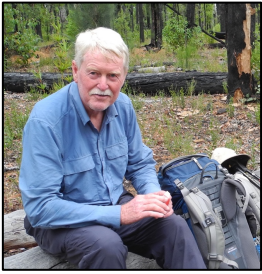


Bibbulmun Track Foundation - Honorary Life Membership



Ian Rae

Awarded: 2024

Ian Rae has made a valuable contribution to the Track and the Foundation as a volunteer working across multiple roles and over a substantial number of years.

Ian has been directly involved with the Track since 2007, when he became a member of the Foundation and a volunteer. He completed a sectional End-to-End between 2008 and 2012. As a volunteer, Ian has led a maintenance team for the Track maintenance section in Frankland District from Peaceful Bay trailhead to the Irwin Inlet channel. He is a founding member of the Support Volunteers and has been an important member of the team on major projects, especially on the south coast. He became a Guide in 2012, qualifying for both day and overnight walks. He has also made contributions to the collection of Track user data. Most recently, he has offered to apply his maintenance experience behind the scenes, in the maintenance report processing role.

Ian is an effective communicator, well organised, efficient, polite and calm in all situations. His quiet, wacky humour makes him a very personable Guide and maintenance team member.

Ian's location in the Great Southern has been of particular value as a volunteer Guide, as this created the opportunity for Social Sunday Walks to be offered locally; he ran these on his own for several years. He regularly assisted with food drops for events on the south coast, and also donated the corflute signs used across our scheduled events.

Ian's maintenance section ends on the western shore of the Irwin Inlet, at one end of the iconic canoe crossing; Ian has provided proactive oversight of the canoes, paddles and sheds.

For the recent, major 25th anniversary celebrations, Ian assisted with initial planning as early as 2021 and then continued to work in support of the Denmark community event. He assisted with sourcing local bus drivers and provided logistical support across the south coast, including local food drops.

Ian's readiness to help wherever possible, and his contribution over many years, makes him a worthy recipient of an Honorary Life Membership.