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.
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 programme.

Our Vision
To be 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.

Our 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 our Strategic Plan 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.

Key Partners
Message from the Chair

Mike Wood

I am pleased to report to the membership of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation that we have had another successful year in working to provide one of the world’s great long distance walking trails. We are delighted to welcome Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Governor of Western Australia as our patron. The Bibbulmun Track connects over 20 parks throughout the south west and we are very pleased to welcome a patron who has not only walked part of the Track but is keen to protect the unique landscapes through which it passes.

We have been fortunate in having a stable board membership and a very low staff turnover rate which means that there has been some wonderfully consistent management and no loss of corporate knowledge as the years have gone on. I often sit back and wonder at how lucky we are to have Linda as our Executive Director and others like Steve, Gwen, Lindsay and Ashley giving core support and management to our army of volunteers. I would like to give a big thank you to those staff and volunteers who have given many hours to ensure the success of both the Track and the Foundation.

We will have some board turnover this year with Mark McLaughlin moving on – literally moving on down to Walpole where he will still be able to help out with trail maintenance. Thank you to Mark for all your work, particularly around the Volunteer Support Programme, we now have a team of volunteers who are chainsaw certified and ready to launch themselves into action to keep the trail clear.

This year saw us still having to deal with the aftermath of the fires that destroyed the Long Gully Bridge and four shelters. Most of the Track has re-opened and the shelters are being rebuilt in more fire-resistant materials. We have learnt a lot from that situation and it seems clear that in future years fires are going to take more of our time and resources. The Foundation continues to work closely with the Department of Parks and Wildlife to try to minimise risks to walkers.

Message from the Executive Director

Linda Daniels

Much of the year focused on the re-build of the Track. It is unfortunate that this is taking longer than anticipated due to a variety of factors including approvals, weather and contractor issues - but we are close to having the four new campsites open and progress has been made with bridge designs and funding applications.

The results of our 2014/15 user survey were published and it was very pleasing to see that 98% of those surveyed would recommend the Track to others and 97% intend to walk it again. Given that 7% of respondents were from interstate or overseas this is really quite a remarkable result. We were aware that visitors to WA do return again to walk either a different section of the Track or complete another end-to-end and it was good to have this confirmed in the survey results. Repeat visitation is excellent for the towns along the Track and much of the $13.1million in annual direct expenditure is spent in regional areas.

The results also confirmed that walkers are venturing out for longer. Certainly the amount of map sales, gear hire and enquiries show that interest in walking the Track is as high as ever. We are very lucky to have over 20 volunteers who are experienced Track walkers to help us run the office and assist with enquiries or we wouldn't manage to get anything else done!

A sincere thank you to all our volunteers who help in so many ways – and to all our members, sponsors and friends for your ongoing support. I hope you all manage to get out on to the Bibbulmun Track in the year to come and enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of being in the bush.
New Rammed Earth Shelters a Sign of the Times

It has been 18 months since bushfire ravaged the Bibbulmun Track, and we’re pleased to say that most of the diversions have been removed and four new campsites are nearing completion.

The campsites at Brookton, Possum Springs, Gardner and Dog Pool now feature shelters built from aesthetically pleasing rammed earth walls and steel roofs.

These materials are more fire resistant than the timber used previously and the shelters will hopefully survive with minimal damage if subjected to bushfires in the future.

Unfortunately, contractor issues have delayed the completion of Gardner and Dog Pool until November.

Friendship Trails

The Foundation was proud to announce the launch of Australia’s first two International Friendship Trails. We have made friends with Canada’s leading trail, the Bruce Trail Conservancy, and with the Jeju Olle Trail in South Korea.

The Friendship Trails project is an initiative of The World Trails Network. Friendship Trails are similar to twin towns, whereby trails in different countries team up in the name of partnership, mutual publicity and international cooperation.

The Foundation aims to identify nine international trails with common attributes to pair with each of the nine sections of the Bibbulmun Track.
Community Participation

Guided Events

Many of the Foundation’s events are designed to introduce new users to try the Bibbulmun Track and we are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteer guides keen to share their enthusiasm and knowledge. Our guides undertake a training programme aligned with the Adventure Activity Standards and they are mentored and assessed by our Lead Guide and Events Manager, Steve Sertis.

Of the 876 participants who took part in our events last year, over a third had never been on the Track before. After taking part in a day walk many of these people will go on to an overnight event or workshop designed to give them the skills and confidence to head out on their own if they so desire and it is not unusual for us to receive end-to-end registrations from people who first walked the Track on one of our introductory events.

Independent walkers

The results of a 12-month user survey conducted in 2014/15 showed that the top personal benefits of walking the Track include access to scenic natural areas and walking as a physical and mental health activity.

Due to the methodology, the survey was primarily answered by Western Australians (93%) and it was heartening to see that 98% of those surveyed would recommend the Track to others and 97% intend to walk the Track again.

The Foundation is currently in the process of entering data from the campsite log-books. Naturally, the percentage of West Australians is much higher at campsites close to Perth. When looking at over 4500 entries from a more remote campsite between Walpole and Denmark it shows that over 16% of walkers were from interstate and 12.5% from overseas. Of these visitors to WA around 30% walked up to four days (from Walpole to Peaceful Bay), 30% walked for one to two weeks, 10% walked for between two and seven weeks, the remaining 20% walked for over seven weeks.

18 months of data from electronic counters show that over 300,000 visitor days are spent on the Track with over half of these being day walks. For two thirds of walkers the Track was the main reason they visited an area.

Annual direct expenditure was calculated at $13.1 million with much of this being spent in regional areas on accommodation, food and services.

Nature Academy nurtures new leaders

The Edmund Rice Centre partnered with the Bibbulmun Track Foundation to launch a Nature Academy for youth from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds.

The Foundation’s role was to conduct a programme designed to train youth to lead bushwalks. Fourteen young women between the ages of twelve and twenty years old completed all the units. The next step is for selected participants to be involved in BTF organised walks.

We hope the fourteen young women who completed the programme will continue to enjoy the great outdoors and share their knowledge and experience with others in their community.

Many thanks to the Inclusion Unit at the Department of Sport and Recreation for supporting this initiative.
Bibbulmun Track Foundation salutes our dedicated volunteers

During 2015/16 the number of active volunteers rose to 373 who contributed 22,468 hours.

In addition to Board members, guides, office volunteers and maintenance volunteers, we now have around 50 volunteers involved with a new project to enter all the data from the campsite log books.

To thank our volunteers, functions were held in Perth, Albany and Peaceful Bay at which awards and rewards were presented including six 15-Year Long Service Awards.

Volunteers play a key role in the work of the Foundation and we recognize and appreciate the commitment and contribution of all of our volunteers. Thank you all.

Gwen Plunkett

Volunteer Awards 2015

We are very pleased to recognise the following volunteers who were presented with Awards by the Department of Parks and Wildlife in December 2015.

Congratulations to Patrick Tremlett on receiving an Outstanding Service Award and to Alan, Gayle and John on their Highly Commended awards in recognition of their many years of hard work and commitment to the Track.

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
2012  Trish Bird, Val Cocker, Chris Plunkett, Bev Visser OSA
2013  Guy Spouge, Isabel Busch, Peter Sweetman OSA
2014  Colin Gee, Elsie Grygiel, Hans Hoette, Peter Whittle 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, 10 and 15 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 370 plus volunteers contributed 22,468 hours.

500 hours
- Charmaine Harris
- Elsie Grygiel
- Isabel Busch
- Jim Freeman
- Peter Addenbrooke

300 hours
- Colin Gee
- Colleen Clayden
- Edith Thomas
- Ian Rae
- Jim Baker
- John Wynn
- Peter Sweetman
- Peter Whittle
- Richard Clayden
- Stuart Gray

100 hours
- Alan Barker
- Alex Williams
- Annie van Poppel
- Brian Traynor
- Carey Dickson
- Ce Kealley
- Charlie Soord
- Chris Piggford
- Chris Plunkett
- Deb Spiden
- Derek Callow
- Gary Ceriani
- Gayle Kealley
- Greg Arnold
- Guy Spouge
- Hedley Amos
- Henk van Poppel
- Jack Busch
- Jane Singleton
- Jenny Arnold
- John Beard
- Kathi Storig
- Ken Graham
- Kerry Owens
- Lari McDonald
- Lesley Kerr
- Lindsay Vibert
- Mal Cooper
- Malcolm Ferrier
- Marilyn Beard
- Mary Gray
- Maryanne Addenbrooke
- Patrick Tremlett
- Paul Harris
- Peter Dear
- Roland Stayt
- Sandra Ceriani
- Stuart Gray
- Susan Soord
- Tony Jennings
- Trish Bird
- Volker Storig

Many thanks to Mountain Designs for sponsoring our annual Volunteer Rewards.
Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track

Newmont Boddington Gold
Eyes on the Ground Maintenance Programme

More than 400 reports were received from our maintenance volunteers in 2015/16 with summary reports of any issues being sent to each Parks and Wildlife District.

Five Field Days were held throughout the year with good weather for all except Frankland District where planned work around Rame Head had to be abandoned due to strong winds and driving rain. Field Days provide valuable training for volunteers as well as an opportunity to work on special projects such as tent site and internal trail construction at campsites and step construction.

Support Volunteer Programme

Support volunteers undertook a variety of tasks including bridge construction, clearing and trail re-marking following fires, constructing realignments as well as supervision of small groups at Field Days.

Where necessary further training has been provided by Department staff. This additional training and experience means we now have a dedicated group who can undertake a wide variety of projects either as a group, or with the help of regular maintenance volunteers.

Thank you to all Foundation maintenance volunteers and Parks and Wildlife staff members who work hard to maintain the Bibbulmun Track for all walkers to enjoy.

A sincere thank you to Newmont Boddington Gold for their continued support of the "Eyes on the Ground" Maintenance Programme, and to South 32 for sponsoring the Support Volunteer team.

What is the highlight of your volunteering career?

“I am fortunate that "MY" section runs beside the Donnelly River, a very beautiful section through the karri forest. The highlight for me is knowing that each trip is going to be different from the last; be it a small flock of stray sheep that have not seen shears for years, a pair of companionable roosters, friendly bird life, amazing wildflowers, tiny brightly coloured insects or the occasional kangaroo or quokka. We are so fortunate to have this world class trail in our back yard.

Mal Cooper, Maintenance Volunteer
Recreation and Trails Unit Report

The past year has again seen a Bibbulmun Track works programme based on fire recovery, visitor safety, maintenance, improvements and management.

**Fire impacts and recovery works**

Recovery and rebuilding was still in progress from the 2015 fires, when again, fires impacted the Track across several locations causing significant infrastructure damage. The Murray Campsite was significantly damaged in the Waroona fire, and a major boardwalk burnt out in the Ashendon fire. Amazingly the Canning Campsite survived the Ashendon fire - very narrowly - which destroyed the adjacent tent site signs.

The new fire resilient rammed earth shelters have been opened at the Brookton and Possum Springs Campsites. Contractor issues have delayed the completion of Gardiner and Dog Pool campsites, but they should be completed in November. The bridges across the Shannon River at the Dog Pool Campsite and Bell Brook north of the Possum Springs Campsite have now been rebuilt.

Unfortunately, delays have been encountered with the Long Gully Bridge replacement. While traditional owners have supported the proposed replacement design and location, uncertainties remain around the aboriginal heritage site status of the Murray River and the resulting application of the Aboriginal Heritage Act. Parks and Wildlife would like to thank BG & E Engineering for their pro bono contributions in designing the new Murray River suspension bridge, and subsidising the development of detailed construction drawings.

The new suspension bridge requires a realignment of the Track, with Foundation volunteers assisting in the construction of the new track and a small bridge, which will be incorporated into the current Long Gully Bridge diversion in the near future.

**Maintenance and improvements**

In addition to the usual pruning, maintenance of signage and shelters, spraying of weeds, removal of fallen trees and branches, the work outlined below was undertaken by the districts. Some of the works were undertaken with crews from the Department of Corrective Services.

- The pedestrian and cycle suspension bridge across the Donnelly River at One Tree Bridge was opened in 2015, which avoids walkers sharing the high-speed traffic bridge.
- Several toilets have been fitted with new sealed vault tanks, some of which have been relocated to provide easier access for the pumping out.
- Tent sites have been reviewed at several campsites, with additional sites developed, with the review of further campsites planned.

Continuous training was provided to the Foundation’s Support Volunteer Programme, allowing them to take on more advanced and satisfying tasks such as new trail and bridge construction.

**Track management**

The Bibbulmun Track user survey was completed and released, highlighting the continuing value of the Track to the community. Work is continuing on the development of detailed maintenance volunteer maps with the assistance of volunteers working in the RTU office. Pending the 2016/17 fire season, our focus is returning to the long term management, maintenance and sustainability of the Track.
The Bibbulmun Track Foundation thanks our many supporters

Our Members

On June 30 2016 the Foundation had 2489 members including 165 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
- Department 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
- Pemberton Visitor and Tour Centre
- Perth Bushwalkers Club
- Perth Hills Visitor Centre
- Presbyterian Ladies College
- Scotch College
- Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests WA
- Western Walking Club

Walker Friendly Businesses

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

- 1849 Backpackers
- Adventurous Women
- Albany Bayside Ocean Villas
- Albany Bayview Backpackers YHA
- Albany Harbourside Apartments
- Blue Wren Travellers’ Rest
- Camp Kennedy Baptist Youth Camp
- Cape Howe Cottages
- Casa Libelula
- 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
- Dunmoylen House B&B
- Dwellingup Adventures
- Glen Mervyn Lodge
- Inlet Waters B & B
- Inner Trekker
- Inspiration Outdoors
- Kalamunda Carriages & 3 Gums Cottage
- Karri Country Good Food
- Munda Biddi Shuttle Service
- Mundaring Weir Hotel
- Nutkin Lodge
- Peaceful Bay Chalets & Backpackers
- Pelicans At Denmark
- Pemberton Camp School
- Pemberton Caravan Park
- Pemberton Discovery Tours
- Pemberton OPT Holiday Apartments
- Silkworm Wines
- Taddy Creek
- Tennesse Hill Chalets
- 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
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Thank you to all the following who generously made a donation during the year.

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Christ Church Grammar honors 25 years

For 25 years the Bibbulmun Track has been part of an 11-day journey undertaken by Year 10 students from Christ Church Grammar School. In 2015, the School generously donated $25,000 to the Foundation to celebrate this milestone.
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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Fundraising

Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends the 2016 Adventure Raffle raised $50,000 in ticket sales and accompanying donations – a fantastic result. We are very grateful to the following businesses that donated prizes. In particular, Peregrine Travel WA for the very generous 1st Prize of a trip for two to Borneo.

*Peregrine Travel WA, Mountain Designs, Sea to Summit, WA Wilderness, Silkwood Winery, Donnelly River Cruises.*

Grants

Many thanks to Alcoa for two grants totalling $6,900 through their ACTION and Alcoans in Motion grant programmes. Alcoa staff members made significant improvements to the hut at Mt Wells including the addition of a verandah.

Our Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AC, Governor of Western Australia

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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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.

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<th>Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016</th>
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<td><strong>2015</strong></td>
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<td>109.00</td>
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<td>Petty Cash</td>
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<td>49,178.39</td>
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<td>Cash at Bank</td>
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<td>150,000.00</td>
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<td>Gold Term Deposit</td>
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<td>380,560.95</td>
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<td>Telenet Saver Account</td>
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<td>Accounts Receivable</td>
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<td>Stock on Hand</td>
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<td>Petty Cash</td>
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<td>Accounts Payable</td>
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<td>Tax Payable</td>
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<td>Fixed Assets</td>
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<td>Net Assets</td>
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<td>571,856.23</td>
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<td>Opening Balance</td>
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<td>Surplus/(Deficit) this Period</td>
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Treasurer’s Report

Our surplus for the financial year was $42,438.11. This was largely due to our successful Adventure raffle which raised a total of $50,000 in ticket sales and donations.

Gross income from our key revenue streams:

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<th>Revenue Stream</th>
<th>2015</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Donations</td>
<td>44,641</td>
<td>7.59%</td>
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<td>Fee for service</td>
<td>67,500</td>
<td>11.48%</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>6,925</td>
<td>1.18%</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
<td>10,722</td>
<td>1.82%</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
<td>70,294</td>
<td>11.96%</td>
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<td>Sponsorship</td>
<td>78,478</td>
<td>13.35%</td>
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<td>Earned Income*</td>
<td>309,392</td>
<td>52.62%</td>
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**$587,952** 100.00%

*Earned income includes Bibbulmun Walking Breaks, tours, guided walks, hire gear, fundraising events and merchandise sales. After deducting the costs, Earned Income accounted for 33% of our Net income.

The Foundation is starting the new financial year in a financially sound position with Net Assets of $669,218 including $54,011 in stock.

Funds earmarked for specific projects include $100,000 towards the new bridge over the Murray River and $75,000 towards the restoration of River Road Bridge.
Results of 2014–15 Bibbulmun Track survey

Top personal benefits
- Access to scenic natural areas
- Walking as a physical and mental health activity
- Escaping the urban environment
- Connection with and increased appreciation of nature

Top social benefits
- Contributing to healthy lifestyles
- Provision of green spaces/corridors
- Increased community wellbeing and pride
- Increased tourism in regional WA

- 92% average walker satisfaction
- 98% would recommend track to others
- 97% intend to walk track again
- 93% aware of Bibbulmun Track Foundation
- 67% track was main reason for visit to area

- 1 in 7 walk for a week or more
- 50% walk for a day
- $13.1m annual direct expenditure
- 302,960 visit days
- 5.6 days average overnight walk
- 110km average for people walking more than one night
- 18km average 4hr to full-day walk

- 93% Western Australian
- 4% Other Australians
- 3% International

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Source: Murdoch University and Department of Parks and Wildlife Bibbulmun Track User Survey 2014–15.
“I came to Australia to hike what I had heard was one of the world’s great long-distance back-packing trails. The Bibbulmun Track was everything I had hoped for and more”.

*Alan Green, USA*