



Jesse Brampton

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The transformation of the Bibbulmun Track, from its original alignment on gravel roads with little signage, no shelter and no guaranteed supply of water, was initiated by Jesse Brampton after he walked the Appalachian Trail in the US. Jesse submitted a proposal to transform the Bibbulmun Track into a trail that would be more scenic, more accessible and embraced by the communities along the way.

He was appointed project manager of the "Build a Better Bibbulmun Track" project and, along with a steering committee led by CALM's Jim Sharp, spearheaded the realignment and extension of the Track to Albany.

Jesse was also impressed by the fact that the Appalachian Trail is largely maintained by the communities along the Track and was instrumental in setting up the Friends of the Bibbulmun Track, now the Bibbulmun Track Foundation, and recruiting the first cohort of maintenance volunteers.

Jesse maintains that "The Building a Better Bibbulmun Track Project remains the highlight of my working life - it was an utter privilege and an honour, too, and the outcome remains something that brings immense pride and satisfaction."