

Volunteer portal upgrade completed!

The long-awaited upgrade to the BTF volunteer portal was completed in August 2025. The portal is a website module accessible only to currently registered volunteers by logging in to their personal profile on bibbulmuntrack.org.au.

The new version has additional functionality which should greatly assist volunteers. There were some constraints, so we realise it's some way from being perfect! It is still a web-based tool, so is accessible from desktop computers, tablets and other mobile devices. On mobile phones, the screen size may create challenges in data input.

For instructions on all existing and new functionality, refer to ***Volunteer portal instructions.pdf***.

Please let us know of any issues you encounter using the portal. Email details to trackworks@bibbulmuntrack.org.au, including screenshots of the issue / error message.

To help you get used to the new version, here is a summary of the changes, additions and improvements...

Timesheets

The timesheet entry form is very similar to the previous version.

If the times relate to sectional Track maintenance, you can now enter the relevant section number on your timesheet record. This gives us a simpler method of confirming that Track sections are receiving sufficient attention (reviewing inspection reports is slightly more complicated).

After clicking 'Register my time', you will get a confirmation screen for 3 seconds, before the site returns you to a fresh Timesheet page, ready for your next action.

Your timesheet history is now presented within a table which can be searched and filtered to find and select past entries. You can export details of multiple timesheets. You can edit past entries as long as they still have the 'Submitted' status e.g. to correct errors.

Track reporting

Although similar to the previous version, this module has been redesigned to minimise the fields to be completed and maximise the space visible for each field.

At the top of the screen, you will see a green header panel 'Create a new Track report...'. Pay attention to this, as the panel colour changes to yellow when editing a previous report, or grey when displaying a previously accepted report!

As soon as you enter a section number, a table is displayed at the bottom of the page showing all past Track reports for that section (entered by yourself and by other volunteers). This can be searched and filtered. You can edit past entries which retain the 'Pending' status e.g. to correct errors or add further information. Please only edit reports you submitted yourself!

The 'Other Comments' field of past reports can now be searched for particular words. This could be extremely useful! In addition to the details about a problem entered in the specific form field, you could enter a keyword in the 'Other Comments' field, then later search for any reports containing this word e.g. regrowth, erosion, tree down.

Campsite reporting

The redesign of this module is along the same lines as for Track reporting; there are no further differences to be noted!

Thanks to our developer for the Volunteer Portal, Dave Robartson of Red Kinetic, who took our requests and suggestions for functionality on board and turned them into reality!

