



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2022/23

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.





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## The Bibbulmun Track Foundation

Whilst the Parks and Wildlife Service in the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions is the manager of the Track, the Bibbulmun Track Foundation is recognised as the primary focal point for community-based support and involvement.



### Vision

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

### Mission

To support the management of the Bibbulmun Track and encourage walkers to appreciate and support the Track for the benefit of future generations.

### Strategic Priorities

#### 1. Community participation contributing to physical and social well-being.

**We will continue to:**

- a. encourage and support walkers through information and events
- b. attract, train and retain volunteers and acknowledge their contributions

#### 2. Development of opportunities for tourism, employment and education.

**We will continue to:**

- a. develop, support and promote products and services for Track walkers
- b. provide resources and facilities for schools and other groups
- c. promote the communities through which the Track passes

#### 3. Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track.

**We will continue to:**

- a. maintain the Track in line with the BTF's vision
- b. provide interpretation and environmental education as appropriate
- c. develop a reconciliation action plan

#### 4. Attraction of funds and other resources.

**We will continue to:**

- a. develop high quality relationships with all stakeholders
- b. encourage membership, sponsorship and other contributions
- c. develop income streams through products and services

#### 5. Advocacy for protection of the Track from adverse impacts.

**We will continue to:**

- a. raise awareness of the Track at all levels of government
- b. encourage community support for and pride in the Track
- c. provide input into the formation of policies and development applications that would affect the Track.

*Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.*

*We acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land.*

## Message from the Chair and Executive Director

We are pleased to present this report outlining the achievements in the 2022- 2023 financial year. Key achievements include:

- Completion of a second major campaign to stabilise badly eroded section of Track on the south coast.
- Completion of camp site upgrades funded through the WA Recovery fund.
- Development of a Noongar cultural interpretation booklet.
- New artwork depicting the cultural story of the Track by Bibbulmun artist Joe Collard.
- Extensive planning for our 25th Anniversary Celebrations including a guided end-to-end, ten community events and a virtual hike to take place between July and September 2023.



Additionally, a quieter and more fundamental shift was underway as the BTF purchased and refurbished offices in Ord Street West Perth, to provide a long-term home for the Foundation and a solid base for the years to come.

We welcomed advice from Chris Dark, General Manager of Newmont that they would continue their solid support of the BTF and the work of maintaining the track through a renewed sponsorship arrangement.

We commend the work of the BTF staff, who have gone above and beyond, and our amazing volunteers who have made all these achievements possible.

We couldn't have achieved so much without the continued support of DBCA'S Parks & Wildlife Service and we thank them most sincerely.

Right now, our sights are firmly set on the future of the Track and to secure the values that make it the iconic experience that it is. We look forward to working with all members, volunteers, supporters, and partners, those we know and those we are yet to meet.

**Kath Broderick and Linda Daniels**

## A new home for the Foundation

After careful deliberation by the Board, the BTF purchased an office in early 2023 - a significant milestone for the Foundation in its 25th Anniversary year. Special thanks to BTF volunteers James Young and Bruce Manning who assisted with the search. It took many months of research and viewings to find an office that met our criteria and could also house the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation.

Having moved twice in recent years it was with a sense of relief and excitement to move into units 3&4, 62 Ord Street, in late June. Being vintage 1980, the office required a fair bit of work to update the air conditioning, lighting, power and data cabling along with a new layout to create a welcoming reception area and a meeting room.

We are extremely grateful to the following organisations that contributed their time and resources to help us make the move on time and on budget.

- MKDC Design Consultants provided services pro-bono to plan the office layout.
- ATA Engineering provided services pro-bono to develop the air-conditioning and electrical plans.
- Concept Cabling Services supplied and installed the lighting, power and data cabling at a generously reduced cost.



ATA Engineering + Design



## Community Participation

The Foundation held 76 events and two extended tours which attracted around 730 participants including around 100 beginners. Guided walks ranged from family friendly strolls and interpretive day walks to week-long treks.

Our workshops provided a wealth of information about gear, navigation, camp cooking and particularly preparing for an end-to-end. The online workshops included people from around Australia, US, Asia, New Zealand and Europe. Feedback from participants continues to be excellent and people are very appreciative of the leadership of our volunteer guides.

The number of guided events and tours offered by commercial operators has increased significantly.

### Groups on Track

Throughout 2022, 234 groups spent a total of 460 nights on the Track. The average size of the group was 15 walkers. Groups include schools, scouts and commercial operators.

### Independent Hikers

It is not possible to know how many walks were taken on the Track last year, but we do know that the popularity of hiking has increased significantly since Covid.

One measure is end-to-end registrations and it was another record-breaking year with 212 people officially logging their journey with the Foundation. These included 111 walkers from WA, 74 from interstate and 27 international walkers.

Of these, 187 walkers completed the Track in one go, 23 completed the Track over a number of hikes and two did a double (walk there and back continuously)!

Another measure is the data from campsite log books and thanks to a huge effort by our data entry volunteers over 490,000 log book entries have now been recorded providing good information on the demographics of hikers.



### REFLECTIONS FROM WALKERS:

The single best thing I've done in my life. What a gift to give myself. I thought I was looking for the path forward in life but what I found was a journey by myself, for myself, coming home back to myself  
**Maree, Townsville QLD**

On the Bibb Track you go through one town every seven days, in Europe you go through seven villages in one day. The shelters on the Track offer you all the comforts of home while keeping you as far from civilisation as possible - it must be the most user-friendly long-distance track in the world  
**Stephen, Paddington NSW**

It was a fantastic hike and I took away a great appreciation of the landscape. This was my first time in the southwest of WA and the hike taught me a great deal about the geology and the diversity of plants that have adapted to this region. The Bibbulmun Track is world class and many thanks to the Foundation and its volunteers for making this hike available.  
**Trevor, Nathan QLD**

The Track has been on my bucket list for nearly 20 years. Having planned and researched over the last 6 months before setting off, it exceeded all my expectations. Wonderful track and fantastic support through the foundation, the volunteers, the track angels, the track town businesses and all the people willing to share their experience.  
**Angela, Kuranda**





▶ Volunteers at our Peaceful Bay event



▶ The group at our Perth morning tea

## Bibbulmun Track Foundation salutes our dedicated volunteers

### Volunteer Recognition

The Track and walkers are supported by many individuals working as volunteers on Track and campsite maintenance, general and specialist office work, guiding, log book data entry, checking Track user counters, promotion at community events, distributing our walk brochures, participating on the Foundation Board, and special projects.

The Foundation currently coordinates around 440 volunteers. There are consistently few vacancies in any volunteer role, with retiring volunteers usually replaced by timely recruitment.

Volunteers contributed a total of 32,745 hours during the 2022-23 financial year.

Our volunteers are always appreciated for their support and efforts. Explicit recognition and thanks occur at functions held annually, in November. In 2022, functions were held in Perth, Capel, Albany, and Peaceful Bay.

These events included presentation of Long Service Awards and Annual Rewards...

### Long Service Awards

These recognise the commitment and loyalty of our long-serving volunteers. Awards were made for continuous service to the end of 2022

20 years	15 years	10 years		
Edward Martin	Lari McDonald Wendy-Lee Pittick Ian Rae	Maryanne Addenbrooke Timothy Andrews Derek Callow Sylvia Cheung	Andrew Chiswell Teresa Eldridge Chris Ellery Robert Grove John Kirby	Bill Koster Martin Murphy Pat O'Leary Robyn Rogers

5 years				
Susan Baker Mike Barry Rick Brook Meng Sang (Bob) Chee Garry Connell Brian Dearle Fiona FitzCharles	Ron Greenhalgh Anne Griffiths John Holan Amy Holdsworth Joanne Jameson Graeme Johnstone Malcolm Kite Sue Lee	Phil Lehmann Margot Lowe Tim McGrath Ben Miles Margaret Moore Terry O'Hara Steve Parry Hugh Payne	Nigel Pilgrim Russell Pritchard Geoff Rocchi Robert Schmidt Hugh Stickley Maryke Stockbridge Pete Tallis Nick Tyllis	Scott Vawser Sue Verran James Young John Young Marie Young Trudy Young



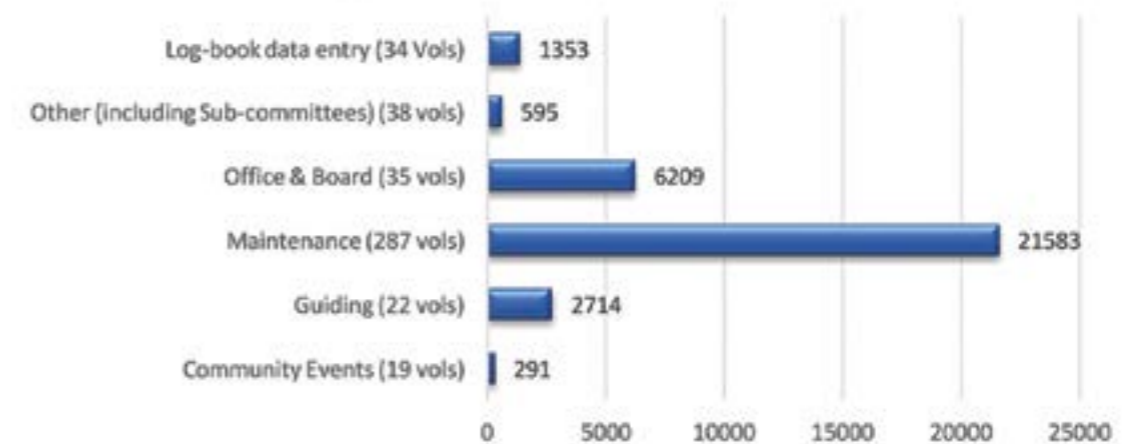
▶ Volunteers Jim Baker, Karen Boyce, John Murphy and Wes Fokkema were recognised with 'Outstanding Service' awards at the DBCA Volunteer of the Year Awards

## Annual Volunteer Rewards

These were presented to individuals who recorded 100+, 300+ or 500+ volunteer hours in the 2022-23 financial year.

500+ hours	300+ hours	100+ hours		
Hedley Amos Isabel Busch Mark Davidson Charmaine Harris Bill Hewitt Donald Hill Chris Lee Sue Lee Margot Lowe Lari McDonald Graham Murdoch Ross Simpson Charles Soord Susan Soord Alex Williams James Young	Jim Baker Derek Bracken James Freeman Kerry Hill Phil Lehmann Michael Marsh Christian Mau Geoff Meates Nigel Pilgrim Ian Rae Gordon Roberts Jing Xie	Maryanne Addenbrooke Robert Allen Greg Arnold Jenny Arnold Christine Bartlem Daphne Bastow Robert Bortot Kath Broderick Jack Busch Derek Callow Michael Carter Kerry Castles Sylvia Cheung Andrew Chiswell Kyle Chrystie Anthony Cole Alan Compton Nicholas Compton Glenn Cook Mike Cosson	Christopher Dwyer John Fenn Cleve Flottmann Wes Fokkema Greg Foster Sue Freeman Colin Gee Helen Grimm Elsie Grygiel Paul Harris Denise Hilsz John Hosking Tony Jennings Ce Kealley Mar Knox Voon Choon Leong Megan Lloyd Nina Martin Dolina Meates Corinne Mercer	Russel Montgomery John Murphy Jeff Ovens Kerry Ovens Claudia Payne Gary Payne Hugh Payne Anthony Schlink David Scott Carol Simmons Stephen Smythe Michael Snart Guy Spouge Mark Stafford Lynne Strudwicke Julia Taylor Patrick Tremlett Sue Verran Arthur Wright

## 32,745 Registered Volunteer Hours



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

### Eyes on the Ground Maintenance Program

Volunteers contributed 21,583 hours to the maintenance program in the 2022-23 financial year.

The introduction of battery powered hedge trimmers, reciprocating saws and brush cutters has really helped to address overgrown areas. The equipment is a huge time and effort saver and, coupled with the help of support volunteers, is enabling more volunteers to keep the Track clear on their sections.

Through analysis of track reports high maintenance sections with seasonal and/or ongoing maintenance problems have been identified. This has led to an increased focus on how often sections should be

inspected, how many volunteers are realistically needed to maintain a section, what equipment is required and if annual slashing by the Department should be scheduled.

Field Days bring volunteers and Parks and Wildlife staff together for a day of work, training and connection. As a result of Field Days at Blackwood, Warren, Murray, Nerang, Gregory Brook and Glen Mervyn Dam Campsite, the shelters and other infrastructure has been reconditioned and repaired while sections of nearby Track cleared, and signage upgraded or replaced as needed.



▶ Working with the Binalup Rangers

#### Maintenance Projects

In addition to helping with training and supervision at Field Days, our Support Volunteers were busy keeping up with demands for repair and remedial Track and campsite work, including the inspection and re-marking of the Track following prescribed burns.

BTF volunteers worked closely with the Recreation and Trails Unit to assist with the approvals process and planning as well as undertaking much of the on-ground work.



▶ Volunteers constructed steps on the Nullaki Peninsula route

#### Nullaki Peninsula route

A formal alignment crossing the Wilson Inlet sandbar and proceeding along the Nullaki peninsula (near Denmark) was completed and opened in May 2023. The construction of the new trail was preceded by a long period of planning and stakeholder liaison to ensure that all environmental and heritage values were considered and adequately protected. A significant consideration was protection of a Threatened Ecological Community near the tip of the peninsula.

#### Perth Hills realignments

A realignment of the Track southbound from Helena campsite was opened in May 2023. Support Volunteers hand built a new 800m section of trail resulting in a significant improvement in this location. Hikers can now enjoy purpose-built trail on gentler gradients, rather than having to use a steep section of Driver Rd.

Planning and approvals were completed for a significant realignment of approximately 16km southbound from Dookanelly campsite, and construction is now well progressed, with approximately half of the new trail sections completed. The intent is to implement the realignment in two stages, with the southern half expected to be implemented in late spring 2023.

Several other realignment proposals within Perth Hills District are at various stages of the planning and approval process, with a view to continuous improvement of the Track.

#### Phase 2 of South Coast erosion control campaign

A year-long project to remediate 10.9km of badly eroded sections east and west of Boat Harbour was completed in October 2022.

In a new initiative, rangers from the Binalup Aboriginal Corporation took part in two of the four on-ground campaigns. It was a good training opportunity for the rangers and the additional labour enabled the project to be completed sooner than expected. We hope that through the sharing of knowledge and skills, we can learn from each other and build on the partnership for future endeavours.

**The South Coast Stabilisation project was supported by a \$35,000 grant from the WA Government's State NRM Program. The total value of the project, including labour provided by BTF volunteers and the Binalup Rangers was \$256,500.**



#### Major works

**Other works managed by DBCA's Recreation & Trails Unit were predominantly carried out by contractors funded through the WA Recovery Plan and the Forest Enhancement Fund.**

#### Campsite upgrades project

This project continued with the completion of tent site and path upgrades at Yourdamung campsite in spring 2022, with the campsite now featuring 10 tent sites. Forest Enhancement Funds were also received for upgrade of the Yourdamung campsite toilet, and this work is planned to occur over summer 22/23. Plans are in place for tent site and path upgrades at Gringer Creek, Gregory Brook, Yabberup, Boarding House and Harris Dam campsites, and this work will progress as funds allow.

#### Monadnocks group campsite

The new Alyi-wa Miya group campsite within Monadnocks Conservation Park was completed and opened in December 2022. The campsite features a large open shelter, 14 tent sites, a double cubicle toilet, several picnic tables, and open activity or camping spaces. It provides groups with an appealing two-night hike option when combined with the Mt Cooke group campsite and is helping to relieve the pressure on the standard campsites along this popular section of the Track. The campsite has proven to be very popular and well received by groups since its opening.

**The name Alyi-wa Miya, means lookout camp.**

#### Loop trails

Plans for loop trails incorporating the Bibbulmun Track were progressed for Dwellingup and the Valley of the Giants area near Walpole.



**The maintenance program is generously supported by our Premier Partner, Newmont.**

## Cultural awareness and interpretation

The Foundation progressed several initiatives to improve acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land through which the Track passes, and to provide a richer experience for walkers by providing cultural interpretation at the campsites.

### Artwork

Through Nani Creative the Foundation commissioned a Noongar artist to create an original design to represent the Bibbulmun Track. The final artwork, created by Joe Joe Possum Collard, is for use on various promotional material and products.

### Cultural guided walks

The Foundation is collaborating with Bibbulmun elder, Joe Collard from Djoona to develop and promote guided walks on the Track. The inaugural walks gave BTF staff and volunteers the opportunity to learn more about Noongar culture and bush interpretation, and Joe the opportunity to learn more about the Australian Adventure Activity Standards (AAAS) from our lead guide, Steve Sertis.

### Interpretation booklets

In response to walker feedback, the Foundation developed a Noongar cultural interpretation booklet which was placed at the campsites. The content includes historical and current information related to Noongar culture, the seasons and naming of the flora and fauna. It also includes a map illustrating where each campsite is in relation to the various language groups.



▶ BTF Guides with Bibbulmun elder, Joe Collard, at Abyssinia Rock.

From L to R: Steve Sertis, Patrick Tremlett, Russel Montgomery, Ce Kealley, Joe Collard, Valerie Preston and Karen Boyce.

## The Bibbulmun Track Foundation thanks our many supporters

### Our Members

On 30 June 2023 the Foundation had 2,787 members including 214 Life Members and we thank you all sincerely for your support.

### Walker Friendly Businesses

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

- 1849 Backpackers Albany
- Adventurous Women
- Albany Backpackers YHA
- Albany Harbourside Apartments & Houses
- Albany Visitor Centre
- Balingup Oakfield Country House B&B
- Balingup Visitor Centre
- Banksia Springs Cottages
- Blue Moon Forest Lodge
- Blue Wren Travellers' Rest
- Boat Harbour Camp
- Busy Blue Bus Tours + Charters
- Cape Howe Cottages
- Cape to Cape Explorer Tours
- Che Sara Sara Chalets
- Coalmine Beach Holiday Park
- Collie Canvas and Camping World
- Collie Visitor Centre
- Compleat Angler & Camping World Rockingham
- Denmark Chamber of Commerce
- Denmark Forest Retreat
- Didier Walks
- Donnelly River Village
- Dunmoyle House
- Dwellingup Adventures
- Dwellingup Trails & Visitor Information Centre
- Dwellingup Transfers
- Forest Explorers
- Forest Lodge Resort
- Hike Hire
- Inspiration Outdoors
- Jarrah Forest Lodge & Forest Discovery Centre
- Karri Country Good Food
- Karri Hill Cottages
- King Mini Bus Charter
- Life's An Adventure
- Mandia B&B
- Manjimup Visitor Centre
- ManjiShuttle
- Mundaring Weir Hotel
- Mustard Seed Podiatry
- Northcliffe Family & Community Centre
- Northcliffe Visitor Centre
- Off The Beaten Track WA
- Pemberton Discovery Tours
- Pemberton Visitor Centre
- People & Parcel Movers
- Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre
- Perth Hills Visitor Centre
- RAC Karri Valley Resort
- Simply Trekking
- Southampton Homestead
- The Blue Cottages
- The Colliemfields
- The Cove
- Time Travel Tours & Transport
- TraaVerse
- Trails Hub Café
- Tribe & Trail
- Walk into Luxury
- Walpole Track & Trail Transfers
- Walpole-Nornalup Visitor Centre
- Western Australian Visitor Centre
- Whispering Pines B & B
- Windrose B&B



### Affiliated Organisations

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

- All Saints' College
- Australia's South West
- Bunbury Bushwalking Club
- Carey Baptist College
- Christ Church Grammar School
- Dept Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- First Hike Project
- Friends of the Cape to Cape Track
- HikeWest
- Kolbe Catholic College
- Munda Bidli Trail Foundation
- Outward Bound Australia
- Perth Bushwalkers Club
- Perth Trail Series
- Presbyterian Ladies College
- Scotch College
- Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests WA
- St Mark's Anglican Community School
- The Boys Brigade WA
- The National Trust of Australia (WA)
- Western Walking Club

## 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.

### PREMIER PARTNER



#### Newmont Boddington Gold

Leading mining company which demonstrates leadership in safety, stewardship of the environment and social responsibility.

Sponsor since 2006.

### GOLD



#### Anaconda

Sponsor since 2021

### SILVER



#### Sea to Summit

Outdoor equipment specialist

Sponsor since 2008



#### Ultra Series WA

Ridiculously crazy and amazing adventures for trail runners.

Sponsor since 2022

### BRONZE



#### Back Country Cuisine

Hiking food specialist

Sponsor since 2006



#### Paddy Pallin

Quality outdoor equipment specialist

Sponsor since 2022



#### Veolia

Waste management specialist

Sponsor since 2017



#### Small Things Wine

Craft wine, made for the wild.

Sponsor since 2022

## Donations (1.7.2022 – 30.6.2023)

**A total of \$27,105 was donated in the 2022/23 financial year. Thank you to all the following for your generous support.**

Angela Louciades  
 Alan Gill  
 Alan Thurlow  
 Angela Loucaides  
 Anthony Muscat  
 Azam Pachajanov  
 Barbara Turner  
 Bayer Ottens  
 Bernice Thomas  
 Beth Hutchinson  
 Bradley Wood  
 Charlie Soord  
 Christine Kennea  
 Clifford Logan  
 Craig Colley  
 Craig George  
 Dana Kerr  
 David Hill  
 David Mossop  
 David Sweeting  
 David Wrigley  
 Diana Smith  
 Didier Monot  
 Dr James Flynn  
 Dr Pengelly  
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 Vicky Winfield



▶ Lunch on Mt Hallowell Photo by Steve Sertis

## 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:

Name	Role	Joined
Kathleen Broderick Chair	Principle Consultant & Founder, Broderick and Associates	2016
John Holan Deputy Chair	Public Servant, Western Australian Government	2017
Tristy Fairfield	Director, Low Carbon Australia	2020
Bruce Manning	Retired. Former CEO Great Southern Development Commission	1997
Charlie Soord	Retired Learning and Development Consultant	2014
Tim Larkin	Principal, Larkin Strategic Consulting (LSC)	2023
Mike Wood	Director, Peregrine Travel Centre, Perth	1997
Peter Sharp	Director, Parks and Visitor Services	Parks & Wildlife Svs representative
Stephen King	Recreation and Trails Unit	Parks & Wildlife Svs representative

## Our Staff (as at 30 June 2023)

Linda Daniels	Executive Director
Justin Macatangay	Marketing Manager
Helen Grimm	Volunteer Manager
Vanessa Huesges	Office Manager
Andrew Chiswell	Maintenance Manager
Steve Sertis	Events Manager & Lead Guide

## Treasurer's Report

### Overview

The Foundation ends the 2023 Financial Year in a strong financial position. As noted in this report we are aware of the rapidly changing operating environment, and the financial impact of this. As a board we are working with BTF Management to assess these impacts and develop a strategy for the longer term.

### Secure accommodation

As reported at the 2022 AGM, the Board was mindful of the organisation's significant cash assets and the need to most responsibly manage this asset, that had accrued as a result of decades of prudent financial management.

The opportunity to break out of the disruptive rental cycle that has enveloped the organisation in recent years, by purchasing an office has provided much needed stability to the staff and members, while acquiring a long-term asset that provides a strong and stable financial foundation. Having permanent premises, rent and mortgage-free is a financial achievement that few small not-for-profits are able to achieve, and we are very pleased and proud to have been able to do so.

### High liquidity

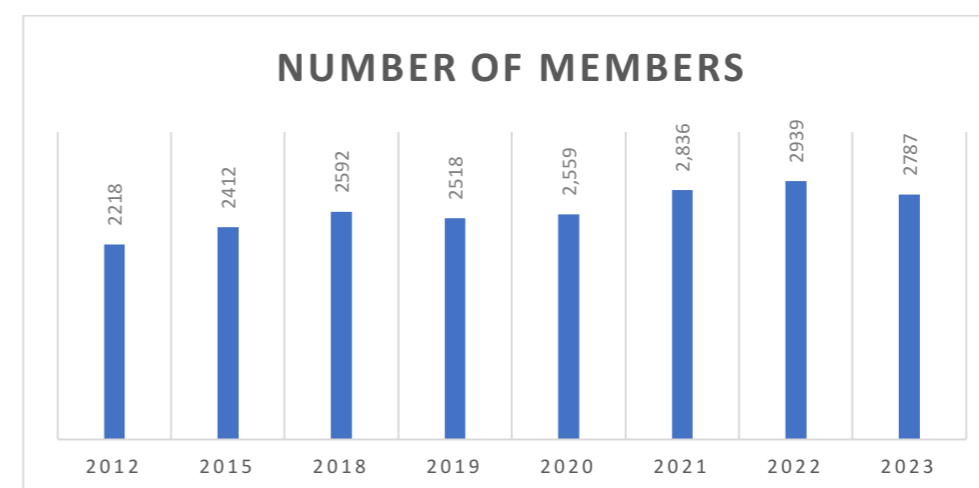
The Foundation finishes the year with a healthy cash balance and high liquidity.

### Strong membership and sponsorship income

Similar to previous years membership and sponsorship income have been the Foundations profitable areas.

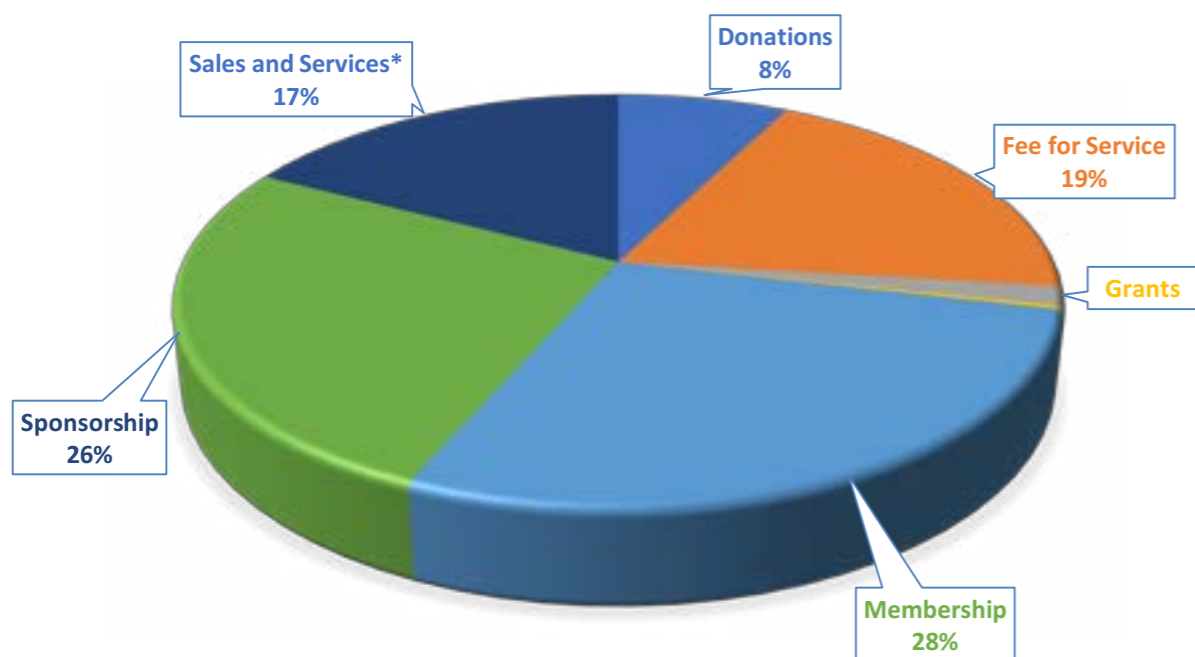
Memberships have remained steady over several years, however the costs to provide associated member services, have increased, consistent with the overall economy.

Sponsorships similarly have remained steady. We are mindful of changing community expectations in relation to sponsorship income and are pleased to have renewed our agreement with Newmont Mining for a further 3 years.

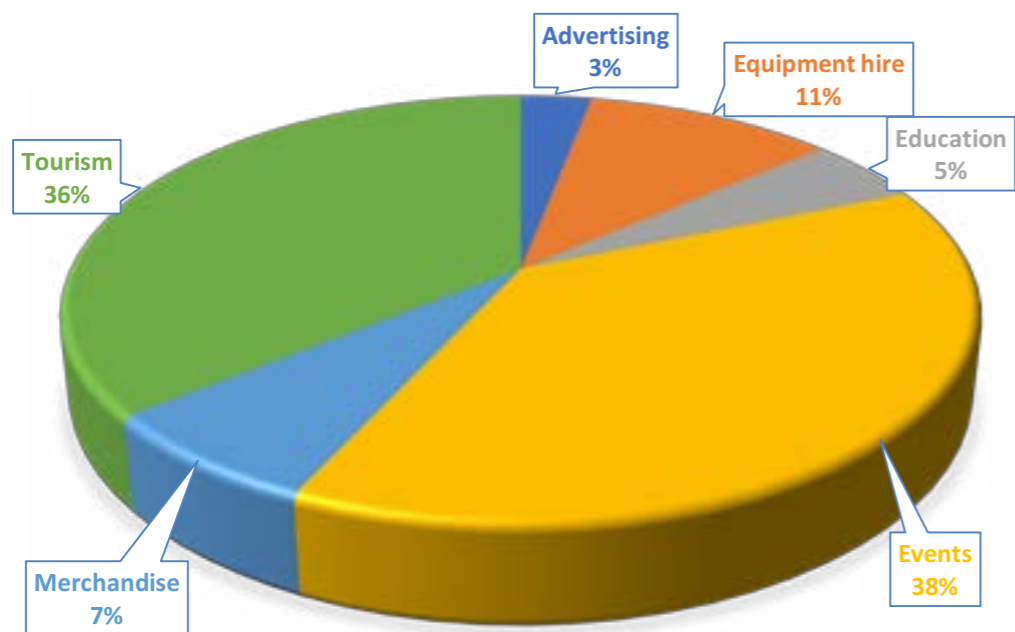




## INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



## \*SALES & SERVICES

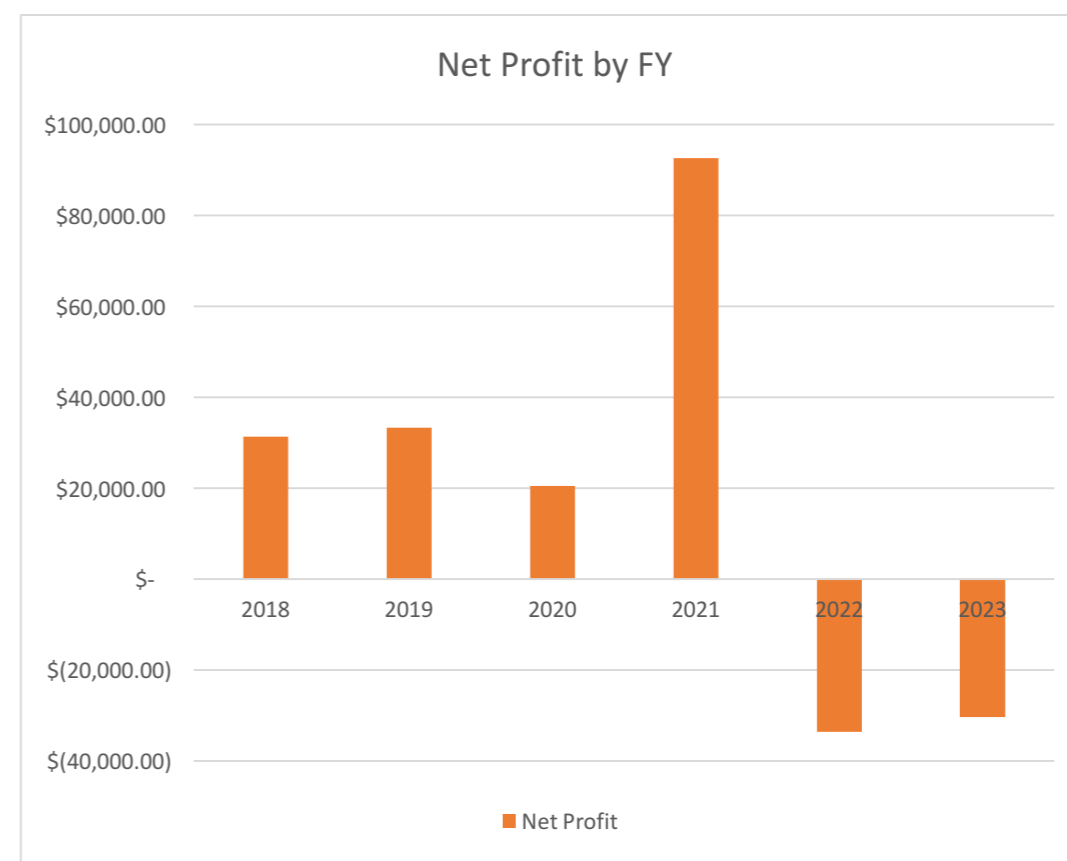


## Operating losses and our plan for the future

At the same time as achieving these positive results, changes to staff remuneration in particular, and other rising costs, have meant that the Foundation experienced a significant operating loss in 2023. This was largely offset by the compensation received on the sale of the Perth YHA building which resulted in us having to relinquish our lease, reducing the overall loss to \$30,337.

Coupled with a similar loss in the 2022 Financial Year (\$33,551), this suggests trends in our operating costs and profits that require scrutiny and firm action to address.

Looking forward, while we have budgeted a similar loss for the FY24, it is in the context of having achieved a momentous 25 Year Anniversary celebration and the continued appointment of a Maintenance Manager, which has enabled the Foundation to more fully meet its Objective under its Rules of Incorporation.



The operating environment of the Foundation is changing as increasing numbers of private operators deliver services traditionally provided by the Foundation, and hikers increasingly access digital third-party platforms (e.g. AllTrails) to navigate trails more generally.

These challenges are not unique to the BTF and we embrace these changes with an eye to the future and the exciting opportunities that are also arising, such as increased diversity in track users and awareness through social media. The Board is fully committed to returning the Foundation to an operating profit, working with staff to revise the Foundation's strategy and business plan, and we look forward to sharing these with you as they evolve.



**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Merchandise Sales	82,362	101,791
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<u>82,362</u>	<u>101,791</u>
<b>Cost Of Sales</b>		
<b>Add:</b>		
Opening Stock Merchandise	68,692	77,547
Merchandise Purchases	57,745	45,545
	<u>126,437</u>	<u>123,092</u>
<b>Less:</b>		
Closing Stock Merchandise	68,023	68,692
	<u>68,023</u>	<u>68,692</u>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>	<u>58,414</u>	<u>54,400</u>
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss) from Trading</b>	<u>23,948</u>	<u>47,391</u>

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
Note	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Trading Profit	23,948	47,391
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Income	1,575	0
Advertising	1,874	3,439
Donations	27,105	21,182
Education	3,144	5,838
Equipment Hire	6,647	8,914
Events Calendar	2	15,761
Events – Non-Calendar	2,426	0
Fee for Service	70,511	78,122
Fund Raising	-1,540	669
Grants	42,460	102,751
Group Activities	0	0
Membership	101,116	105,521
Miscellaneous Income	2,518	31,874
Reimbursements	20,859	169
Sponsorship	95,000	92,654
Tourism Income	26,775	20,759
<b>Income from Operations</b>	<u>440,179</u>	<u>564,869</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Received	4,958	1,175
Rent – Munda Bididi	6,400	4,800
Rental Offset Income	35,017	35,017
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>46,375</u>	<u>40,992</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>486,554</u>	<u>605,861</u>

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration – Print, Photocopying & Other	843	2,253
Advertising - Marketing	4,650	5,722
Bad Debts Written Off	1,733	1,875
Bank Fees & Charges	4,545	6,642
Bookkeeping/Accounts System	1,565	893
Computer – Technology etc.	9,974	11,893
Consultant Fees	0	2,018
Depreciation – Office Equipment	294	0
Employees Accrued Leave Provision	0	32,217
Events – Non Calendar	0	1,074
General Expenses & Research	0	852
Grant Funds – Expensed on Projects	37,065	0
Insurance	13,808	6,956
Interpretation	2,210	0
Maintenance	18,131	81,798
Maintenance Training Program	1,995	1,389
Marketing - Other	7,148	1,749
Memberships - Organisations	1,067	891
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,175	0
Newsletter – Marketing Bibbulmun News	17,295	19,586
Office Amenities & Supplies	4,537	8,187
Office Move Costs	8,364	9,348
Postage	20,088	21,053
Printing - Marketing	5,253	2,624
Rent & Outgoings	42,270	34,729
Staff - Salaries and Expenses	365,874	361,403
Strata Levies	7,319	0
Telephone - Administration	2,661	4,172
Vehicle Expenses	5,471	4,739
Volunteer/Staff Expenses & Development	6,640	15,349
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>591,975</u>	<u>639,412</u>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<u>-105,421</u>	<u>-33,551</u>

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Other – Capital Gain</b>		
Capital Gain – Lease Surrender	105,084	0
<b>Profit/(Loss) before income tax</b>	-337	-33,551
Less: Income Tax	0	0
<b>Profit/(Loss) after income tax</b>	-337	-33,551

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**DETAILED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		40,359	161,907
Debit Card Account		2,559	433
Petty Cash Account		66	62
Cash Float Account		225	584
Gold Term Deposit – 061-041869-3		0	300,000
Telenet Saver Account		222,907	455,725
National Trust of Australia (WA) Account		23,344	110,201
		289,460	1,028,912
<b>Receivables</b>			
Interest Receivable		0	560
Prepayments		5,777	0
Accounts Receivable		189,092	15,920
		194,869	16,480
<b>Inventories</b>			
Stock on Hand		68,023	68,692
		68,023	68,692
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		552,352	1,114,084
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
<b>Receivables</b>			
Rental Bond YHA		9,250	9,250
		9,250	9,250
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>			
Motor Vehicle		4,571	6,095
Office Fitout & Equipment		3,251	0
Property		455,852	0
		463,674	6,095
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		472,924	15,345
<b>Total Assets</b>		1,025,276	1,129,429

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**

**DETAILED BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Payables</b>			
Accounts Payable		93	0
Other Creditors & Accruals		73,556	5,275
Provision for Annual Leave		23,084	35,951
Provision for Long Service Leave		6,883	27,671
		<u>103,616</u>	<u>68,897</u>
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
GST Payable		14,116	6,909
Taxation PAYG & Superannuation		8,957	14,598
		<u>23,073</u>	<u>21,507</u>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			
Rental in Advance – YHA Lease		70,000	35,017
		<u>196,689</u>	<u>125,421</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Rental in Advance – YHA Lease		0	175,084
		<u>196,689</u>	<u>300,505</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>828,587</u>	<u>828,924</u>
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
<b>Issued Capital</b>			
Retained Earnings/(Accumulated Losses)		828,924	864,303
Prior Period Adjustment – 1 July 2021	3	0	-1,714
Prior Period Adjustment – 1 July 2021	3	0	-114
Profit/(Loss) after income tax		-337	-33,551
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<u>828,587</u>	<u>828,924</u>

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Profit/(Loss) before taxation		-337	-33,551
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		1,818	2,025
Interest Received		-4,958	-1,175
		<u>-3,477</u>	<u>-32,701</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable		-173,172	-7,888
(Increase)/Decrease in Prior Adjustments		0	-1,828
(Increase)/Decrease in Rental Bond		0	-5,500
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock on Hand		669	8,855
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments		-5,777	5,851
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables		34,719	36,457
Increase/(Decrease) in Tax Liabilities		1,566	-496
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities		-140,102	210,101
		<u>-282,097</u>	<u>245,552</u>
<b>Cash generated from Operations</b>		<u>-285,574</u>	<u>212,851</u>
Interest Paid		0	0
Income Taxes Paid		0	0
<i>Net cash from Operating Activities</i>		<u>-285,574</u>	<u>212,851</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets		-459,397	0
Interest Received		5,519	943
<i>Net cash from Investing Activities</i>		<u>-453,878</u>	<u>943</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Cash flows from financing activities		0	0
<i>Net cash from Financing Activities</i>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<u>-739,452</u>	<u>213,794</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of year</b>		<u>1,028,912</u>	<u>815,118</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of year</b>		<u>289,460</u>	<u>1,028,912</u>

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA). The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**(a) INCOME TAX**

The association is a non-profit organisation and income tax does not apply.

**(b) PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

Motor vehicles are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Leasehold improvements, most office equipment and maintenance equipment are expensed at the time of purchase, in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office's ("ATO") immediate write off provisions.

Where applicable, the depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Where applicable, the leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements,

**(c) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity does not review the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired.

**(d) PROVISIONS**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can reasonably be measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(e) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of 4 months or less.

**(f) REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive the dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains a commitment to receive the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST)

**(g) Leases**

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

**(h) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO"). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Where applicable, receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

**BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**(i) TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**NOTE 2 NON-PROFIT SUB-ENTITY**

The Bibbulmun Track Foundation is a community services income tax exempt non-profit organisation under Section 50.10 (Community Service) of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. As such the Board may choose to treat separately identifiable activities as non-profit sub-entities for GST purposes in accordance with Section 63-5 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

The Board has previously chosen to treat its Calendar of Events activities as a non-profit sub-entity for GST purposes. The Board has not revoked this choice. The consequence of making this choice is that Calendar of Events activities are effectively taken out of the GST system. Calendar of Events income and expenses are not subject to GST and are treated as Input Taxed for GST purposes.

	2023	2022
<b>Calendar of Events Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Calendar of Events - Income	48,386	72,932
Calendar of Events - Expenses	32,625	27,346
	<u>15,761</u>	<u>45,586</u>

**NOTE 3 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS**

At 30 June 2021 the balance of funds held in the National Trust of Australia (WA) account was overstated by \$1,714. These funds were withdrawn from the account prior to 30 June 2021 for tree planting purposes without documentary details of the transaction being provided to the Foundation. Our auditor found the discrepancy as part of his audit process. However, the 30 June 2021 financial statements were not amended as the discrepancy was determined not to be material.

Following a review of accounts receivable at 30 June 2022, certain invoices deemed to be uncollectable were written off by voiding them from Reckon accounts. One of these invoices was generated prior to 30 June 2021. The consequence of this voiding was that accounts receivable and GST payable in Reckon accounts as at 30 June 2021 were changed post audit.

The effect on the 30 June 2021 Reckon accounts balance sheet was to reduce accounts receivable by \$125, GST payable by \$11 and opening Retained Earnings by a net \$114.

**BTF Depreciation Schedule - 30 June 2023**

Building & Improvements		30-Jun-23		Date		Original Cost		Date of Disposal		Profitless Disposal		Portion of Year Held		Depn Rate		Depn for Closing	
Asset Description	Acquired	First Used	Date	Original Cost	Disposals	Date	Cost	Disposals	Date	Rate	Year Held	Rate	Year Held	Rate	Year Held	Year	W D V
Ord Street Offices	31-Mar-23	30-Jun-23		455,852						0.00%	1	0.00%	1	0.00%	0	0	455,852
<b>Total</b>				<b>455,852</b>			<b>455,852</b>									<b>0</b>	<b>455,852</b>

**Mitsubishi Rosa Bus - 100S190**

30-Jun-23		Date		Original Cost		Date of Disposal		Profitless Disposal		Portion of Year Held		Depn Rate		Depn for Closing	
Asset Description	Acquired	First Used	Date	Original Cost	Disposals	Date	Cost	Disposals	Date	Rate	Year Held	Rate	Year Held	Year	W D V
Mitsubishi Bus				34,081						25.00%	10	25.00%	10	1,524	4,571
<b>Total</b>				<b>34,081</b>			<b>34,081</b>							<b>1,524</b>	<b>4,571</b>

**Office Fitout & Equipment**

30-Jun-23		Date		Original Cost		Date of Disposal		Profitless Disposal		Portion of Year Held		Depn Rate		Depn for Closing	
Asset Description	Acquired	First Used	Date	Original Cost	Disposals	Date	Cost	Disposals	Date	Rate	Year Held	Rate	Year Held	Year	W D V
Kyocera Printer	20-Jul-22	20-Jul-22		3,545						10.00%	0.83	10.00%	0.83	294	3,251
										10.00%	1	10.00%	1	0	0
										10.00%	1	10.00%	1	0	0
										10.00%	1	10.00%	1	0	0
										10.00%	1	10.00%	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>				<b>3,545</b>			<b>3,545</b>							<b>294</b>	<b>3,251</b>

**Total W D V 463,674**



Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)  
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.

**Declaration by the Board for the year ended 30 June 2023**

This declaration is made by the Board of the BTF (Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.) in accordance with Sections 63 and 71 of the Act and forms part of the BTF's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

In the Board's opinion:-

- (c) The financial statements and the notes to them for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 give a true and fair view of the BTF's financial position and performance and comply with the accounting standards; and
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe the BTF will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (e) the financial statements and notes included in the financial report are in accordance with Part 5 of the Act.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board passed on 31/8/2023 and is signed by two members of the Board who are authorised to sign it.

Board Member: Kath Broderick K Broderick  
Name Signature

Date: 31/8/2023.

Board Member: John Holan J. Holan  
Name Signature

Date: 20/10/2023

Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.  
**Resolution of the Board for the year ended 30 June 2023**

The Board of the BTF (Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.) has reviewed the records and governing rules of the BTF for the year ended 30 June 2023 and hereby confirms:

- (a) that the BTF continues to comply with the income tax exemption available to community services non-profit organisations in accordance with both Section 50.10 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and Section B of the ATO's (Australian Taxation Office) Self Governance checklist for self-assessment of income tax exemption; and
- (b) that the BTF, as a community services non-profit organisation, continues to choose to treat its Calendar of Events activities as a non-profit sub-entity for GST purposes in accordance with Section 63-5 of *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999*.

Signed as a resolution by the Board.

Board Member: Kath Broderick K Broderick  
Name Signature

Date: 31/08/2023

Board Member: John Holan J. Holan  
Name Signature

Date: 20/10/2023

*Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*  
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.  
**Reviewer's declaration for the year ended 30 June 2023**

To: The Board of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation ("BTF")

This declaration is given in accordance with Section 80 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* ("ACT") and accompanies my report to the BTF of my review of the BTF's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

I declare that, to the best of my belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

Reviewer: Leigh Hancock  
Chartered Accountant

  
Signature

Date: 9/10/23

*Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)*  
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.  
**Reviewer's report for the year ended 30 June 2023**

To: The Members of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation ("BTF")

I, Leigh Hancock C.A. was appointed the reviewer of the BTF in accordance with Section 87(2) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* ("ACT") by resolution passed at the Board meeting held on 31 August 2023.

Under rule 38 of the *Bibbulmun Track Foundation Rules 2009*, the BTF's financial year begins on 1 July each year.

Under Part 5 of the Act, the BTF is a tier 2 association.

The BTF uses the accruals basis of accounting.

The BTF's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 consists of:-

- the financial statements for the year; and
- the notes to the financial statements; and
- the BTF Board's declaration about those financial statements and notes to account.

I have reviewed the financial report in accordance with Part 5 of the Act. This is my report of my review prepared in accordance with section 81 of the Act.

I have not become aware of any matter that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not, or the financial report does not, satisfy the requirements of Division 3.

In my opinion the BTF's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 is in accordance with Part 5 of the Act.

I am of the opinion that the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the BTF and complies with the accounting standards to the extent described in Note 1 issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Reviewer: Leigh Hancock  
Chartered Accountant

  
Signature

Date: 9/10/23



► This artwork by Bibbulmun Noongar elder, Joe Collard, tells the story of the journey along the Bibbulmun Track. The circles at the top represent the campsites and the circles at the bottom the six seasons. The animal tracks represent the brush wallaby, a special totem for the area. The key feature is the Waugal, the dreamtime serpent that created the lakes, hills and other features of the land through which the Track passes reaching the southern ocean..



**The Cultural Intepretation project was assisted by a Lotterywest grant of \$10,600 to develop the artwork.**

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