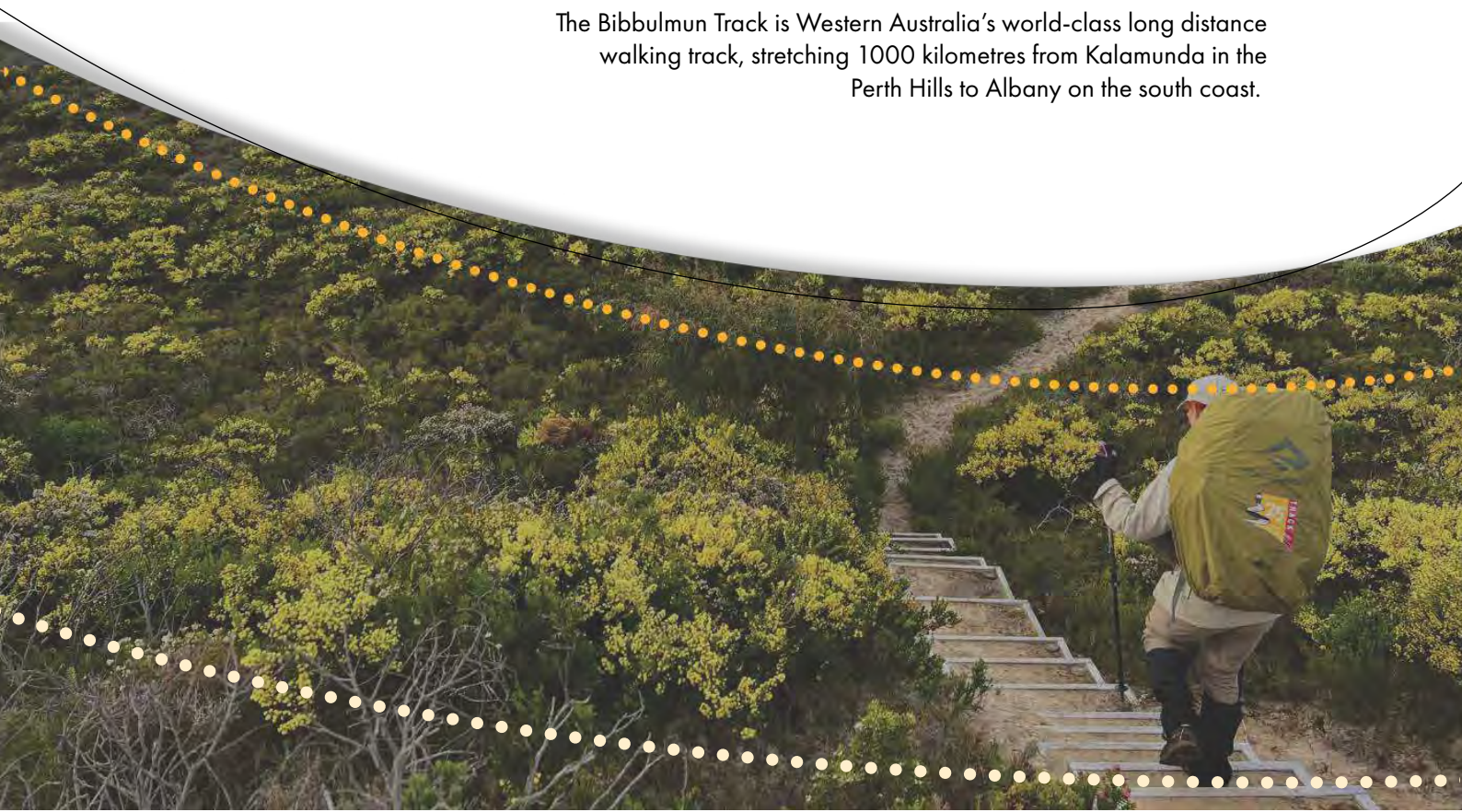




ANNUAL REPORT

2023 /24

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 our achievements for the 2023–2024 financial year.

A key theme was the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Bibbulmun Track. The festivities began on 13 July 2023 with a ceremony in Kalamunda, followed by the departure of a group of walkers embarking on their end-to-end journey south.

The end-to-end and associated community celebrations provided an opportunity for hundreds to participate and for the BTF to strengthen its connection with the towns along the Track. A virtual hike allowed an additional 440 people to follow the journey online.

The 25-year milestone also gave us cause to reflect on the people who have made significant contributions to both the Bibbulmun Track and the Foundation over the years. In recognition of their dedication, we were pleased to present them with Honorary Life Memberships (see the list on page 12).

At the DBCA Volunteer Awards in December 2023, the Foundation was honoured to receive one of two Outstanding Service by a Community Group awards. This award recognised the organisation’s efforts in maintaining and managing the Bibbulmun Track to an exceptionally high standard, ensuring it remains a quality experience for walkers.

Over the past 10 years, the number of volunteer hours has increased by 36%, and the number of maintenance reports received and processed has grown by 35%. The number of walkers has also risen by approximately 150%, with feedback indicating high appreciation for the Foundation’s work.

Throughout the year, we continued to offer a range of opportunities for members and volunteers to join us at events, from social Sunday walks to members’ nights. A particular highlight was the half-way party at Donnelly River Village during the Anniversary walk.

Behind the scenes, our website has been transitioned to a new platform, with several improvements made to both administrative and public-facing functionality. We also settled into our new premises in West Perth.

We extend our sincere thanks to DBCA’s Parks and Wildlife Service for their support of the BTF this year, and the excellent progress made on the campsite upgrades.

We also thank all our members, volunteers, and partners for your continued support



Thank you to the following organisations for supporting the 25th Anniversary events and celebrations.



Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries



Community Participation

25th Anniversary Celebrations

On 13 September 2023, over 140 people attended the final 25th Anniversary event in Albany to recognise and thank the many organisations and individuals who contributed to the development of the Track and those who continue to support and maintain it. This event marked the culmination of two months of celebrations, which included a guided end-to-end hike, ten community events, a school challenge, and a virtual hike.

Over 1,000 people took part, and we are deeply indebted to the army of volunteers who helped make the walk and the celebrations a success.



440 active participants took part in the Virtual Hike

Events Program

The Foundation held 90 events and one extended tour, attracting 1,630 participants. Of these, 51 walks were associated with the 25th Anniversary, with 703 walkers participating in either a section or a short day walk. Combined with our regular calendar of events, the program featured workshops, interpretive day walks, family-friendly strolls, week-long treks, and, of course, a guided 60-day end-to-end trek. Our workshops provide a wealth of information on gear, navigation, camp cooking, and especially preparation for an end-to-end hike. Feedback from participants continues to be excellent, with many expressing appreciation for the leadership of our volunteer guides.

Groups on the Track

Throughout 2023, 243 groups, comprising a total of 4,001 walkers, spent 503 nights on the Track. The average group size was 15 walkers. These groups included schools, scouts, and commercial operators.

Independent Hikers

While it is difficult to determine exactly how many individual hikes took place on the Track last year, we do know that around 211,000 West Australians participated in bushwalking during 2022–23, up from 149,000 in 2021–22, representing a 41.6% increase.

Over the year, 201 people officially registered the completion of an end-to-end hike with us. This included 120 walkers from WA, 54 from interstate, and 27 international walkers.

Of these, 177 walkers completed the Track in a single journey, 23 completed it over multiple hikes, and one determined individual completed a double end-to-end (walking there and back continuously)!

A valuable source of data is the campsite log books. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our data entry volunteers, over 500,000 logbook entries have now been recorded, providing valuable information on the demographics of our hikers.

Volunteer Guide Training Program

The Foundation developed and delivered a training program designed to introduce individuals to leading walks on marked trails. The program was primarily aimed at people interested in leading walks for non-commercial organisations. Sessions were held in five regions, including the Great Southern, Wheatbelt, Gascoyne, Peel, and the Perth Hills.

The program was supported by a hiking participation grant from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.



A proud partner of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation, Act Belong Commit.



▶ Volunteers gathered at our 'thank you' in Perth

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 who contributed a total of 36,304 hours during the 2023-24 financial year. Based on the formula used by Volunteering WA, their contribution to the Bibbulmun Track was worth over \$1.5 million.

Our volunteers are always appreciated for their support and efforts. In November 2023, Long Service and Annual Rewards were presented at functions in Perth, Capel, Albany, and Peaceful Bay.

Long Service Awards

These recognise the commitment and loyalty of our long-serving volunteers. Awards were made for continuous service to the end of 2023

25 years	20 years	15 years	10 years
Bruce Manning Gwen Plunkett Chris Plunkett Steve Sertis Mike Wood	Linda Daniels John Murphy Peter Sweetman	Paul Harris Diane Tinker Leigh Wallace	John Beard Marilyn Beard Claire Brittain Liz Browning Steve Clark Cameron Hobson
			Bill Hollingworth Teresa Hughes John McKay Terry Ryan Sandra Willis-Jones

5 years			
Barry Bastow Daphne Bastow Rob Bortot Gwen Buch Tyler Burrows Ken Butson	Kyle Chrvstie Sue Della Dave Dixon Sharon Edward Jennifer Endersbee John Fenn	Susan Freeman David Gratwick Helen Grimm Trisha Howe Tim Larkin Christian Mau	Meredith Mulcahy Nicola Ridsdill-Smith Stephen Smythe Paul Stafford Don Stafford

2023 DBCA Volunteer of the Year

Ross Simpson, was recognised by DBCA as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year for his significant contribution to Track maintenance projects.



▶ Ross Simpson (left) with Darren West MLC.



▶ Albany district volunteers celebrated the work of the year

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		
Jim Baker	Mary-Anne	Jenny Arnold	Jack Halliday	Jeff Ovens
Isabel Busch	Addenbrooke	Greg Arnold	Paul Harris	Kerry Ovens
Mark Davidson	Robert Allen	Derek Bracken	Kerry Hill	Claudia Payne
Charmaine Harris	Hedley Amos	Bianca Brucciani	Denise Hilsz	Hugh Payne
Ce Kealley	Daphne Bastow	Jack Busch	John Hosking	Terry Ryan
Sue Lee	Wes Fokkema	Sandra Ceriani	Trisha Howe	David Scott
Craham Murdoch	Jim Freeman	Gary Ceriani	Jan Howie	Steve Sertis
Gordon Roberts	Bill Hewitt	Andrew Chiswell	Mona Humphreys	Carol Simmons
Ross Simpson	Donald Hill	Alan Compton	Beth Hutchison	Stephen Smythe
Charles Soord	Chris Lee	Garry Connell	Simone Jackson	Michael Snart
James Young	Mike Marsh	Mike Cosson	Tony Jennings	Guy Spouge
	Lari McDonald	Terry Coumbe	Mar Knox	Ronald Sweeney
	John Murphy	Brian Dearle	Phil Lehmann	Julia Taylor
	Nigel Pilgrim	John Fenn	Margot Lowe	Mark Tomkinson
	Ian Rae	Greg Foster	Nina Martin	Gary Tomkinson
	Tony Schlink	Jennifer Fraser	Tim McGrath	Patrick Tremlett
	Susan Soord	Susan Freeman	Corinne Mercer	Benjamin Veale
	Jing Xie	Lynda Frewer	David Miller	Sue Verran
		Helen Grimm	Russel Montgomery	Judy Wade
		Clair Halliday	Selene Moonbeams	Alex Williams

DBCA Awards

The Foundation was well represented among the recipients of the 2023 DBCA annual Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ross Simpson (Sectional and Support Maintenance Volunteer), was recognised as the DBCA Volunteer of the Year. Fellow leading Support Maintenance Volunteer Mark Davidson received an Outstanding Service Award.

Both Ross and Mark and are truly deserving of this recognition, having contributed very significantly to the Track maintenance work for many years.

To complete the ceremony, the Foundation was one of two organisations awarded Outstanding Service by a Community Group. The other organisation was the Friends of the Cape to Cape Track, indicating the current strength of volunteer contribution within the trails industry in WA.

We are very proud of all that our volunteers achieve in supporting the Track and its walkers!



▶ Staff and volunteers accept the organisation's award from Darren West MLC



Protection of the natural, cultural and heritage values of the Track *Eyes on the Ground* Maintenance Program

Maintenance volunteers contributed over 20,720 volunteer hours in the 2023-24 financial year.

This was a slight reduction from the previous year, primarily due to reduced vegetation growth caused by a dry summer, leading to fewer logged maintenance hours.

Additionally, the increasing use of battery-powered hedge trimmers and reciprocating saws by volunteers has made maintenance easier and reduced the number of requests for assistance on individual sections.

Although a growing number of issues are reported via social media and the Foundation's website, the program continues to rely on sectional volunteers submitting maintenance reports 3-4 times a year to identify seasonal and ongoing problems along the Track.

Field Days remain a valuable opportunity for volunteers and Parks and Wildlife staff to collaborate, focusing on work, training, and building connections. This year, over 80 volunteers participated in Field Days at Tom Road, Nullaki, Mutton Bird, Frankland, Mt Dale, and Schafer campsites, where essential maintenance and infrastructure work was completed with the support of local district personnel.



▶ Volunteer team on the Donnelly Field Day at Schafer Campsite.

Training and Skills Development

Developing the skills and knowledge of volunteers remains a key focus of the program.

Throughout the year, sectional volunteers were regularly invited to join Support Volunteer projects to expand their understanding of construction and erosion control methods and foster a sense of ownership over their sections of the Track.

When specific issues were reported, or new volunteers needed induction, one-on-one inspections or Support Volunteer assistance was arranged to provide guidance or suggestions for addressing the problems.

This year, the Department offered chainsaw operation and maintenance training, with 19 volunteers from Albany and Perth Hills districts completing a two-day course of theory and practical assessments, earning certificates of competency.

While chainsaws are not the preferred tool for volunteers, we hope similar training opportunities will be made available across other districts in the coming years to raise awareness about their correct and safe use.



▶ Albany volunteers who completed chainsaw training.



Support Volunteer Projects

Volunteers were actively involved in several realignments and major projects along the Track throughout the year.

A key project was the replacement of dilapidated steps near Lake Williams. Over three campaigns, volunteers replaced 200+ steps and installed erosion controls along a 1.5km stretch in West Cape Howe National Park.

The project, supported by a \$27,871 grant from the WA Government’s State NRM Program and assistance from Binalup Aboriginal Corporation rangers, saw volunteers contribute over \$60,000 in time, managing supplies, helicopter logistics, and construction.

The Foundation and volunteers extend their thanks to DBCA’s Recreational & Trails Unit and regional District offices for their support.



▶ Helicopter lift operations in West Cape Howe National Park.



▶ Mark Davidson leading his team of Support Volunteers clearing overgrowth near Mt Cooke.



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



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Major Works

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

Track Realignments

Several small realignments were completed to improve the Track experience:

- Albany Highway: 215m of new trail was constructed to move the track away from the highway, creating a safer, more relaxed environment.
- Wilson Inlet Foreshore: A new path was built near Denmark, shifting the track off urban streets.
- Southern Terminus in Albany: New signage installed by the City of Albany, guiding the track along York St and Grey St West.

The Dookanelly to Possum Springs realignment (16km) progressed well, with most of the work completed by Support Volunteers and contractors, and opened in July 2024. This new route improves the Track by bypassing flood-prone areas and offering scenic views of the Murray River valley.

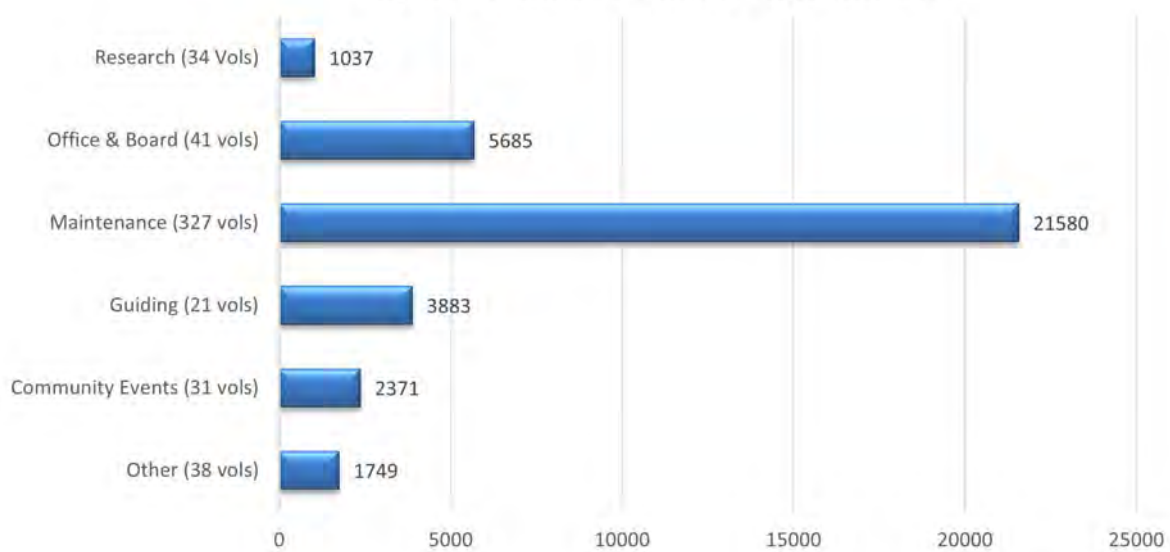
Further realignments are in the planning stages, including areas near Mt Dale, east of Mt Cooke, Wilshusen Rd, and Rame Head.

Campsite Upgrades

There was steady progress on the upgrade program during the year including:

- Gringer Creek: Increased capacity to nine tent sites and improved paths.
- Murray: A second water tank installed in March 2024, enhancing water reliability.
- Yourdamung: Contract awarded to install a large sealed tank for the toilet.
- Harris Dam: Planning for the shelter extension and upgrade in September and October 2024.
- Tent site and path upgrades planned for Harris Dam, Yabberup, Boarding House, and Gregory Brook in 2024-2025.

36,304 volunteer hours contributed



The Bibbulmun Track thanks our many supporters

Our Members

On June 30 2024 the Foundation had 2,812 members, including 253 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:

- Adventure Nutritionalist
- Albany Harbourside Apartments & Houses
- Albany Visitor Centre
- Balingup Oakfield Country House B&B
- Balingup Visitor Centre
- Banksia Springs Cottages
- 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 Visitor Centre
- Compleat Angler and Camping World Rockingham
- Denmark Forest Retreat
- Denmark Hotel
- Donnelly River Village
- Dwellingup Adventures
- Dwellingup Trails and 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
- Life's An Adventure
- LifeTrail
- Manjimup Visitor Centre
- ManjiShuttle
- Mundaring Weir Hotel
- Natural Perspective
- Naughty Noodle Bar
- Northcliffe Caravan Park
- Northcliffe Family and Community Centre
- Northcliffe Visitor Centre
- Packwards
- Pemberton Charters
- Pemberton Discovery Tours
- Pemberton Visitor Centre
- People & Parcel Movers
- Perth Hills Mundaring Visitor Centre
- Perth Hills Visitor Centre
- Southampton Homestead
- The Cove
- Time Travel Tours & Transport
- TraaVerse
- Treenbrook Cottages
- 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 to the following organisations that support the Foundation through Affiliated Organisation membership:

- All Saints' College
- 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 Biddi Trail Foundation
- Outward Bound Australia
- Perth Bushwalkers Club
- Presbyterian Ladies College
- Scotch College
- Shire of Manjimup-Southern Forests WA
- St Mark's Anglican Community School
- The National Trust of Australia (WA)
- Western Walking Club



Our Donors (1.7.2023 – 30.6.2024)

**A total of \$54,792 was donated in the 2023/24 financial year.
Thank you to all the following for your generous support.**

Ada Guglielmino	Chris Low	Frederick McGlashan	Katherine George	Peter McCafferty
Alan Jones	Christine Martin	Gail Thomas	Kathryn Tweddle	Phillip Barker
Alan Langride	Christine Semken	Gary Tomkinson	Larry Smith	Phillippa Bennett
Alan Pitman	Christopher Lindberg	Glenesse Dyson Glenn	Laurence Leroux	Prof. David Hill
Alex Naoum	Craig Colley	Smith	Lesley Walker	Ray Cooper
Alison Siciliano	Dale Cousins	Holly Sounness	Leonie Kirke	Richard Affleck
Amy Howell	Damian Smith	Holly Thomas	Liam Keetch	Richard Rumsey
Angela Loucaides	Daniel Marsh	Jane Hilton	Lothar & Maray Burck	Rick Hargett
Anne Murphy	Daphne & Barry Bastow	Jean Sayer	Louise Hinkley	Rosemary Dowding
Anthea Bird	David Clune	James Flynn	Lukas Winkler	Salvatore Prestianni
Anthony Schlink	David Gratwick	Jamie Davison	Malcolm Kite	Sarah Gelbart
Barbara Wiche	David Wrigley	Janet Morris Jasmine	Marcus Harris	Simon Day
Bill Koster	Dawn James	Trueman Jessica	Maria Kاتفuss	Stephanie Chew
Bob Geary	Debbie Van	Chapman Jessica	Mary McNulty	Stephen Harber
Brian Dearle	Denise Hilsz	Seemann Jim Investor	Mat Dalby	Steven McGellin
Bunbury Adventure Pursuits	Desmond Thompson	Jim Turner	Mel Browne	Susan Broomhall
Carmel James	Didier Monot	Jody Prime	Michael Paterson	Teresa Eldridge
Cassandra Arney	Donna Rowell	John Elderfield	Michael Schneider-Christians	Trudy Chick
Cassandra Ryan	Dr Susan van Leeuwen	Judy Gauci	Niklaus Staeheli	Vere Berger
Cathy Burbridge	Dr. Graham Zemunik	Julie McAllister	Nigel Pilgrim	Veronica Steane
Charlotte Pittman	Dr. Brenda Hamlett	Justin Gibbs	Nola Rademakers	Yahoo over 55s
Chris Harvey	Enid Gardner	Karen and Phillip Buckner	Oenone Allen	Bushwalking Club Inc
	Francesca Walker		Peter Kuhn	Zara White

Honorary Life Memberships

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary, Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to key figures involved with the building of the 'new' Track as well as long-standing Board Members, guides, office and maintenance volunteers. These people all made, or continue to make, invaluable contributions to the Bibbulmun Track and to the Foundation.

Peter Bidwell	'Build a Better Bibbulmun Track' Project Coordinator – Parks & Wildlife Services.
Jesse Brampton	'Build a Better Bibbulmun Track' Project Coordinator

BTF Volunteers

Jim Baker	Office, Bibbulmun News Editor, Trip Planning, Promotion
Isabel Busch	Maintenance, Office, Guide, Trip Planning
Wes Fokkema	Maintenance, Support Volunteer
Jim Freeman	Maintenance, Office, Guide, Woodworking
Colin Gee	Maintenance., Office, Guide
Elsie Grygiel	Office, Guide, Promotion
Charmaine Harris	Maintenance., Office, Guide, Promotion, Support Volunteer
Simon Holthouse	Maintenance, Founding Board Member
Bruce Manning	Maintenance, Founding Board Member
Graham Murdoch	Maintenance, Office, Guide, Promotion
Patrick Tremlett	Maintenance, Guide, Board Member



Our Partners

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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Newmont Boddington

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

Sponsor since 2006.

GOLD



Anaconda

One-stop-shop for outdoor and adventure equipment

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Sea to Summit

Outdoor equipment specialist

Sponsor since 2008



Ultra Series WA

Ridiculously crazy and amazing adventures for trail runners.

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Back Country Cuisine

Hiking food specialist

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Waste management specialist

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Small Things Wine Craft wine, made for the wild.

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Quality outdoor equipment specialist

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Peregrine Travel

Adventure travel experts

Sponsor since 2024



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:

Kathleen Broderick (Chair)	Principle Consultant & Founder, Broderick and Associates	Joined 2016
John Holan (Deputy Chair)	Public Servant, Western Australian Government	2017
Tristy Fairfield	Director, Low Carbon Australia	2020
Tim Larkin	Principal, Larkin Strategic Consulting (LSC)	2022
Bruce Manning	Retired. Former CEO Great Southern Development Commission	1997
Charlie Soord	Retired. Former Learning and Development Consultant	2014
Mike Wood	Director, Peregrine Travel Centre, Perth	1997
Luke Bentley	Executive Director, Parks and Visitor Services, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	PaWS representative
Stephen King	Recreation and Trails Unit, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	PaWS representative

Our Staff (as at 30 July 2024)

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



▶ The Bibbulmun Track 25th Anniversary walkers left Kalamunda on 14 July 2023.



▶ BTF lead guide, Steve Sertis, led the end-to-end.



Treasurer's Report

Overview

The Foundation ends the 2024 Financial Year in a strong financial position. Total income increased in 2024, and total expenses decreased. This led to a small profit, after we made a transfer to reserves, of just over \$5,000.

Income

The Foundation's income comes from a number of sources. We have worked towards this to help with a regular income stream for our operations and one in which we are not excessively reliant on a single source.

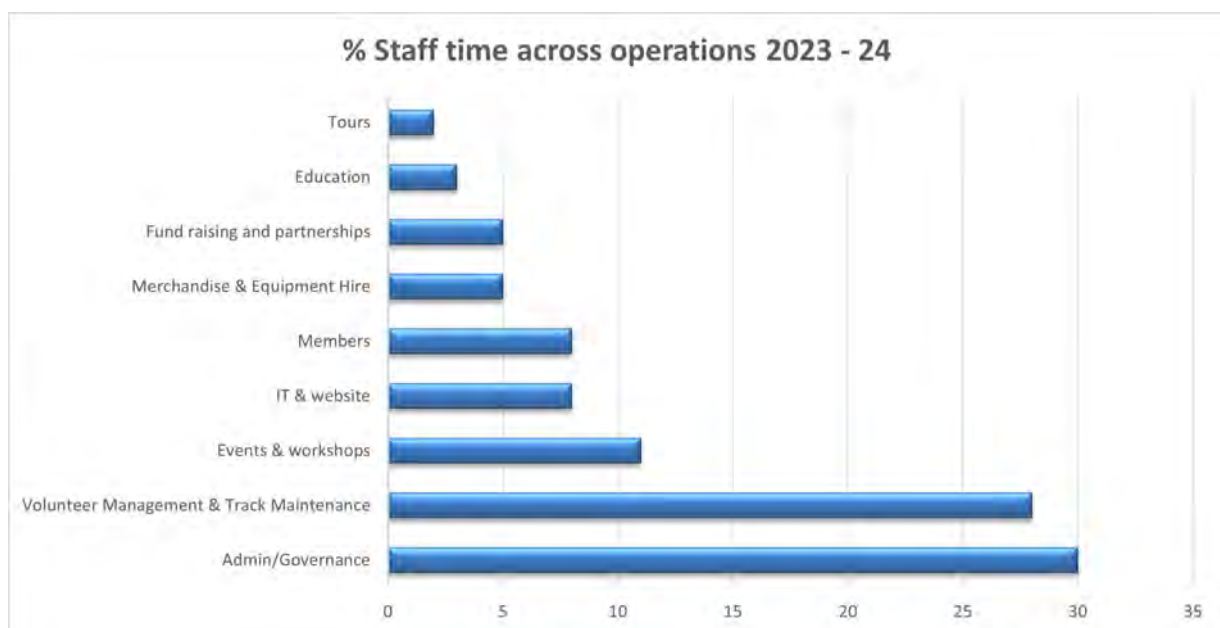
A donation drive for the 25th Anniversary successfully raised just over \$25,000 for future track maintenance projects, and we were pleased to donate \$2,548 to the Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre.

Memberships

Member numbers increased slightly over the year. We actively survey departing members to understand their reasons and evaluate potential changes based on their feedback.

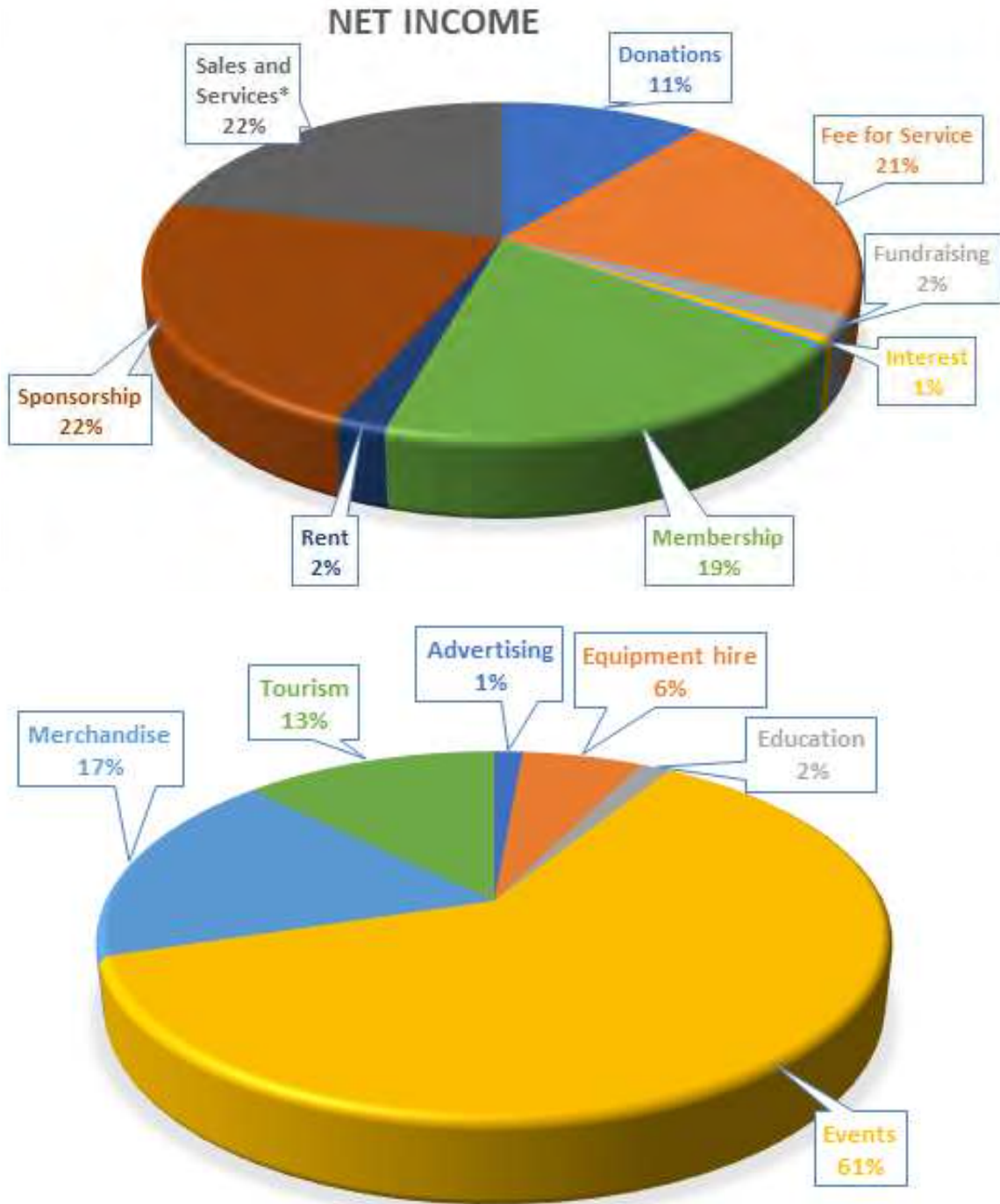
Our plans for the future

We are conscious that with the challenges to cost of living, rising staff costs, and other factors, that we must continue to look to build our income sources to provide services to members. We will not assume that what worked over the past 25 years will continue to do so. Our board and staff are actively exploring options to ensure a sustainable future





INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



*SALES & SERVICES

22% (\$107,129) of our Net income was generated by BTF events, tours, merchandise & other services.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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**TRADING ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trading Income		
Merchandise Sales	86,455	82,362
Total Trading Income	<u>86,455</u>	<u>82,362</u>
Cost Of Sales		
Add:		
Opening Stock Merchandise	68,023	68,692
Merchandise Purchases	46,429	57,745
	<u>114,452</u>	<u>126,437</u>
Less:		
Closing Stock Merchandise	64,570	68,023
	<u>64,570</u>	<u>68,023</u>
Cost of Sales	<u>49,882</u>	<u>58,414</u>
Gross Profit/(Loss) from Trading	<u>36,573</u>	<u>23,948</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income			
Trading Profit		36,573	23,948
25 th Anniversary Income		19,153	1,575
Advertising		1,487	1,874
Donations		54,792	27,105
Education		1,577	3,144
Equipment Hire		6,329	6,647
Events Calendar	2	37,973	15,761
Events – Non-Calendar		8,669	2,426
Fee for Service		105,683	70,511
Fund Raising		10,458	-1,540
Grants		-13,938	42,460
Group Activities		0	0
Membership		96,143	101,116
Miscellaneous Income		1,850	2,518
Reimbursements		4,165	20,859
Sponsorship		111,182	95,000
Tourism Income		13,417	26,775
Income from Operations		495,513	440,179
Other Income			
Interest Received		3,189	4,958
Rent – Munda Biddi		9,600	6,400
Rental Offset Income		0	35,017
Total Other Income		12,789	46,375
Total Income		508,302	486,554

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Expenses		
Administration – Print, Photocopying & Other	1,943	843
Advertising - Marketing	0	4,650
Bad Debts Written Off	523	1,733
Bank Fees & Charges	4,399	4,545
Bookkeeping/Accounts System	149	1,565
Computer – Technology etc.	11,704	9,974
Consultant Fees	553	0
Depreciation – Office Equipment	1,569	294
Employees Accrued Leave Provision	16,515	0
Grant Funds – Expensed on Projects	0	37,065
Insurance	10,769	13,808
Interpretation	0	2,210
Maintenance	13,599	18,131
Maintenance Training Program	0	1,995
Marketing - Other	11,857	7,148
Memberships - Organisations	1,001	1,067
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,111	1,175
Newsletter – Marketing Bibbulmun News	18,282	17,295
Office Amenities & Supplies	6,622	4,537
Office Move Costs	2,741	8,364
Postage	21,502	20,088
Printing - Marketing	999	5,253
Rent & Outgoings	8,998	42,270
Staff - Salaries and Expenses	370,399	365,874
Strata Levies	16,594	7,319
Telephone - Administration	2,791	2,661
Vehicle Expenses	2,627	3,947
Vehicle Depreciation	1,143	1,524
Volunteer/Staff Expenses & Development	6,283	6,640
Total Expenses	<u>535,673</u>	<u>591,975</u>
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>-27,371</u>	<u>-105,421</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Plus: Other Income		
Capital Gain – Lease Surrender	70,000	105,084
Less: Other Expenses		
Donations	2,548	0
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	40,081	-337
Less: Income Tax	0	0
Profit/(Loss) after income tax	40,081	-337
Transfer to reserves		
Less: Transfer to capital reserve	35,000	0
Profit/(Loss) after transfers to reserves	5,081	-337

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC

**DETAILED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash at Bank - Bankwest		73,651	40,359
Debit Card Account - Bankwest		1,835	2,559
Telenet Saver Account - Bankwest		10,164	222,907
Petty Cash Account		41	66
Cash Float Account		224	225
Cash at Bank - Westpac		10,291	0
Debit Card Account - Westpac		2,009	0
Cash Reserve Account - Westpac		133,259	0
National Trust of Australia (WA) Account		47,317	23,344
		<u>278,791</u>	<u>289,460</u>
Receivables			
Interest Receivable		0	0
Prepayments		909	5,777
Accounts Receivable		127,483	189,092
		<u>128,392</u>	<u>194,869</u>
Inventories			
Stock on Hand		64,570	68,023
		<u>64,570</u>	<u>68,023</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>471,753</u>	<u>552,352</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Receivables			
Rental Bond YHA		0	9,250
		<u>0</u>	<u>9,250</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Motor Vehicle		3,428	4,571
Office Fitout & Equipment		26,567	3,251
Property		473,277	455,852
		<u>503,272</u>	<u>463,674</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>503,272</u>	<u>472,924</u>
Total Assets		<u>975,025</u>	<u>1,025,276</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC

**DETAILED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Accounts Payable		16,594	93
Other Creditors & Accruals		14,060	73,556
Provision for Annual Leave		40,028	23,084
Provision for Long Service Leave		6,454	6,883
		<u>77,136</u>	<u>103,616</u>
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST Payable		17,225	14,116
Taxation PAYG & Superannuation		11,996	8,957
		<u>29,221</u>	<u>23,073</u>
Other Current Liabilities			
Rental in Advance – YHA Lease		0	70,000
		<u>0</u>	<u>70,000</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>106,357</u>	<u>196,689</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Rental in Advance – YHA Lease		0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>106,357</u>	<u>196,689</u>
Net Assets		<u>868,668</u>	<u>828,587</u>
Members' Funds			
Issued Capital			
Retained Earnings/(Accumulated Losses)		828,587	828,924
Capital Reserve	3	35,000	0
Profit/(Loss) after income tax		5,081	-337
Total Members' Funds		<u>868,668</u>	<u>828,587</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
Note	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Profit/(Loss) before taxation	5,081	-337
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	2,712	1,818
Interest Received	-3,189	-4,958
	<u>4,604</u>	<u>-3,477</u>
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	61,609	-173,172
(Increase)/Decrease in Rental Bond	9,250	0
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock on Hand	3,453	669
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	4,868	-5,777
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	-26,480	34,719
Increase/(Decrease) in Tax Liabilities	6,148	1,566
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities	-70,000	-140,102
Increase/(Decrease) in Reserves	35,000	0
	<u>23,848</u>	<u>-282,097</u>
Cash generated from Operations	<u>28,452</u>	<u>-285,574</u>
Interest Paid	0	0
Income Taxes Paid	0	0
<i>Net cash from Operating Activities</i>	<u>28,452</u>	<u>-285,574</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
(Increase)/Decrease in Fixed Assets	-39,598	-459,397
Interest Received	477	5,519
<i>Net cash from Investing Activities</i>	<u>-39,121</u>	<u>-453,878</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Cash flows from financing activities	0	0
<i>Net cash from Financing Activities</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>-10,669</u>	<u>-739,452</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at start of year	<u>289,460</u>	<u>1,028,912</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at end of year	<u>278,791</u>	<u>289,460</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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.

BIBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION INC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

(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 2024

(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.

	2024	2023
Calendar of Events Activities	\$	\$
Calendar of Events - Income	63,939	48,386
Calendar of Events - Expenses	25,966	32,625
	37,973	15,761

NOTE 3 CAPITAL RESERVE

The Foundation was required to surrender its YHA lease to the WA government in 2021 and received a lump sum capital payment as compensation.

The new premises at Aberdeen Street had a potential lease term of seven years. The benefit of the capital sum received was being brought to account as Rental Offset income of approximately \$35,000 per annum for the term of this lease.

In June 2023 the Foundation moved into its own premises at 62 Ord Street, West Perth, having relinquished its lease of the Aberdeen Street premises. As no further rent would be payable it was no longer appropriate to account for the capital sum as Rental Offset income. Approximately \$105,000 was brought to account as a capital gain in the 2023 profit and loss statement.

The remaining capital gain balance of \$70,000 has been brought to account in the 2024 profit and loss statement. However, \$35,000 has been transferred to a capital reserve to be kept aside to cover any unexpected expenses or losses in the future.

BTF Depreciation Schedule - 30 June 2024

Building & Improvements		Date Acquired	Date First Used	Original Cost	Additions	Disposals	Date of Disposal	Profit/loss on sale	Opening W D V	Portion of Year Held	Depn Rate	Type	Depn for year	Closing W D V
Asset Description	30-Jun-23	31-Mar-23	30-Jun-23	455,852	17,425				455,852	1	0.00%	P	0	473,277
Ord Street Offices											Depreciation Claim		0	
													0	
Mitsubishi Rosa Bus - 1DDSI90														
Asset Description	30-Jun-23													
Mitsubishi Bus				34,091					4,571	1	25.00%	DV	1,143	3,428
											Depreciation Claim		1,143	
Office Fitout & Equipment														
Asset Description	30-Jun-23													
Kyocera Printer		20-Jul-22	20-Jul-22	3,545					3,251	1	10.00%	DV	325	2,926
2 MDV Air Conditioners		01-Jul-23	01-Jul-23	24,885					24,885	1	5.00%	P	1,244	23,641
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
										1	10.00%	DV	0	0
Total				28,430					28,136		Depreciation Claim		1,569	26,567
											Total Written Down Value			503,272

Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.
Resolution of the Board for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024 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 will lodge the 2023-24 NFP self-review return with the ATO by the required date of 31 October 2024; and
- (c) 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:

Name

John Holan

Signature

[Signature]

Date: 29/8/2024

Board Member:

Name

Kathleen Brodenki

Signature

[Signature]

Date: 29/8/2024

Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.
Declaration by the Board for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024.

In the Board's opinion:-

- (d) The financial statements and the notes to them for the financial year ended 30 June 2024 give a true and fair view of the BTF's financial position and performance and comply with the accounting standards; and
- (e) there are reasonable grounds to believe the BTF will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (f) 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 29/08/2024 and is signed by two members of the Board who are authorised to sign it.

Board Member: Juan Holan Jnh.
Name Signature

Date: 29/8/24

Board Member: Kathleen Broderick [Signature]
Name Signature

Date: 29/8/24

Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.
Reviewer's declaration for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 2024.

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:

16/10/24

Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)
Bibbulmun Track Foundation Inc.
Reviewer's report for the year ended 30 June 2024

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 29 August 2024.

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 2024 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.

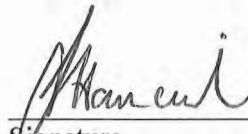
I have reviewed the financial report in accordance with Part 5 of the Act. This is my report of my review prepared in accordance with section 81 of the Act.

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 2024 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:

16/10/24



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