunate position of having a waiting list of prospective volunteers so when a
section does become available it is quickly filled.

Field Days were held in five 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 450 reports were submitted to the Foundation throughout the year, a drop on
the previous year due to the disruption of Track closures due to the fires. From these
reports, the Foundation identifies the issues that require attention from department
staff and compiles a report for each district.

Thanks must go to this dedicated team of 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.

Support Volunteer Program

The Foundation’s Support Volunteer Program took shape with 20
volunteers recruited.

Department staff provided advanced training in erosion repairs, new trail
construction, group management, trail marking and other signage. Those
who needed to also undertook first aid training and gained their chainsaw
certificates.

This provided opportunities for Support Volunteers to participate with fire
recovery and undertake advanced tasks. In the future they will be able to
respond to natural disasters and run corporate maintenance days.

What is the highlight of your volunteering career?

“The highlight of my volunteering career is receiving positive comments from
hikers travelling through our campsite and maintenance section and from the
participants on the events I guide. It is an acknowledgement of my efforts and
motivates me to continue as a volunteer. This all came about due to completing
my own end-to-end and seeing what can be accomplished by those willing to
give time and effort to support the Bibbulmun Track.”

Peter Addenbrook, Guide and Maintenance Volunteer
The past year has seen the Department of Parks and Wildlife works program based on visitor safety, fire recovery, maintenance, repairs and management.

Several major events impacted on the Track this year; the most significant being the February 2015 bushfires. As reported on page 4, these fires impacted the Track in several locations, causing major diversions and destroying four campsites the historic Long Gully Bridge, as well as smaller bridges and signage.

The campsites are due to be rebuilt this summer using more fire resistant rammed earth structures. The development of a replacement bridge across the Murray River is currently in concept planning stage, with a couple of site options. The burned sections of Track were re-marked and opened once declared safe. Repairs and replacements of minor structures have been ongoing.

**Maintenance and repairs**

In addition to the usual maintenance a variety of work was undertaken by the districts. Some of the works were carried out with support from the Department of Corrective Services prisoner crews. A change to the volunteer maintenance reporting system resulted in better communication and more timely completion of tasks. Projects included:

- The Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup completed the rebuild of Southampton Bridge allowing the reopening of the Track across the Blackwood River, including the Blackwood Campsite.
- Realignment of a short section of the Track due to private property changes near Southampton Bridge.
- Completion of a pedestrian and cycle suspension bridge across the Donnelly River at One Tree Bridge to avoid walkers using the high-speed traffic bridge - scheduled to be opened on 23 October 2015.
- New toilet at Mt Chance campsite and mobile stairs at Mazzoletti Beach.
- Major repairs of the stairs near Lake William and the windfarm close to Albany.

The maintenance volunteer mapping program, run by two specially trained volunteers based at the department, is aiming to produce maps by the end of the year showing the locations of all Track assets in each maintenance section. This will improve the volunteers’ knowledge to appropriately maintain their section, and assists the department with infrastructure monitoring and maintenance.

Department staff delivered advance maintenance training to the Support Volunteers as reported on page 10.

**Track management**

**Survey**

The user survey was closed in May 2015 after a twelve months data collection period. The final report, which was analysed with the assistance of Murdoch University, is near completion. Counters will remain along the Track at key locations to ensure continued data collection, thanks to the Foundation’s volunteers.

**Signage**

The design of new campsite signs has been finalised. The combined sign and noticeboard incorporates several previous signs in one location with added bush fire survival information.

**Maps and covers**

The map redesign process continues. Investigations have included more environmentally friendly printing and packaging options, standard size and format for all Long Trails maps (Bibbulmun Track, Munda Biddi Trail and Cape to Cape Track) to aid marketing, as well as making digital maps available. These will incorporate the department’s new road system. The release of the new maps is proposed for mid-2016.
The Bibbulmun Track Foundation thanks our many supporters

Our Members

On June 30 2014 the Foundation had 2412 members including 147 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
- Albany Visitor Centre
- All Saints College
- Bunbury Bushwalking Club
- Collie Visitor Centre
- Dept. of Sport and Recreation
- Friends of the Cape to Cape Track
- Great Southern Development Commission
- Kolbe Catholic College
- Munda Biddi Trail Foundation
- National Trust of Australia (WA)
- Ocean Reef SHS Emergency Services Cadets
- Outward Bound (WA)
- Pemberton Visitor and Tourist Centre
- Perth Bushwalkers Club (Inc.)
- Perth Hills Visitor Centre
- Presbyterian Ladies College
- Scotch College
- Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests WA
- Western Walking Club (Inc.)

Walker Friendly Businesses

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

- Adventurous Women
- Albany Bayside Ocean Villas
- Albany Bayview Backpackers YHA
- Albany Harbourside Apartments
- Blue Wren Traveller’s Rest
- Camp Kennedy Baptist Youth Camp
- Cape Howe Cottages
- Che Sara Sara Chalets
- Coalmine Beach Holiday Park
- Collie River Valley Tourist Park
- Comfort Inn and Suites Collie
- Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park
- Donnelly River Holiday Village
- Dunmoyleen House B&B
- Dwellingup Adventures & Marrinup Cabins
- Dwellingup B&B and Chalets
- Elsewhere
- Inspiration Outdoors
- Just Like Mums
- Kalamunda Carriages & 3 Gums Cottage
- Karri Country Good Food
- Mundaring Weir Hotel
- Naturally Walpole - Track and Trail Transfers
- Nutkin Lodge
- Peaceful Bay Chalets & Backpackers
- Pelicans At Denmark
- Pemberton Camp School
- Pemberton Caravan Park
- Pemberton Discovery Tours
- Pemberton OPT Holiday Apartments
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- Taddy Creek
- The Colliefields
- The Cove
- The Post House (Balingup Budget Accommodation)
- Tree Elle Retreat
- Truffles Forest Escape
- Walpole Lodge
- Watermark Kilns
- Whispering Pines B&B
- Windrose B&B
- Yoho Pizza
Thank you to all the following who generously made a donation during the year. We received $29,733 in donations and much of this was after the bushfires.

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Our Sponsors

The Foundation thanks all its sponsors for their ongoing support. The partnerships are highly valued and an integral part of the success and ongoing viability of the organisation.

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leading mining company which demonstrates leadership in safety, stewardship of the environment and social responsibility
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Sponsor since 2007

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Silver

Sea to Summit
outdoor equipment specialist
Sponsor since 2008

Back Country Cuisine
hiking food specialist
Sponsor since 2006

Alcoa
Australia’s aluminium
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Sponsor since 2010

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adventure travel specialist
Sponsor since 2003
Key Partners

Grants

Department of Sport & Recreation: $17,000 to conduct a second series of walks and leadership training for the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) community.

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>Charlie Soord</td>
<td>Learning and Development Consultant, Alcoa Mining</td>
<td>2014</td>
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<tr>
<td>Patrick Tremlett</td>
<td>Retired drafter of legislation</td>
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<td>Louise Yeaman</td>
<td>Senior Policy Officer, Department of Finance</td>
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<td>Kerstin Stender</td>
<td>Recreation and Trails Unit</td>
<td>Parks &amp; Wildlife representative</td>
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Our Staff as at 30 June 2015

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<tr>
<td>Linda Daniels</td>
<td>Executive Director</td>
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<td>Gwen Plunkett</td>
<td>Office Manager &amp; Volunteer Coordinator</td>
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<td>Steve Sertis</td>
<td>Events Manager &amp; Lead Guide</td>
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<td>Jean Byrne</td>
<td>Marketing Manager</td>
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<td>Chelsea Weaver</td>
<td>Tourism &amp; Marketing Coordinator</td>
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<td>Edith Thomas</td>
<td>Admin Assistant</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 2015

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<td>Petty Cash</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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<td>Cash at Bank</td>
<td>93,079.92</td>
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<td>Gold Term Deposit</td>
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<td>Telenet Saver Account</td>
<td>276,642.82</td>
<td>380,560.95</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
<td>2,140.00</td>
<td>337.00</td>
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<td>Stock on Hand</td>
<td>65,980.45</td>
<td>57,574.98</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>587,943.19</td>
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<td>Accounts Payable</td>
<td>774.00</td>
<td>1,767.90</td>
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<td>Payroll Liabilities</td>
<td>3,270.65</td>
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<td>Tax Payable</td>
<td>12,042.31</td>
<td>14,719.89</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>16,086.96</td>
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<td>Opening Balance</td>
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<td>571,856.23</td>
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<td>Surplus/(Deficit) this Period</td>
<td>85765.41</td>
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<td>571,856.23</td>
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Treasurer’s Report

Our surplus for the financial year was $46,517.98.

Gross income from our key revenue streams:

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<td>Donations</td>
<td>29,733</td>
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<td>Fee for service</td>
<td>67,500</td>
<td>11.52%</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>38,250</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>12,288</td>
<td>2.10%</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
<td>70,086</td>
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<td>Sponsorship</td>
<td>94,500</td>
<td>16.12%</td>
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<td>Earned Income</td>
<td>*273,799</td>
<td>46.71%</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>586,156</strong></td>
<td><strong>100.00%</strong></td>
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*Earned income includes Bibbulmun Walking Breaks, tours, guided walks, hire gear, fundraising events and merchandise sales. After deducting the costs, Earned Income accounted for 26.5% of our Net income.

The Foundation is starting the new financial year in a financially sound position with Net Assets of $618,374 including $57,575 in stock.

Funds earmarked for specific projects include $40,000 towards the restoration of River Road Bridge or replacement for Long Gully Bridge, $21,000 for the user survey report and $39,000 in donations for other Track maintenance projects.
“This will be my last night after six days of walking on the Bibbulmun Track from Kalamunda. Overall it has been uncommonly enjoyable. The facilities, track maintenance and signposting have been superb. A big thank you to the department and volunteers for your sterling efforts. There are few places in the world where such a set-up exists. Coming from Britain I am both impressed and envious. Good luck to all walkers; I hope to be back some day to do some further sections.”

Hugh Hoffman, London, at Gringer Creek Campsite