



Elsie Grygiel

Awarded: 2023

Elsie joined the Foundation in 2006 and commenced volunteering in the BTF office immediately.

Using her previous office experience, she streamlined the office membership procedures and familiarised herself with other office procedures to the extent that she was able to deputise for the Office Manager in an emergency. Members are the lifeblood of the organisation so having someone with Elsie's level of commitment and competence working on memberships was invaluable. Elsie provided trip planning advice for would be walkers, both in the office and from home by email. In addition, she always made herself available at short notice to fill rostered days for volunteers who were unavailable.

Elsie was also a Volunteer Guide, taking on a wide range of events including children's and women only events. Elsie was a popular and versatile guide who willingly passed on her extensive knowledge of the Track, having walked it end-to-end a number of times, including the 10th Anniversary Walk in 2008.

The range and commitment of Elsie's volunteering has been outstanding. She has inspired many people to participate in activities on the Track after overcoming major health issues.

Elsie retired from volunteering at the end of 2021. For her countless contributions to the work of the Bibbulmun Track Foundation she is a worthy recipient of Honorary Life Membership.