



ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018

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.



*A bridge made from a fallen karri tree crosses the Donnelly River.
Photo by Inspiration Outdoors*



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 Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' Parks and Wildlife Services 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;
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.

Message from the Chair

Mike Wood



It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since the "New Bibbulmun Track" was completed and opened to walkers. I remember waving off the first group of end-to-end hikers from Albany, watching enviously as they started their two-month-long adventure. Ten years later I joined the 10 year anniversary group as an assistant guide to Steve Sertis and finally did my own end-to-end.

The Foundation was established a few months before the Track was opened. It was an exciting time with many unknowns, but with a lot of enthusiasm and passion for the idea of a long distance trail in WA, available to all, that showcased the best of Australia's South West. We were very keen to get as many people as possible involved, and twenty years later I can say proudly that we have a Foundation and a Track of which thousands of people feel a sense of ownership, whether they be walkers, volunteers, Foundation staff or Parks & Wildlife staff.

One such person is Gwen Plunkett who, along with her husband Chris, answered the initial call for maintenance volunteers and later became one of our first staff members. Gwen is retiring in December and we wish her all the very best. She has been integral to the success of our volunteer programme and we are grateful for her dedication. Happy travels Gwen.

We have had a very busy year with some big changes, not the least of which was the move from our office above Mountain Designs in Hay Street to our new home at the Perth YHA in Wellington Street. I must send out a big "Thank You!" to the staff members and volunteers who sorted, packed and moved 20 years-worth of our possessions. It was an amazing effort done in the ridiculously short amount of time that we were given. Thanks to all involved.

In the meantime, the Board had been discussing the long term vision for the Track. How do we want it to look in 20, 30 or 40 years? What are the big issues that affect the sustainability of the Track and the Foundation? We asked the board members, the staff, the volunteers and you, the members. The detailed feedback received from the survey and workshop will influence decisions made in the future and has been distilled into the vision statement in this report.

Unfortunately, we lost another two campsites to bushfires this year. This does provide opportunities to redesign shelters and improve campsites, but it is a real drain on the financial resources of both the Foundation and the WA Government. Hopefully with the increased resources devoted to prescribed burning the loss of bush and the destruction of the Track and its campsites will be lessened in future.

Maintenance and upgrades are an ongoing process with the upgraded Northern Terminus and link trail to the Kalamunda Visitor Centre providing a wonderful example of the Foundation working with local and State governments.

I am looking forward to 2019. Let's all continue to improve our world-class Bibbulmun Track!

Message from the Executive Director

Linda Daniels



The Foundation's 20th year has brought challenges and change, both on and off the Track. Some challenges, such as losing more infrastructure to bushfires, were disheartening but not entirely unexpected; whilst others, such as the closure of Mountain Designs, came completely out of the blue.

Mountain Designs was the Foundation's very first sponsor and integral to the stability of the organisation. We are extremely grateful to them for providing us with a home and supporting our fund raising and volunteer rewards for 20 years. It was a shock having to relocate within four weeks and we are thankful that the YHA offered us tenancy in their Perth hostel. It has taken a while to get settled but we are getting there and thank our wonderful team of office volunteers for riding the wave!

We have also had staff changes with Gwen Plunkett reducing her role to volunteer coordinator this year and Ce Kealley taking over the reigns as office manager. Gwen has been with the Foundation from the very start and is retiring at the end of the year. I'm sure all our volunteers will agree that she will be sorely missed.

Looking ahead our major focus is on finalising the works programme for the next three to five years in line with our vision to ensure that the Track remains a quality experience for walkers. We are fortunate to have skilled and dedicated volunteers helping to plan, coordinate and carry out this work.

Thank you to all our members, volunteers and partners for your ongoing support.

Bibbulmun Track Foundation – *still here after 20 years!*

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation (originally named Friends of the Bibbulmun Track) held its first board meeting on 6 August 1997.

The Foundation would encourage volunteers to be responsible for *their* sections of the Track and would provide resource assistance, both financial and in kind, to support the department in managing, maintaining and marketing the newly aligned Track, complete with campsites, which was due to open in 1998.

Twenty years later the use of the Bibbulmun Track has grown exponentially and the volunteer programme is of paramount importance in meeting the demands this growth has created. Although major clearance work and construction of Track infrastructure remain in the province of the department, a Support Volunteer programme has been created to assist with large scale tasks. The busy office is open five days a week with the assistance of over 20 volunteers who also answer enquiries and chat to walkers.

The Foundation has greatly raised the profile of the Bibbulmun Track; walkers come from all over Australia and indeed the world to WA solely to walk on the Bibbulmun Track, which has truly achieved its objective of becoming *A Walk Trail of International Significance and Quality*. However this is not a time for resting on our laurels - plans are well under way for the next twenty years!



The BTF Board in October 2017. L to R: Mike Wood (Chair and founding member), Patrick Tremlett, Linda Daniels (ED), Bruce Manning (founding member), Louise Yeaman, Simon Holthouse (founding member, retired at AGM), Kerstin Stender (Parks & Wildlife Svs), Kathleen Broderick, Charlie Soord, Peter Sharp (Parks & Wildlife Svs).



At our last AGM we farewelled one of our longest serving volunteers and founding board member Simon Holthouse.

On joining the Board Simon was Chair of the State Planning Commission. He not only brought gravitas to our board but also impressed upon us the need for transparency, integrity and attention to a consistent process. His advice and direction throughout the years was invaluable.

On retiring from the Board, Simon noted that the 20 years he had spent with the BTF was the longest time he had ever devoted to any organisation and for that we are extremely grateful.

We hope Simon is enjoying his retirement.



At this year's AGM we are preparing to say goodbye to long-term staff member Gwen Plunkett.

In early 1997 Gwen joined the newly formed Friends of the Bibbulmun Track and became one of the original maintenance volunteers.

In early 1999 she started volunteering one day a week in the office. Over time this led to employment as the Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator with the days gradually increasing from one to five days a week as the office got busier.

Gwen, accompanied by her husband Chris, has attended every Field Day and Volunteer Thank You day over the past two decades and has been integral to the success of our volunteer programme. **Thank you Gwen** - you will be greatly missed!

Vision Survey and Workshop

In 2017, Parks & Wildlife Services asked the BTF Board to consider the Foundation's long-term outlook for the Track and to assist with the development of a works program for the next 10 to 20 years. We were also keen to define the *look* and *feel* of the Track to ensure that any future works retain the character of the Bibbulmun Track and the walker experience.

Members and volunteers were invited to contribute to the discussion by completing a survey and attending a workshop in late November. Many thanks to the hundreds of people who completed the survey and to the 65 members and volunteers who attended the workshop. Your passion for the Track was obvious, your input was invaluable and will help guide future work undertaken on the Bibbulmun Track.

The full report is available on our website and the development of the works program is in progress.



The Foundation's vision for the Bibbulmun Track

These qualities of the Track should be retained:

- A simple wilderness path through the bush.
- A track that gives people mental and physical, yet accessible, challenges.
- A track that fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among its users.
- A track that provides opportunities for solitude and personal growth.
- A track that provides a peaceful and tranquil experience.

These principles should govern the Track:

- The natural wilderness of the Australian bush should be retained as much as is possible.
- Facilities, structures and regulations should be simple and pragmatic.
- Materials and design features should be rustic, minimalist and practical and not detract from the predominant sense of a natural, primitive environment.
- Trail markings should retain the original intention and characteristics of being functional, unobtrusive and sympathetic to the surroundings and be placed with appropriate regularity.
- Track improvements, including shelters, bridges, toilets and other facilities should be constructed to provide a minimum level of public safety.
- The Track should endeavour to inform and educate users into the Aboriginal and recent history of the land through which the Track passes.
- The Track should remain free from user fees.

Community Participation

Guided Events

The Foundation's events are designed to

- Introduce new users to try the Bibbulmun Track.
- Bust some of the myths which pose as barriers to participation.
- Upskill and give people confidence to get out there on their own.
- Allow people to network with other like-minded walkers.

Time and time again we meet walkers out on the Track who, having started their walking experience with the Foundation's Events, are now tackling their first end-to-end. But not all are aiming to walk the whole Track. Of the 1149 participants who took part in our events last year, over 45% were beginners or 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.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteer guides keen to share their enthusiasm and knowledge. Our guides undertake a comprehensive training programme aligned with the Adventure Activity Standards and they are mentored and assessed by our Lead Guide and Events Manager, Steve Sertis.

Our events continue to generate excellent feedback for the walks as well as good will for the Foundation, its volunteers and the Track.

Guides get to grips with Wilderness First Aid

The Foundation hosted a three day wilderness first aid course in March. Six Bibbulmun Track volunteer guides, along with 25 other outdoor enthusiasts, participated in the course which offers CPR and plenty of scenario based teaching.



All our guides undertake this training through Wilderness First Aid Consultants and we are very grateful for their support.

Independent walkers



Nearly 250,000 entries from the campsite log-books have been entered into survey monkey giving us an excellent insight into who is walking the Track.

Not surprisingly, 84% of visitors to the most accessible campsite on the Track, Hewett's Hill near Kalamunda, are from the Perth Metro area. It is popular with groups and families, with children 14 and under representing 15% of walkers. Two thirds of the 11,000 visitors were out for day walks or weekend / two day hikes.

In comparison, of the 8,000 hikers at Rame Head campsite south of Walpole, 51% were from Perth, 18% from Country WA, 18% Interstate and 13% from overseas.

Hikers passing through Rame Head campsite were walking for longer with four-day and seven to 14-day hikes popular. 15% were walking for over 50 days indicating they were doing an end-to-end.

We were delighted in our 20th year to congratulate the 2,000th individual to register an end-to-end! Twynam Cunningham turned 60 halfway along the Track and celebrated by just taking some moments of introspection and enjoying the spectacular geology along the way.

Note that this is the 2,000th *registered* end-to-end walker. Unfortunately, many people walk the whole Track and never register their achievement or sign in the log-books despite our encouragement for them to do so.

Bibbulmun Track Foundation salutes our dedicated volunteers

During 2017/18 the number of active volunteers rose to 410, who contributed 33,659 hours.

In addition to Board members, guides, office volunteers and maintenance volunteers, we have around 60 volunteers involved with entering 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 eight 20-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 Recognition 2017

We were pleased to nominate the following volunteers for Parks and Wildlife Service Volunteer Awards in recognition of their hard work and commitment to the Track.

Congratulations to Ce for being Highly Commended at the Ceremony in December.



Ce Kealley

Volunteer since 2009

Volunteer Guide and Maintenance volunteer.

Joined the BTF staff team in 2017.



Geoff Meates

Volunteer since 2015

Maintenance & Support volunteer involved with multiple projects including review of Track signage.

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
2015 Patrick Tremlett OSA, Alan Barker, Gayle Kealley, John Murphy HC
2016 Ian Rae OSA, Mark Davidson HC

VOY – Volunteer of the Year OSA – Outstanding Service Award HC – Highly Commended

What is the highlight of your volunteering career?

I have been a volunteer for over twenty years now and I still get enjoyment when meeting a variety of like-minded people. The peace and tranquillity of the Track never ceases to amaze me. For me it is a way of getting away from my everyday routines and structures. "It is not what I can do for the Track, it is what the Track does for me".

John Chellew, Maintenance Volunteer.



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, for the first time, we were delighted to acknowledge eight volunteers who had reached the 20 year milestone!

Thank you to you all!



Chris and Gwen Plunkett and Steve Sertis (Right) with the Honour Board recognising those volunteers who have given 20 years of service - made and donated by Jim Freeman.

20 Years	15 Years	10 Years	5 Years	
John Chellew	Phil Dufty	Alan Barker	Hedley Amos	Bill Koster
Simon Holthouse	Lesley Kerr	Michael Burns	Timothy Andrews	Grace Lamont
Bruce Manning	Ed Martin	Mary Gray	Derek Callow	Michael Marsh
Chris Plunkett	Maureen Quirke	Stuart Gray	Alex Campbell	Martin Murphy
Gwen Plunkett		Gayle Kealley	Janine Carter	Pat O'Leary
Steve Sertis		Lari McDonald	Sylvia Cheung	Robyn Rogers
Jim Sharp		Wendy-Lee Pittick	Andrew Chiswell	Judy Wade
Mike Wood		Patrick Tremlett	Teresa Eldridge	Daniel Wade

Volunteer Rewards

These awards recognise the number of hours various individuals volunteered over a 12 month period.

Collectively, the Foundation's volunteers contributed 33,659 hours.

500+ hours	300-499 hours	100-299 hours		
Jim Baker	Peter Addenbrooke	Maryanne	Mike Cosson	Yvonne Noble
Isabel Busch	Hedley Amos	Addenbrooke	Peter Dear	Mary Oates
Mark Davidson	Alan Barker	Robert Allen	Teresa Eldridge	Kerry Ovens
Jim Freeman	Gayle Kealley	Greg Arnold	Ted Evans	Chris Plunkett
Colin Gee	Geoff Meates	Jenny Arnold	Mary Gray	Maureen Potter
Elsie Grygiel	Graham Murdoch	Barbara Bechter-	Stuart Gray	Vaughn Pownall
Charmaine Harris	Ian Rae	Wuthrich	Paul Harris	Gordon Roberts
Ce Kealley	Charles Soord	Trish Bird	Cameron Hobson	Terry Ryan
	Sue Soord	Karen Boyce	Jan Howie	Lorna Saunders
	Vicki Squires	David Bridger	Tony Jennings	Ross Simpson
	Kathi Storig	Jack Busch	Caro Knight	Deb Spiden
	Peter Sweetman	Derek Callow	Sandra Maley	Guy Spouge
	Edith Thomas	Gary Ceriani	Dora Marinova	Volker Storig
	Patrick Tremlett	Sandra Ceriani	Michael Marsh	Ron Sweeney
	Peter Whittle	Colleen Clayden	Lari McDonald	Annie Van Poppel
		Richard Clayden	Dolly Meates	Henk van Poppel
		Anthony Cole	Mukmin Mochtar	Alex Williams
		Mal Cooper	John Murphy	Jessica Wolff



Thank you to Zanthorrea Nursery and Fairbrossan Wines for supporting our volunteer awards.



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 2017/18 with summary reports of any major issues being sent to each Parks and Wildlife District.

Field Days were held in each of the six districts throughout the year. These provide valuable training for volunteers as well as an opportunity to work on special projects such as installation of kit bridges, small realignments and step construction.

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



Volunteers oiling the shelter at a Field Day.



Australia's aluminium

Support Volunteer Programme

Volunteers Mark Davidson and Charlie Soord helped to coordinate a number of projects throughout the year and liaised with Department staff members in the Districts and head office.

Examples of work undertaken include:

- Repairs and preservation work on the timber trestle River Road Bridge.
- Construction of steps up eroded dunes near Irwin Inlet.
- Construction of multiple creek crossings and small bridges.
- Clearing of trees and Track remarking after bushfires.
- Extensive review and planning for the management of eroded sections on the south coast.

This is just a sample of the type of projects undertaken and the Foundation thanks all volunteers and Parks and Wildlife Services staff members who work hard to maintain the Bibbulmun Track for walkers to enjoy.



Steps installed up the dunes at Irwin Inlet.



Preservation work on River Road Bridge.



New surrounds on bunk beds.



Cutting back prickly moses.

Recreation and Trails Unit Report



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Bushfires

The passing of another summer saw the Track once again impacted by fire. Sadly, the bushfire season claimed another two shelters. In the north, the Sawyers Valley fire scorched approximately 10km of the Track and destroyed the Helena shelter, while in the south strong winds fuelled fires in Torndirrup National Park destroying the Sandpatch shelter. Insurance claims have been submitted for both sites with re-construction works expected to commence early in the new year.

Maintenance

Major maintenance and repair works have commenced on the River Road Bridge south of Pemberton. In a collaborative project with the Foundation, the support volunteers have completed the first phase of treatments to preserve the bridge. Contractors have been engaged to undertake the heavy-duty structural work such as replacing piles and cross beams. A big thank you to the Support Volunteer team for their time and effort on this project.

Campsite maintenance and upgrades continue with work underway at a number of sites. Volunteers and District staff did a fantastic job at the Swamp Oak Campsite completing the floor extensions, with the roof extension to be finished shortly. Improvements to weatherproofing and revegetation works are also underway at Blackwood Campsite.

The annual program of regular checks, safety assessments, pruning and signage replacement and maintenance also continued throughout the year.



River Road Bridge near Pemberton

Management

The department upgraded its Explore Parks website bringing all the Track related planning and safety information together under the *Trails* tab on the main page. Track conditions are now displayed in an easy to navigate map style and have been combined with all other parks alerts to assist with trip planning.

There were a number of staff changes this year at the Recreation and Trails Unit with David Lindner's resignation to take on a new position in the community sector, while Kerstin Stender has taken extended leave until early 2019.

Finally, thank you to all of the BTF volunteers for your ongoing help to maintain and promote the Track.

A special thank you also to long serving staff member and volunteer Gwen Plunkett for her many years of involvement at the Foundation. We hope you enjoy your retirement and wish you all the best.

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The Bibbulmun Track Foundation thanks our many supporters

Our Members

On June 30 2018 the Foundation had 2592 members including 168 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 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:

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| Action Outdoors Association | Friends of the Cape to Cape Track | Perth Bushwalkers Club |
| Albany Visitor Centre | Great Southern Development Commission | Perth Hills Visitor Centre |
| All Saints College | ImagineGWNP | Presbyterian Ladies College |
| Bunbury Bushwalking Club | Kolbe Catholic College | Scotch College |
| Collie Visitor Centre | Munda Biddi Trail Foundation | Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests |
| Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. | National Trust of Australia (WA) | Valetudo Health |
| | Pemberton Visitor and Tourist Centre | Western Walking Club |

Walker Friendly Businesses

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



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| Adventurous Women | Inspiration Outdoors | Pemberton Discovery Tours |
| Albany Bayview Backpackers YHA | Jarrah Forest Lodge | Pemberton OPT Holiday Apartments |
| Albany Harbourside Apartments and Houses | Kalamunda Carriages & 3 Gums Cottage | Peppermint House |
| Blue Wren Travellers' Rest | Karri Country Good Food | The Colliemfields |
| Camp Kennedy Baptist Youth Camp | Karri Valley Resort | The Cove |
| Cape Howe Cottages | Mandia B & B | Time Travel Tours & Transport |
| Che Sara Sara Chalets | ManjiShuttle | Villa du Lac |
| Coalmine Beach Holiday Park | Mumbles | Walk into Luxury |
| Didier Walks | Mundaring Weir Hotel | Walpole Lodge |
| Discovery Parks - Perth Airport | Naturally Walpole - Track and Trail | Watermark Kilns |
| Donnelly River Village | Transfers | Whispering Pines B & B |
| Dog Rock Motel | Nutkin Lodge | Windrose B & B |
| Down Under Discoveries | Peaceful Bay Chalets & Backpackers | Yoho Pizza |
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| Dwellingup Adventures | Pemberton Camp School | |
| Dwellingup History & Visitor Information Centre | Pemberton Caravan Park | |



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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Sponsor since 2006

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adventure travel specialist
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wilderness first aid training
Sponsor since 2010

Our Donors

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

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Christina Prevost	Jann Miranda	Peppermint Grove Art Group	Walking Two by Two
Christine Kennea	Jeffrey Gresham	Peter Cram	Winsome Lane
Claudia Rohde	Jeremy Owen	Peter Edwards	
David Large	Jessica Wolff	Rebecca Brockwell	

Northern Terminus Upgrade

On 1 September 2017, Kalamunda City Mayor Andrew Waddell officially opened the upgraded Bibbulmun Track Northern Terminus and link trail to the Perth Hills Visitor Centre. Special Guests included Hon Ken Wyatt, Federal Member for Hasluck, and Matthew Hughes, Member for Kalamunda.

The project was supported by Tourism Western Australia through the Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure program and project managed by the City. Both the Foundation and the department provided input into the project design.

The Spirit Poles artwork, representing the six Aboriginal language groups of the South West region, was created by artists Sharon Egan and Gordon Mitchell. The artwork was generously funded by Newmont Boddington Gold.

The project is a great example of community collaboration and we are delighted with the result.



Starting at the Track itself, the large steel etched Wagyl, the symbol of the Bibbulmun Track, represents the carved landforms and waterways of the region. The six Aboriginal language groups of the South West region are represented in the six meeting point circles along Railway Road; the largest circle at the Terminus is indicative of a communal fire pit



Key Partner



Department of Biodiversity,
Conservation and Attractions



Our Patron

Kerry Sanderson AC

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:

		Joined the Board
Mike Wood Chair	Director, Peregrine Travel Centre, Perth	1997
Kathleen Broderick	Principle Consultant and Founder, Broderick and Associates	2016
John Holan	Financial Adviser, Empire Financial Group	2017
Bruce Manning	CEO, Great Southern Development Commission	1997
Peter Sharp	Director, Parks and Visitor Services, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	2017
Charlie Soord	Learning and Development Consultant, Alcoa Mining	2014
Patrick Tremlett	Retired drafter of legislation	2006
Louise Yeaman	Exercise Physiologist	2010
Kerstin Stender	Recreation and Trails Unit	Parks & Wildlife Svs representative

Our Staff as at 30 June 2018

Linda Daniels	Executive Director
Ashley Gibson	Marketing Manager
Ce Kealley	Office Manager
Gwen Plunkett	Volunteer Coordinator
Steve Sertis	Events Manager & Lead Guide
Edith Thomas	Admin Assistant



Walkers on Boonering Hill

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