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Newsletter for the Friends of the Bibbulmun Track



Guided walks are a great way to meet like-minded people and have all the planning taken care of!

Our best of the Bibbulmun tours take in the contrasting landscapes of the Track.

Visit bibbulmuntrack.org.au/walk-the-track/guided-tours for more info.

(Above) Checking out the map on top of Mt Pingerup.
(Right) Soaking in the views near Shelley Beach.

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land and waters along the Bibbulmun Track.

Honorary Life Memberships

Honorary Life Membership of an organisation recognises significant, continuous, selfless service and support.

In 2024 the BTF Board approved the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to Ian Rae, Alex Williams, Mark Davidson, Hedley Amos and Lari McDonald.

We thank them all for the significant contribution they have made to the Bibbulmun Track and to the Foundation over many years and in many ways.

Their citations are in the process of being uploaded to our website where you will be able to find out more about them.



1. Ian Rae top left,
2. Alex Williams top right,
3. Mark Davidson bottom left,
4. Hedley and Lari bottom right

Virtual Hike Challenge 2025 Get Ready to Walk!

It's back! We're excited to announce that the Bibbulmun Track Virtual Hike Challenge will start on 1 June 2025. Teams of up to three will be challenged to walk 1000km over eight weeks.

Using the Pacer App on your phone, your steps are automatically recorded enabling you to track your progress along the Bibbulmun Track map. 20 milestones bring the Track to life and we'll have a great range of prizes to keep you motivated!

This is a fun way to connect with friends, family or workmates, and get fit for the spring hiking season!

P.S. Entry is free – but a donation would be greatly appreciated. Better yet, for added motivation, ask your friends and family to sponsor your team to raise funds for the Foundation and support our work to keep the Track and services free for all. Please register at mycause.com.au/charity/486/BibbulmunTrackFoundation - you can also set up a fundraising page!

P.P.S. For those who took part last year – cycling won't be added as an activity this year due to issues with converting time into steps.



Please email friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au if you have any further questions!

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FROM MY Desk

Welcome to the winter edition of Bibbulmun News.

It was all systems go after the summer break and we have planned some great events for our members in 2025. This includes the Virtual Hike Challenge, which is a great way to connect with friends and family, wherever they live - and to get fit for the hiking season!

From personal experience, I highly recommend the Virtual Hike Challenge. I created a team with my sisters-in-law last year that we named The Blisters. Throughout the Challenge period, the three of them were travelling in Europe and were surprised by how many kilometres they clocked up while exploring the sites! It was a great way to stay connected with them during their travels.

There's a bit of an international flavour to this edition of Bibb News with letters and stories from some of our overseas visitors and an overview of the BTF's hiking tour in Taiwan (see p30).

The letter from Frenchman Jean-Guy Tarin (see page 4) really resonates with the BTF's vision for the Track, which is that the following qualities of the Track be retained:

- A simple wilderness path through the bush.
- A track that gives people mental and physical, yet accessible, challenges.
- A track that fosters a sense of community and camaraderie among its users.
- A track that provides opportunities for solitude and personal growth.
- A track that provides a peaceful and tranquil experience

In Jean-Guy's words *"For me, the Bibbulmun is a pilgrimage that I enjoy walking solo. When I walk, the destination is meaningless; the journey is what counts. Staying in communion with nature, alone for weeks in a row is my goal. I enjoy every bit of it"*.

Being alone for "weeks in a row" is not a usual experience these days. However, initiatives such as notifications and the building of group campsites enable hikers to plan to avoid large groups. This helps to maintain the chances that walkers have to immerse themselves in the natural world with time alone, as well as to encounter like-minded people along the way.

It's always interesting to hear about the hikes our members have enjoyed during their travels and we're looking forward to hosting a Tales from Other Trails night on 10 July. Presenters, long-term members and recent recipients of Honorary Life Membership Awards Lari McDonald and Hedly Amos, have hiked many long-distance trails around the world. If you're seeking inspiration and ideas about where to have your next adventure, this event is a must-attend! If you have a favourite trail and would like to present your story at an event, please get in touch.

Finally, sincere thanks to Sue and Chis Lee. They were presented with the DBCA Volunteer of the Year Award at a ceremony in December. All BTF volunteers are registered with DBCA - along with over 7000 other volunteers, participating in around 300 registered projects. For Sue and Chris to be recognised in this way is testament to their work as volunteers! You can read about their great contribution to the Track and the Foundation on p19.

Happy Hiking!

Join us on



Linda Daniels
Executive Director

Thank you! Thank you! THANK YOU!

A sincere thank you to the following walkers who have generously made donations to the Foundation.

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Donations are tax deductible!

Through the National Trust, donations to the Foundation are deposited in a special account and assigned specifically to projects that enhance the Bibbulmun Track's environmental sustainability. The National Trust provides this service for free so you can be sure that 100% of your donation will go to Track projects.

Tax deductible donations can be made online, in person by cash or credit card. We will then provide you with a receipt from the National Trust receipt book which indicates the donation is specifically for the Bibbulmun Track.

All donations, regardless of the amount, are gratefully received and all help to preserve our beautiful Bibbulmun Track.

Check your spam folder!

It is getting harder to contact you as e-newsletters and bulk emails are treated as spam and blocked.

Please make sure you add friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au to your safe senders list so we can continue to update you with the latest news and events.

Your membership helps to support the Foundation - which looks after the Bibbulmun Track.

Wear it with pride - and encourage others to give back to the Track for those following in your footsteps!



YOUR Letters

Hi, my name is Jean-Guy Tarin, Track Name Mzungu. I am a French citizen living in France, and I came especially to Perth to walk the Bibbulmun Track. I am an End-to-Ender of the track in 2024 in two sections:

Between February, March and part of April 2024 I walked from Kalamunda to Denmark, with a break due to a leg injury that got infected after I fell near the Murray River.

From 25 November to 20 December, I walked from Balingup to Albany, in two sessions.

This is the second time I have completed the Bibbulmun Track - first time was in 2019.

For me, the Bibbulmun is a pilgrimage that I enjoy walking solo. When I walk, the destination is meaningless; the journey is what counts. Staying in communion with nature, alone for weeks in a row is my goal. I enjoy every bit of it.

Doing it for the second time is even more rewarding than the first time; familiarity with the trail makes the walk more comfortable as I have less anxiety about finding the way.

I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer work that makes walking Bibbulmun a possibility. I wish this example could be followed in other countries as well. Truly well done, Thank You Australial!

Jean-Guy Tarin (Mzungu), France



Thank you so much to you and the team for my wonderful gift pack in recognition of 10 years of volunteering! The olive oil is delicious and is my go-to for cooking. Ironically the seeds, Dwarf Wattle (*Acacia drummondii* ssp. *candolleana*) was discovered by James Drummond who is my four times great grandfather!

I will certainly endeavour to germinate the seeds.

I still love every minute I spend tending to my very short section of the mighty Track and hope to continue for a few years yet.

Best wishes to you and the team for 2025.

Kind regards,

Ann James, Albany

Ed.: As part of our annual volunteer recognition, Ann received a bottle of olive oil generously donated by Barreca's Winery, Donnybrook; and a packet of native plant seeds donated by Zanthorrea Nursery, Maida Vale. Both businesses are firm supporters of the Foundation.

I have just returned from the trip to Taiwan and without a doubt it was one of the best walking trips I have undertaken.

I have always had a wish to visit and walk trails in Taiwan and when the opportunity arose I was interested. Steve Sertis was the only person in the group of 14 I knew from courses and walks with him. The majority of the group were either volunteer maintenance personnel or Bibbulmun Track walkers.

From the start to the end of the walks, Tingyeh, our Wildman International Travel and Tours Guide was excellent – nothing fazed her, a lot to ask for looking after 14 Aussies! All transport, accommodation, meals etc. were organised to a high standard throughout the trip. Every meal she organised, whether breakfast, lunch or dinner was a different style of Taiwanese cuisine although our experience was that Stinky Tofu is still an acquired taste!

The people of Taiwan were incredible, friendly and so generous with their time in talking with us. Whether in Taipei or on the trails we met with regular walkers, young and old, supplying us with gifts and food along the way – what a memory.

The Australian contingent attended the Friendship Trail Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony with local and state dignitaries present in the Indigenous Hakka Township. Kath and Steve's presentation with slides and a short video of the Bibbulmun Track went down well. I believe their passion and sincerity played a large part in their speech. I was impressed! On our last evening meal in Taipei Steve showed us the Taiwanese TV coverage of the event and the forum, held a few days later.

Steve Sertis was not the official guide on this trip but was always looking after the group's interest. Even when we unknowingly walked into a cloud of hornets on a river bed Steve administered first aid afterwards to those stung. We can deal with ticks on the BTF walks but hornets are another thing!

For me the trip definitely was a great experience. Everyone in the group was always there to assist with one another—true Aussie spirit!
Henry Miner, Perth



We thank you very much for your work on the Bibbulmun trek. We had been looking forward to our dream for several years before it became a reality. And we were excited and still think about the amazing trek. I have not been able to find out how many of our compatriots, hikers from the Czech Republic, came to Australia to complete the entire trek end-to-end. But I guess there won't be many, it's a bit far from Central Europe to you. For us, the distance was worth it. Many thanks for the wonderful experience!
Ludmilani Klínková, Czech Republic

Walker Story - The "Last Hurrah" of the Mad Axeman

Jim Freeman, The Mad Axeman, has walked the Track end-to-end 14 times. He has advised and guided many others and walked most Track sections even more times—but there remained one section he hadn't traversed, the Nyngarn Bidi (Noongar for Echidna Path). This recently developed trail completes a 66km, three-day, two-night loop from Dwellingup.

Alone on the Track at 88— maybe not a good idea, so was there another option?

A plan was hatched by BTF office manager Vanessa Huesges. She, along with volunteers Bev Culpan, Isabel Busch and her husband Jack decided to keep Jim company on the walk.

On day one everyone met up in Dwellingup and set off around 9.30am. A late start, but an easy day was expected.

Wrong!

There was a prescribed burn diversion in place plus a diversion due to logging, resulting in additional serious hills and an extra 5km. Undeterred, Jim was in fine fettle and other than a tumble and some patching up, he set the pace. On arrival at Swamp Oak, a little wearier than expected, the group were all cheered by the fact that a surprise parcel, including chocolates, was waiting for them! Dinner provided the opportunity for Jim to share stories and anecdotes.

After a reasonable night's sleep Jim was up early, organising his gear and breakfast. He was persuaded to unload a bit more gear before setting off to Chadoora. The walk was reasonably flat, and Jim continued with his stories, explaining that this was a section of the original Track. Despite the fact it was another long day of around 20 km, Jim continued to be at the front of the group.



The group l.to r. Issy, Jack, Bev, Jim, Vanessa

It is fair to say that Jim—and everyone else— were pleased to see the shelter at the end of the day!

Day three dawned and again Jim was up and at it. This was an early start as the group was keen to get to Dwellingup by lunch time. It was a morning of reminiscing for Jim, sharing lots of stories of his past and his association with the Track. Over morning tea, he gave several recitations of his own inimitable poetry. It also became clear Jim hadn't lost his keen eye for the Track—walking along a gravel road Jim pointed to a somewhat overgrown path to the right and informed the group that this was the correct way to go. They said that as there was no Waugal marker it couldn't be and continued along the road until, about 100 metres further on, Jim pointed to a Waugal marker on the path down below—the path he had indicated. Everyone sheepishly followed him back to the correct route and made it into Dwellingup in time for lunch at the pub.

After lunch Jim had a surprise, giving everybody a wooden photo frame he had made, to thank them for their support. As thoughtful and organised as ever.

Final comments from Jack and Isabel:

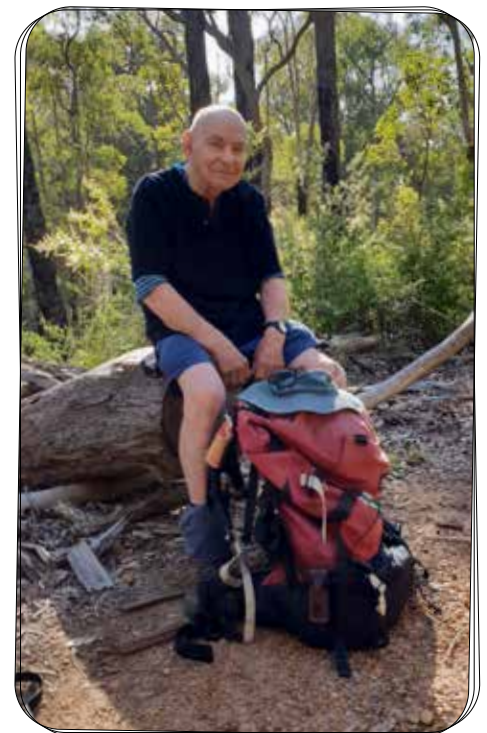
We first met Jim 20 years ago when he did a trip planning session for us before we set out on our end-to-end. We were novices, while at the same time he was setting out on his eighth end-to-end. We didn't walk together; he was too fast for us, but at different points along the way we got to know him.

On this recent walk he reinforced and added to all that we learnt then and have grown to respect about him over 20 years. Passionate and knowledgeable about the Track, self-sufficient and resilient, stoic and sometimes stubborn, Jim still has a keen mind, a dry sense of humour and deep down is a good, caring bloke.



Jim doing the hard yards...

...and taking a well-earned rest



Jim, at 88 you are an absolute inspiration!

Read the poem 'A Salute to a Bibbulmun Icon' on page 19.

Jims entry in the Chadoora Logbook

28/10/24	JACK	75	Male	FREO	DWELLINGUP	DWELLINGUP	3	No	NICE flat day walk from Dwellingup road. Loved the bush on the walk from main road.
26/10/24	THE MAD AXEMAN	88	Female	W.A.	DWP	DWP	3	No	Beautiful walk with no diversions!
							3	No	BETTER WALK THAN YESTERDAY (IN KNACKHARD) Page 117

Before you go...

CHECK THE LATEST TRACK CONDITIONS

Before heading out on to the Bibbulmun Track it is important that you check the current Track conditions and are aware of any changes that may impact on your journey. Refer to the Section by Section guide on www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au or contact the appropriate Parks and Wildlife Services District (see contact details opposite).

There may be maintenance or construction projects near or on the Track that result in temporary diversions or changes. These will not be marked on your maps. Diversions are usually marked with Waugal trail markers attached to yellow metal posts. If you encounter these when walking, follow these temporary markers, not your map. The diversion will eventually return you to the main trail.

Please remember the Bibbulmun Track is a walking track only. No wheeled vehicles, including trolleys, wheelbarrows, prams or bikes should be on the Track. Please help to preserve the Track and the environment by keeping to *boots only*.

Prescribed Burning Operations

Parks and Wildlife conducts a program of prescribed burning operations each year. Prescribed burning operations are undertaken for a variety of reasons, including property protection, fuel reduction and biodiversity management.

These burns are carefully planned but may cause some disruption to Track users. Where prescribed burning operations impact on the Track, temporary diversions will be put in place. Prescribed burning operations are dependent on appropriate weather conditions and for this reason dates of burns are not available in advance. For information regarding prescribed burns, please contact the District offices.

Groups on the Track

Groups of walkers with eight or more members that are staying overnight on the Track are requested to complete a Group Notification online at www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/trip-planner/notice-of-intent-for-groups.

Car access to the Track

Walkers are reminded that vehicles can only access the Track at designated points. These are marked on the maps and guidebooks as red car symbols. Other roads that lead towards the Track might be restricted or have locked gates as they enter disease risk areas. Attempting to access the Track at non-designated points can spread disease or damage wildlife. Please use only the access points marked on the maps and guidebooks.

Parks and Wildlife Contacts:

Recreation and Trails Unit

recreationandtrails@dbca.wa.gov.au
Ph: (08) 9219 8265

District Offices

Perth Hills District (Mundaring and Dwellingup)

Perth Hills District (Mundaring and Dwellingup)
Kalamunda to the Harvey-Quindanning Road
Map 1 & 2 and Guidebooks 1 & 2
Contact Rebecca Hamilton on (08) 9290 6100 or mundaring@dbca.wa.gov.au

Wellington District (Collie)

The Harvey-Quindanning Road to Mumballup
(Donnybrook-Boyup Brook Rd)
Map 3 and Guidebook 3
Contact Nick Evans on (08) 9735 1988 or wellington@dbca.wa.gov.au

Blackwood District (Balingup)

Blackwood District (Balingup)
Mumballup (Donnybrook-Boyup Brook Rd) to Willow Springs
(Gold Gully Rd)
Map 4 and Guidebook 4
Contact Crystelle Evangelista on (08) 9731 6232 or blackwood@dbca.wa.gov.au

Donnelly District (Pemberton and Northcliffe)

Willow Springs (Gold Gully Rd) to Pingerup Rd
Map 5 and Guidebook 5
Contact Dean Johnson on (08) 9771 7988 or donnelyd@dbca.wa.gov.au

Frankland District (Walpole)

Pingerup Rd to Denmark River mouth
Map 6, 7 and 8 and Guidebooks 6, 7 and 8
Contact Meg Pardoe on (08) 9840 0400 or frankland.district@dbca.wa.gov.au

Albany District (Denmark and Albany)

Denmark River mouth to Albany
Map 8 and Guidebook 8
Contact Sara Hands-May on (08) 9842 4500 or albany@dbca.wa.gov.au

LEAVE NO TRACE TIP: BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER WALKERS

- Treat the shelters as you would your home - use the brush and rake provided to keep them clean and tidy.
- Keep noise levels down at campsites, be discrete about using mobile phones and always use earphones.
- Track shelters are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Large groups (8 or more) may only occupy shelters after 6pm.
- Avoid blocking the Track with tents or yourself during lunch stops or breaks.
- Don't light big, smoky fires.





Stephen King

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Dear Readers,

We're well into 2025 as I write this with summer almost behind us, and it seems that everyone has hit the ground running, refreshed and enthused after some holiday time. While summer is generally not conducive to getting a lot done out there on the ground, we have been setting up for a busy year ahead, with a good collection of maintenance and improvement works in the pipeline.

On the campsite upgrades front installation of a second water tank at Nerang Campsite is the next priority, which may be completed by the time you read this. The old steel water tank at Chadoora Campsite is also due for replacement. Tent site and path upgrades at Gregory Brook and Noggerup Campsites are also in the pipeline, with the intention of increasing the tent site capacity at these locations.

Planning for Track realignments to improve the trail experience is continuing. A realignment to bypass the powerlines track east of Mt Cooke has been approved and is scheduled for construction by BTF volunteers in early autumn. Planning for a proposed realignment at Mt Dale is well progressed, with an Aboriginal heritage survey and dieback survey the only outstanding items required. The dieback survey can't proceed until spring due to the burn history of the area. Planning for a significant realignment around Wilshusen Rd, north of Collie is also progressing well. This realignment involves approximately 9km of purpose-built trail to take the Track off Wilshusen Rd and Seventy-Seven Rd, creating a far more engaging and interesting hiking experience. This still requires a dieback survey, Aboriginal heritage survey and support from the Inter-agency Catchment Working Group, as it's within the Harris River Dam catchment.

Erosion control and Track stabilisation work on the south coast will be continuing in earnest during the first half of 2025, with campaigns planned along Track sections near Rame Head, Parry Beach, and Boat Harbour Campsite. This is a continuation of the excellent work achieved to date along other sections of the Track with a mixture of treatments, including trackpad installation, box steps and water bars used to control erosion and to stabilise the sandy tread.

Another focus for the coming months will be dealing with the replacement or repair of several bridges and boardwalks along the track. The windfarm boardwalk near Albany is undergoing repairs, requiring temporary diversions, and further work on this ageing asset will be required. Several old timber bridges also require replacement, either due to their age and general deterioration or because of damage from fallen trees.

In early February thunderstorms resulted in a spate of lightning sparked fires, mainly through Blackwood and Donnelly Districts. Some of the fires became very large and complex, resulting in closures of the Bibbulmun Track between Northcliffe and Walpole, and between One-Tree Bridge and Beedelup Falls, affecting Boarding House and Beavis Campsites. Fire events highlight the

importance of heeding our standard advice of avoiding any extended walks between December and March. The closures were quite lengthy in terms of both duration and distance, due to the complexity of the fires and ongoing risks for Track users. On the positive side, none of the campsites were seriously threatened or impacted.

Once again, I'd like to thank and congratulate all the Bibbulmun Track Foundation volunteers and staff for their good work over the last few months, and I hope autumn brings opportunities to get out on the Track and enjoy the fruits of your labours.

Stephen King
Trails Coordinator

Adventure Raffle 2025
Get your tickets to win!

Fantastic prizes to raise funds for a great cause – the Bibbulmun Track! It takes money to keep the Bibbulmun Track maintained – and free for all to enjoy.

Please support our fundraising efforts and buy some tickets – on sale from 1st April so keep an eye out for details!

Prizes include:

- ✓ Treasures of Vietnam 8 day Tour
- ✓ Anaconda voucher
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- ✓ BTF Prize pack

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Eyes on the GROUND



Andrew Chiswell

Inevitably, the summer months have seen a slowing of maintenance on the Track, although we do receive reports from sections along the south coast where the conditions are much milder.

With the cooler weather returning, maintenance teams will once again be descending on their sections to get it ready for the coming walking season.

In the same way I ask maintenance volunteers to submit their reports following each visit so issues can be promptly actioned, I ask you all to recognise their efforts either in person as you pass teams working on the Track, or by writing messages in the campsite logbook when you visit a shelter.

Remember also to check Track Conditions if you are heading out to walk the Track, to familiarise yourself with any local closures and to ensure access .



Rain doesn't dampen the SV spirit.



Trial trackpad needing replacement.

South Coast Issues Targeted by Support Volunteers

The south coast presents many challenges to walkers. Countless dunes, wind, erosion and shifting sand put pressure on a trail that's been heavily used for over 25 years.

During a visit in August last year, volunteers inspected several locations where attention is needed and selected four areas in the Frankland district considered priorities. Over the summer months, I have been working with these volunteers to plan a program of work to repair these areas, securing vital support from the Department to assist with on the ground efforts.

The first of these projects will see sections of the failing trackpad west of Boat Harbour Campsite replaced. The trackpads are no longer stabilising the Track or assisting walkers to climb the dune.

Also scheduled are campaigns at Parry Beach, again replacing a section of trial trackpad, plus stabilising the climb up the ridge west of Parry Beach Road. In addition, work will be done on Track stabilisation along the ridge on a section east of Rame Head Campsite, and the installation of erosion controls along Conspicuous Ridge north of the carpark.

It is anticipated that some 1300 hours of volunteer time will be recorded during these campaigns, and I'm forever grateful to the dedicated bunch of Support Volunteers who commit their time each year, many of whom also maintain sections of the Track. If you'd like to learn more about becoming a support volunteer, please email me at trackworks@bibbulmuntrack.org.au.

Andrew Chiswell
Maintenance Manager

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The Eyes on the Ground maintenance program is generously supported by our premier partner, Newmont Boddington.



An eroded section in need of repair.

Trial trackpad section dangerous to walkers.



natural resource
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Learning and Recording Nature on the Bibbulmun Track.

In October 2024 we completed an end-to-end walk of the Bibbulmun Track. We are botanists from New Zealand and one of the appeals of the Track was its great diversity of plants and animals, most of which are completely different to those seen New Zealand.

The Bibbulmun Track traverses a global biodiversity hotspot, which is internationally recognised for its high number of both plant species and species found nowhere else. But with so many species new to us, how could we identify what we were seeing?

Luckily, help was at hand. In New Zealand we are regular—some might say obsessive—users of the iNaturalist platform. iNaturalist is a free tool to help identify unknown plants, insects and animals. On the Track we used the phone app to take photos, which can be uploaded directly to the iNaturalist website.

Using the iNaturalist app is easy. To make an observation, take photos within the app, when the location and date are automatically recorded. In the case of threatened species, the locations are automatically obscured on the website. These observations can be uploaded to the iNaturalist website once a connection to wi-fi can be established, for example in the towns along the Bibbulmun Track.

There are two ways that observations are identified. iNaturalist uses a form of artificial intelligence (AI) to suggest possible identifications. However, we

found that the AI suggestions were not very accurate in Western Australia compared to New Zealand, where iNaturalist is used more widely. But the more photos uploaded to the app, the better suggestions will become as identified reference photos are used to train the algorithm. More usefully, real people share their knowledge by identifying the observations on the website.

Using iNaturalist on the Bibbulmun Track allowed us to learn about many new species without the additional weight of guidebooks, and we have a permanent record of the species we saw. Our observations, along with those of others, will be useful for scientists and conservation managers wanting to understand species distributions, including detecting and monitoring the spread of new weeds and pests.

There have been many discoveries made through iNaturalist including new species, new records of species for a region or country and the rediscovery of species thought to be extinct. Try it on your next walk and you too may make an amazing discovery!

Lara Shepherd (BTF Life Member) and Leon Perrie

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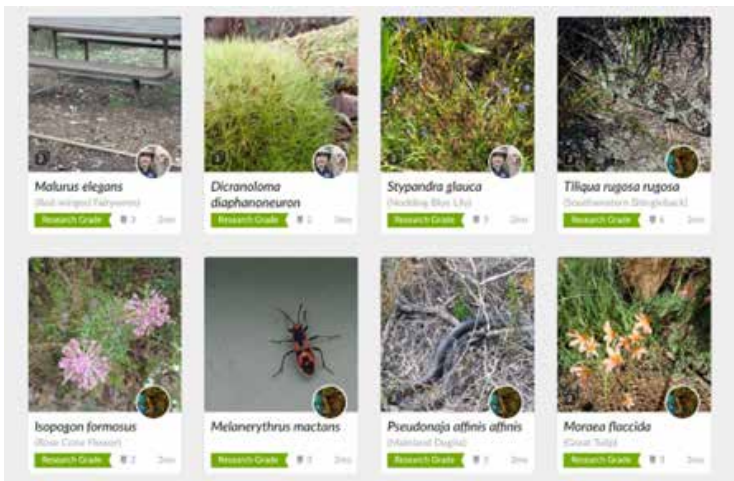
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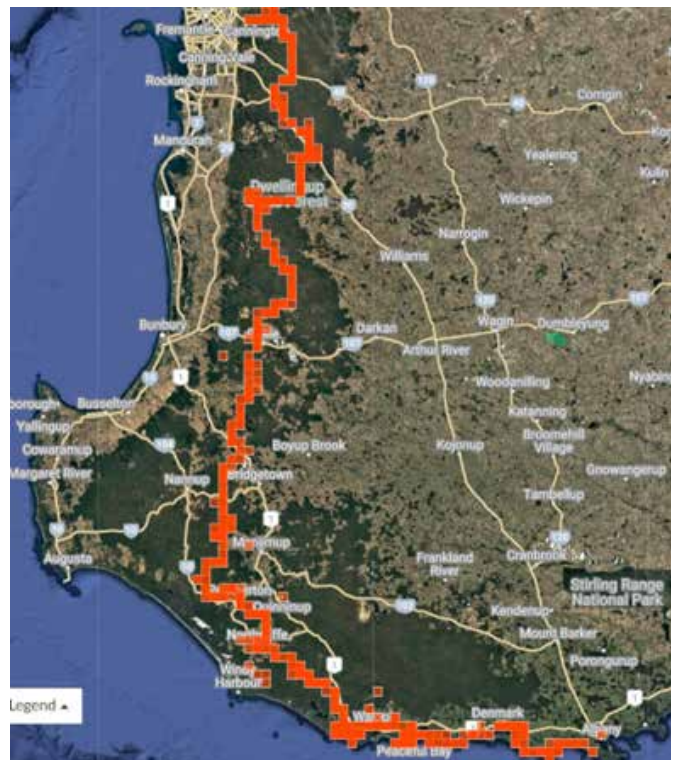
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Some of the observations we made on our Bibbulmun Track walk.



Map of the iNaturalist observations we made on the Bibbulmun Track



Getting into Gear

Lightening your Load - Tents

"Nothing makes you appreciate the feeling of being snug more than when your protection is canvas thin. A million assaults on my cosiness, thwarted noisily every time." – Hilda & The Troll.

There are fewer cosier experiences in life than curling up in your tent at the end of a long day of hiking, especially when it's raining. Many hikers prefer to stay in the Track's salubrious three-sided shelters, but I'll take my tent every time. You get privacy, bug protection, wind protection, and you don't have to worry about snorers (spouses excepted).

Many Bibbulmun Track camps have spectacular tent sites. Some are nestled among trees, some are perched above valleys, some have their very own picnic tables. But even if you prefer the shelters, you need to take a tent, because if you break an ankle, get lost, or just can't make it to the next campsite, you need to be able to keep yourself warm and dry.

And there's always the possibility you'll rock up to a shelter late only to find there's no room at the inn. That happened to a group of hikers who turned up at Mount Wells—the track's smallest shelter—in the middle of a storm a few years ago. My friend was curled up in her sleeping bag when the group arrived. They sheepishly admitted they had no tents

My friend and her fellow walkers got out of bed, packed up and set up their tents in the rain so the arriving group wouldn't freeze. (Ed: They were lucky, I'm not sure I would be so generous!)

If you'd like to avoid that kind of mortifying embarrassment, the good news is that there are plenty of options for the discerning tent buyer. The first decision you need to make is whether you want a freestanding or non-freestanding tent. Freestanding tents are the kind you're probably familiar with, coming with poles, which attach to the inner and fly. Stakes are usually still required to add tension to the fly, but the tent can still stand on its own, even if the wind rips them out.

The advantage of freestanding tents is that you can move them around after setting them up, they usually have more generous headroom, and you can set up the inner without the fly if you're not expecting rain. The only real disadvantage is that they are heavier and bulkier than non-freestanding tents.

Nemo, Mont and Big Agnes make some of the best freestanding tents you can find in Australian stores, with many options in the 1-2kg range.

Non-freestanding tents are lighter and pack down smaller than freestanding ones, because they don't have poles. Instead, they use your trekking poles and tension from the stakes to stay upright, like a circus tent. I've owned a Zpacks Duplex (507 grams) and a Durston X-Mid Pro 2 (509 grams) and they've both been excellent. They take a bit more know-how to set up properly, and if the stakes are ripped out in high winds the tent will collapse, but that can usually be avoided with the right stakes and good positioning.

One downside is they are usually single walled, meaning there is no separate inner and therefore no separation between you and the condensation that will inevitably form on inside of the fly.

The other downside is they're generally only available online from the US, so you can't try before you buy.

But you can't argue with the weight.

Whichever style you choose, I suggest buying a two-person tent, even if you're a solo hiker.

The weight penalty is usually not great, and it means you can keep your gear dry and safe inside with you, including midnight snacks!

Happy trails and see you next time for more weight saving tips.

Ben Dickinson

My Zpacks Duplex tent at Gregory Brook Campsite.



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Walker Story—Canucks on the Track!

In spring 2024, two Canadian (Canuck) friends, Andy Barron and Darrell Ainscough, travelled to WA to undertake through walks on the Cape-to-Cape Trail and the Bibbulmun Track. This is Andy's account of their Bibb Track walk and their experiences in Australia:

My Canadian buddy, Darrell, met up with me in Perth to do the two treks, starting off with the Cape-to-Cape as a warmup for the main event, the 1000km Bibbulmun Track. Darrell is a very experienced backpacker, having done many long-distance hikes. Me, not so much, with eight consecutive nights being my longest.

We started on the Bibb Track in late August at the Kalamunda Northern Terminus, close to Perth. It was quite wet and cold in the Hills for our first 10 days to Dwellingup, and the hailstorm on Mount Wells was the highlight!

We were truly grateful for our trail angel Jim's food drop at Brookton Highway after night number four, which made this portion of the trip more bearable as we slowly found our hiking legs. After ten nights we stumbled, wet and cold, into Dwellingup. Standing by the fire in the hotel drinking a cold beer and waiting for our pizza to arrive felt like heaven on earth! Now we felt ready for the rest of the walk.

The whole trek took us about 58 days, with about four weeks in the forests and plains, followed by the reward of walking along the coast for the final three weeks. The trip was not uneventful, and we both struggled at times. We thoroughly enjoyed all the Track towns, particularly the unique Donnelly River Village and Walpole.

As far as the trekking went, we regarded the whole experience as backpacking luxury. We had the option to stay in a shelter each night to get out of the rain—or pitch a tent—a water source and a dunny. In our part of the world, it's often a ten to fifteen minute walk each way to the water source from the campsite, and finding hut-to-hut trekking is a rarity.

We loved the variety along the Track, I had a weakness for the grass trees! The mountains, bush, swamps, wildflowers, tingle and karri trees and the ocean enhanced our experience. The only real drawback at times was not enough trail markers, or markers barely visible because all the paint was worn off. Also, in some of the track towns, budget accommodations had no central heating, and the space heaters offered were often far from ideal. Our rooms never really got warm. But hey, that's what happens when you are trying to save money!

(Ed: And I thought Canadians were tough!)

We met many kind people along the way. A lady in Walpole named Tundra particularly stood out. She picked us up at our accommodation, brought us into town to get our groceries and drove us back. It would have been a three kilometre walk each way for us. We had met Tundra before at Long Point Campsite, where she was visiting a friend, heard about us, and bought us wine!

We also loved Tim Tams, particularly the double chocolate ones, and were educated on how to do a proper Tim Tam slam! Imagine our joy when we found out that we can now get them in Canada.

We also had a hard time understanding Aussie slang, and the all the shortening of words. What the blazes are snags or budgie smugglers, and how did University become Uni! We also loved being able to have a fire most nights in the northern portion of the Track. We took advantage of every opportunity, because in Canada, in a lot of places, it isn't allowed. Darrell was always the fire marshal! I particularly enjoyed throwing a bunch of eucalyptus leaves on the fire, for the flames and the heat generated. It also gave us a pretty good idea of how deadly bush fires can be in Australia.

We also enjoyed reading the logbooks, especially from people we knew that were ahead of us. Some contributors were trying to find themselves again spiritually, others were doing it for the exercise.

We found the people in the Bibbulmun Track office in Perth very helpful. We visited there with our maps in hand, where Jim and others gave us detailed advice. We also communicated with Jim several



Darrell on the coast

times from the Track, and he was always quick with a reply. He was also happy to pass on any info we could provide on missing signage, leaking water taps, etc.

The final highlight was to ring the bell at the Albany Visitor Centre and to learn the story behind the gift of the bell. We also picked up some cool Bibbulmun Track merchandise there. There were a lot of flies along the Track over the last two weeks, and we didn't realize how many were stuck to our packs when we entered the Visitor Centre. We kind of snuck out of there, as the staff were swatting all the flies we brought in as we sheepishly left! We went to the nearest craft brewery, Wilson Brewing, to salute Dylan Addenbrooke, whose family dedicated the bell to the Track. Image our surprise to find a hockey game on the screen, featuring our hometown Vancouver Canucks. Our home boys ended up winning!

What a great trip we had to Aussie Land, and both Darrell and I hope to come back in the near future!

Andy (Crazy Canuck)



Ring the Bell at Albany



Andy in the swamp

Yes, they did it!

Note: To see full comments from each individual - visit the End-to-Enders Gallery on our website under News.

Delightful cool nights, dew sparkling on leaves in the early mornings, refreshing southerly winds – the time we all have been waiting for has come around again and the Track is calling!

Hopefully the end of the hot weather will arrive sooner rather than later this year and the Noongar season of Djeran, roughly April and May, will see many walkers out and about on the Track.

General

Walking the Bibbulmun track was one step closer for me to return to a simpler way of life - waking up and going to bed with the sun, immersed in nature, with the only worry of running out of dunny paper. The Bibbulmun is a magical journey of life, light and nature.

Audrey, Como, WA

Words cannot describe the personal value this hike has imparted to me. Being my first experience of the western coast of Australia, I was completely blown-away by the differences to the east coast. The most impressive aspect of the hike were the huge karri and tingle trees - nothing like this on the east coast!

Mark, Conondale, QLD

An absolutely amazing experience that really highlights the need for bathing the soul in nature.

Martin, Glen Forrest, WA

"In the end my body amazed me with its ability to adapt, my stamina and fitness improved, and walking the Track was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Heike, Kingsley, WA"

"Many do a SOBO. Some do a NOBO. A few do a YOYO. I claim to be the first and only person to do a POGO! Pemby north to Kalamunda > south to Albany > north back to Pemby.

Nigel, Pemberton, WA

One of the best things I have done, from the planning to the execution. There were hard days but getting through them became part of the achievement of completing it

Kim, Perth, WA

FREE Trip PLANNING ADVICE

Going on an extended walk or end-to-end?

Our free trip planning advice service is just one of the many benefits of being a member.

Experienced walkers will help you to plan your journey. If you can't make it into the office, then this service is also available via email. This is particularly popular with our interstate and international visitors.

Food Supplies

I dehydrated the majority of my own meals and with the help of friends and trail angels, I was well supplied.

Wendy, Broadwater, WA

Shop local unless you have dietary restrictions. Local people notices and appreciate this. It also makes for less repetition and more experiment!

Joscelyn, Bunbury, WA

When ringing up the smaller towns / stores, to enquire about stocked food and supplies, ask them to be specific if you can. When they say "we have everything for walkers", that may differ from your definition of everything. :)

Simon, Hyams Beach, NSW

Most towns were very good with food, I got anything I missed in parcels without an issue. There could be more gas can size options in the smaller towns but not a large issue.

Amalie, Roleystone, WA

I dehydrated most of my own food to ensure I had lots of nutritious and varied vegetarian meals. I loved passing through the towns and sampling the pubs and bakeries!

Mikaela, West Busselton, WA

Favourite section

The red tingle forests were spectacular. I've never been in such awe of the girth of these trees and their ability to survive despite being burnt from the inside out.

Tania, Calgary, Canada

That is almost impossible to answer. Red tingle trees vs coastal vistas, vs paper daisies on granite outcrops, vs spectacular burnt country.

Christine, Conondale, QLD

Denmark to Walpole. The combination of beach walking and the Tingle trees really showed the beauty of the track, as well as the fun novelty of canoeing across the inlet.

Jessica, Cowes, VIC

Don't want to pick between favourites!

Sue, Kalamunda, WA

Too many favourite sections to mention them all. The track is so varied, and I enjoyed it all from breathtaking coastal views to walking through ancient giant trees and the views through the Darling Ranges.

Heike, Kingsley, WA

Northcliffe to Denmark, loved the Pingerup plains, Tingle forests and Coast.

Emma, West Leederville, WA

Probably Walpole to Denmark. Tough hiking section but stunning tingle trees, leading to beautiful coastal views.

Andrew, Willagee, WA

Highlights

60+ different species of orchids.

Benjamin, Berlin, Germany

Loved the kangaroos, emus, and possums in DRV.

Oliver, Calgary, Canada

Walking eating and sleeping with no other cares in the world! Sleeping under the stars and enjoying the noises of the night.

Lesley, Fairhaven, VIC

Sense of achievement.

Matt, Halls Head, WA

The whole experience - routine of life on the track, the shelters, meeting lovely people along the way, track towns, the majestic Tingle trees, magnificent sunrises and sunsets.

Linda, Kensington, NSW

The wildflowers and wildlife plus the entertaining fellow walkers we met along the way.

Lara, Wellington, New Zealand

Reaching the coast, the people you meet along the way, and dunnys with toilet paper.

Alex, Westminster, WA

Seeing the diversity in our countryside as we moved through the regions.

Judy, Wilson, WA

Our CONGRATULATIONS to the following 56 walkers on completing an end-to-end, 29 from WA, 17 from interstate and 10 from other countries.

51 people completed a continuous end-to-end, 4 a sectional and one person a double end-to-end (a continuous there and back journey).



Name	Track Name	Age	Started	Ended	Direction	From
Alex Giddings		29	19 Sep 2024	7 Nov 2024	N-S	Westminster, WA
Amalie Kostkova	<i>Spork</i>	18	24 Sep 2024	22 Nov 2024	N-S	Roleystone, WA
Andrew Knight	<i>OziAndy</i>	53	19 Aug 2020	25 Sep 2024	S-N	Willagee, WA
Angela Calvert	<i>AngieCal</i>	36	27 Sep 2024	21 Nov 2024	N-S	Kelso, NSW
Audrey Carroll	<i>Green girl</i>	21	28 Sep 2023	29 Aug 2024	N-S	Como, WA
Benjamin Andrae	<i>Crazy Germans</i>	45	4 Sep 2024	31 Oct 2024	N-S	Berlin, Germany
Bronwyn Wells	<i>Bonny</i>	37	6 Sep 2015	28 Jul 2024	Sectional	South Perth, WA
Christine Clegg		50	3 Sep 2024	31 Oct 2024	N-S	Conondale, QLD
Dan Leary		28	1 Sep 2024	12 Oct 2024	N-S	Albany, WA
David Myers		67	26 Jun 2022	15 Apr 2024	N-S	Thornlie, WA
Debie Brockhoff	<i>Debstar V2</i>	59	24 Aug 2024	23 Oct 2024	N-S	Canning Vale, WA
Dennis Fischer		34	8 Sep 2024	31 Oct 2024	N-S	Georgsmarienhütte, Germany
Diane Brodie		54	3 Oct 2024	27 Nov 2024	N-S	Anula, NT
Emma Ivankovich	<i>Boo Boo & Yogi</i>	25	15 Sep 2024	7 Nov 2024	N-S	West Leederville, WA
Glenn Jones		74	29 Aug 2024	21 Oct 2024	N-S	Yarramalong, NSW
Heike Mullee	<i>Schnitzel</i>	60	24 Apr 2024	13 Sep 2024	Sectional	Kingsley, WA
Leesia O'Connor	<i>Boo Boo & Yogi</i>	26	15 Sep 2024	7 Nov 2024	N-S	West Leederville, WA
Jeremy Staples	<i>Sheepdog</i>	43	17 Oct 2024	22 Nov 2024	N-S	Russell Island, QLD
Jessica Webster		33	30 May 2024	11 Jul 2024	S-N	Cowes, VIC
Joe Dowse		56	1 Nov 2015	28 Oct 2024	N-S	Victoria Park, WA
John Aalders	<i>Grey Tortoise</i>	74	1 Sep 2024	26 Oct 2024	N-S	New Town, TAS
John Belton	<i>The Hobbit</i>	69	28 Apr 2023	30 Oct 2024	N-S	St James, WA
Jonas Francken		32	5 Sep 2024	10 Oct 2024	N-S	Antwerp, Netherlands
Joscelyn Jones		67	24 Jan 2016	11 Feb 2024	Sectional	Bunbury, WA
Jose Koppelman-Guthrie		64	8 Jun 2024	15 Aug 2024	N-S	North Haven, SA
Judy Gauci		56	8 Sep 2024	3 Nov 2024	N-S	Wilson, WA
Kim O'Grady	<i>Kimbo</i>	60	5 Oct 2024	24 Nov 2024	N-S	Perth, WA
Lara Shepherd		46	18 Aug 2024	29 Sep 2024	N-S	Wellington, NZ
Lesley Cadzow	<i>bumbling the bibbulmun</i>	65	4 Aug 2024	25 Sep 2024	N-S	Fairhaven, VIC
Lewis Kemp	<i>Plan B</i>	57	15 Sep 2024	9 Nov 2024	N-S	Karrinyup, WA
Linda Hind		59	24 Sep 2024	3 Nov 2024	N-S	Kensington, NSW
Ludmila Kuklíková	<i>LudMilani</i>	56	3 Oct 2024	30 Nov 2024	N-S	Morava, Czech Republic
Luke Toledo		38	2 Jul 2024	23 Aug 2024	N-S	Baldivis, WA
Lynne Foster		56	8 Sep 2024	3 Nov 2024	N-S	Wilson, WA
Mark Senden	<i>0-0</i>	54	2 Sep 2024	30 Oct 2024	N-S	Conondale, QLD
Martin Wilson	<i>Mr Wilson</i>	42	20 Aug 2024	13 Oct 2024	N-S	Glen Forrest, WA
Matt Morrish		52	9 Jan 2022	8 Sep 2024	Sectional	Halls Head, WA
Michael McPhee	<i>West Coast Wombat</i>	73	1 Apr 2016	12 Oct 2024	N-S	Sorrento, WA
Mikaela Foy	<i>Bobsled</i>	31	26 Sep 2024	8 Nov 2024	N-S	West Busselton, WA
Milan Horáček	<i>LudMilani</i>	48	3 Oct 2024	30 Nov 2024	N-S	Morava, Czech Republic
Nigel Pilgrim	<i>Pemby Plodder</i>	65	4 Aug 2024	20 Nov 2024	Double	Pemberton, WA
Oliver Roenitz		45	3 Nov 2024	2 Dec 2024	S-N	Calgary, Canada
Peter McCafferty	<i>Pert M</i>	62	14 Oct 2024	5 Dec 2024	N-S	Hillarys, WA
Russell Clarke		67	12 Oct 2024	1 Dec 2024	N-S	Wymondham, United Kingdom
Sam Alexander		40	31 Aug 2024	27 Oct 2024	N-S	Earlville, QLD

Yes, they did it! (cont'd)

Name	Track Name	Age	Started	Ended	Direction	From
Simon Parker	<i>Spikey Wombat (Grumpy Si)</i>	54	31 Aug 2024	26 Oct 2024	N-S	Hyams Beach, NSW
Siobhan Reid		68	14 Jul 2022	28 Nov 2024	N-S	West Launceston, TAS
Steve Sole		70	15 Oct 2024	13 Dec 2024	N-S	Punakaiki, New Zealand
Steven Gray		52	31 Aug 2024	27 Oct 2024	N-S	Pearcedale, VIC
Sue Dowson	<i>Salt & Pepper</i>	65	5 Oct 2024	11 Dec 2024	N-S	Kalamunda, WA
Sue Myers		63	26 Jun 2022	15 Apr 2024	N-S	Thornlie, WA
Tania Parker	<i>Spikey Wombat</i>	47	31 Aug 2024	26 Oct 2024	N-S	Hyams Beach, NSW
Tania Roenitz		45	3 Nov 2024	2 Dec 2024	S-N	Calgary, Canada
Tracy McPhee		50	1 Nov 2015	28 Oct 2024	N-S	Victoria Park, WA
Wendy Mewett	<i>Souwester</i>	68	1 Sep 2023	6 Nov 2024	N-S	Broadwater, WA
Zoe Sugerman	<i>Peaches</i>	19	21 Aug 2024	13 Oct 2024	N-S	Chapman, ACT

Special sightings

Whales breaching off West Cape Howe campsite. A bush pig and an emu with chicks between Possum Springs and Yourdamung.
Dan, Albany, WA

A wallaby came to visit us at dusk in the Beraking hut, right under the picnic table.
Oliver, Calgary, Canada

A family of 4 unbothered emus crossed the track just 2m in front of me!
Zoe, Chapman, ACT

Western ground parrot, red tailed cockies for large part of first section, tiger snake eating king skink, orchids esp jug and blue beards. At least 100 birds
Lesley, Fairhaven, VIC

The friendly resident Quenda family at Torbay, a pod of dolphins surfing the waves at Mazoletti Beach and the carpet python at Mt Wells were my favourites.
Heike, Kingsley, WA

More snakes than i had ever seen in a lifetime :)
Kim, Perth, WA

Echidnas, a ringtail possum, and a tiger snake that almost bit me were probably the most memorable.
Bronwyn, South Perth, WA

Seeing 18 snakes and surprisingly not being bitten by any of them!
Mikaela, West Busselton, WA

Hiking early morning into Albany, I had kangaroos following me at the side of the track.
Andrew, Willagee, WA

Comparisons with other walks/countries

Similar to the Sheltoewe Trail in Kentucky & Tennessee (USA) in terms of terrain and forest cover, but is superior to that trail because of less paved road walking and the beaches/ocean views of the coastal section.
Oliver, Calgary, Canada

It is best in class, from my experience only the Larapinta comes close for walks over 200 km.
Simon, Hyams Beach, NSW

One of the world's great walks. Thanks Bibbulmun Track Foundation and WA.
Linda, Kensington, NSW

With its shelters, water tanks, excellent signage, and impeccably maintained path, I don't think there's another track like the Bibbulmun anywhere in the world!
Jeremy, Russell Island, QLD

I think the Bibbulmun track is a much better walk than the main long distance walk in New Zealand (the Te Araroa), where I'm from.
Lara, Wellington, New Zealand

The length and nature of the E2E was completely different to hikes we have done in UK and rest of Australia. The huts and water tanks are unparalleled.
Judy, Wilson, WA

Best equipment

Having an offline navigation option for Probably my hammock.
Diane, Anula, NT

My cork ball for rolling out my arches at the end of a long day.
Tania, Calgary, Canada

Guidebooks, maps.
Matt, Halls Head, WA

My \$14 Kmart tent and flynet.
Peter, Hillarys, WA

Walking poles, these are a must! Long (tall) gaiters, beware of snakes. Broad-brimmed hat. Track app - FarOut, truly helpful.
John, New Town, TAS

Hiking poles! Aside from the regular hiking related activities, I've used them as a clothes line, a chair, fly swatter, giant chopsticks and more.
Amalie, Roleystone, WA



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Aarn Universal Balance Packs. Changed to these for the last four sections and they made a huge difference.

John, St James, WA

Cheap shoes (New Balance trail runners), lightweight hiking umbrella, eReader.

Lara, Wellington, New Zealand

Pot Cosy (just make one)

Alex, Westminster, WA

Worst Equipment

+2 sleeping bag was nowhere near warm enough, even walking in late spring.

Diane, Anula, NT

My down puffy pants. Definitely not needed in November in Australia!

Tania, Calgary, Canada

Probably my pack cover, because it didn't seem to do a lot when there was heavy rain, it either came off or just soaked my bag through anyway.

Jessica, Cowes, VIC

My rain pants. I got rid of them fairly quickly after discovering you will sweat just as much in them as the rain would wet you.

Martin, Glen Forrest, WA

Aarn rucksack - the shoulder harness failed, the liner stained other equipment when wet and it was the noisiest bag I have ever had - it has been returned !!

Lewis, Karrinyup, WA

Waterproof pants, umbrella, diary.

John, New Town, TAS

Nothing really, already got rid of anything that was no good on previous walks.

Nigel, Pemberton, WA

Lightweight hike chairs aren't needed with all the huts on the trail. I ended up shipping mine home and used the inbuilt sit pad on my Gossamer Gear Mariposa. Ultralight sleeping pads. As someone who moves a lot through the night. I struggled to stay on the pad and it was ridiculously loud while moving.

Jeremy, Russell Island, QLD

Poncho

Michael, Sorrento, WA

S2S Etherlite Mattress (Squeak City)

Alex, Westminster, WA

I remember taking a small set of binoculars on my first section. They were heavy and I only used them a few times. Lesson learnt.

Andrew, Willagee, WA

Advice

Clothes are deadweight. Carry clean and dry items for in and around camp. Otherwise you will be fine with a single outfit to hike in.

Dan, Albany, WA

If you are lean or normal weight and don't want to loose weight during the hike, put on about 5 extra kilos of weight for the hike. Both myself and my partner put on +5Kg and lost it again. We carried a lot of food, snacks and ate like kings in the towns; we still lost weight!

Mark, Conondale, QLD

Foot care as above moisturise, sheep's wool or toe socks, shoes wide toe box and 1/2 size bigger.

Lesley, Fairhaven, VIC

Don't rush it.

Peter, Hillarys, WA

Check out Facebook Hiking pages for good quality gear at 2nd hand rates; this made it much more affordable for us.

Sue, Kalamunda, WA

Be prepared but don't overthink it!

Nigel, Pemberton, WA

Plan meticulously and consider other peoples suggestions. ALWAYS check the Bibb Track site for diversions - I didnt on my first hike...

John, St James, WA



Oliver & Tania Roenit from Calgary, Canada

Lasting Harvest Dried Veges (<https://www.lastingharvest.com.au/>) were a great addition to our camp kitchen.

Lara, Wellington, New Zealand

Good long deep breathing.

Siobhan, West Launceston, TAS

Keep your pack to 15kg max, do not carry extra food, the amount of times I arrived in track towns still with 4 days food left !!

Russell Clarke, Wymondham, UK

Calling all End-to-Enders who haven't yet registered!

We're pleased to advise that the registration process has been streamlined and can all be done online. You don't need to recall the dates you walked each section - simply your start and finish dates (Phew!)

Whether you did it in sections over many years or in one through-hike, you should be proud of your accomplishment and you can commemorate your walk with a free personalised certificate.

You can also choose to buy a quality printed certificate and embroidered end-to-ender badge through the shop.

Registering provides the BTF and the Department with important information to help manage the Track.

Publication of your name in Bibb News and on our website is optional.

For more information go to:
<https://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/walk-the-track/the-independent-way/end-to-end/end-to-end-registrations/>



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Flora on Foot - October 23rd
Explore the beauty of wildflowers, orchids, and native plants! Learn expert tips on which plants to grow in your garden and deepen your connection with nature on this guided walk.

Track Trivia Night - November 20th
Test your track knowledge this November! Join the BTF for a fun-filled evening of Track Trivia. From local trails to global adventures, this trivia challenge covers it all. Come ready to compete and have fun!

Want to find out more? Keep an eye out on BTF socials, newsletters or email us: marketing@bibbulmuntrack.org.au



Helen Grimm

Connecting Communities

The Track is associated with many communities. We have different groups of people involved – walkers, supporters, volunteers – and of course the local communities, the towns with an intrinsic relationship with the Track.

The connection within and between communities – the impact of volunteers on communities and the engagement with the community fostered by being a volunteer – is at the heart of National Volunteer Week this year. Across the country, recognition and celebration of volunteers will be focused on the theme Connecting Communities.

Our volunteers have an appreciable impact on Bibbulmun Track communities:

- Volunteer maintenance necessary to keep the Track functional for the walking community – over 20,000 volunteer hours per annum. Each maintenance section is inspected and worked on periodically to give walkers the best possible experience. Problem areas are resolved by the maintenance support volunteers through remediation, realignment and reconstruction.
- Information, advice and introductory experiences are provided to walkers, by our office volunteers and guides via innumerable conversations, phone and email communications, our trip planning service and walk events.
- Ongoing connection of you, our supporter through membership, with our activities is facilitated through this magazine, which includes volunteer involvement in its production.
- The management of our volunteer network is supported by volunteers, through communications, the processing of timesheets and maintenance reports, and assistance in the office.
- Awareness of what the Track can offer, for recreation and nature-based experiences; physical, social

and mental well-being, is enhanced among the broader community by the contribution of our brochure distribution, community events and marketing volunteers; getting the message out.

- Track towns are beneficially impacted by the presence and the ongoing reputation of the Track as a world-class trail – which would not be the case without the volunteer contributions. Accommodation providers, supermarkets, eateries and other businesses benefit. Even by passing through a town, walkers contribute to social and cultural diversity.

Additionally, participation and contribution as a volunteer can foster community engagement, connection and belonging.

- Volunteers often cite giving back as one of their main motivations. The knowledge that they are making a difference in other lives gives great satisfaction and sense of connection. This feedback is direct and personal for volunteers in a position to interact with walkers – via office work, on events, or out on the Track – and indirect for those working in isolation.
- A sense of connection and fellowship with other volunteers is similarly promoted through shared purpose.
- In regional towns, the role of volunteering in the provision of services and facilities often creates community networks not found to the same degree in the metropolitan area. However, it must be acknowledged that work on – or for – the Track is associated with their local residential community for only a minority of our volunteers. A couple of years ago, I

did some stats and found out that approximately 70% of our volunteers live in the Perth-Peel metropolitan area, 15% in the Southwest, mostly in centres away from the Track like Bunbury and Busselton and 15% in the Great Southern.

- For most of our volunteers – based in the metropolitan area and working somewhere along the full length of the Track – their engagement with the Track promotes activity and relationships in regional communities which might not otherwise occur.

In celebrating National Volunteer Week, we'll be thanking all volunteers. We'll be celebrating the impact of volunteers on communities and the engagement with community fostered by being a volunteer. Our challenge is doing so in a meaningful way, because both our volunteers and the communities they impact are geographically widespread.

Keep an eye on the upcoming Bibb Bytes for details!

Helen Grimm
Volunteer Manager



Bibbulmun Track Volunteers named DBCA Volunteers of the Year!

At the annual DBCA Volunteer Awards in December, we were delighted to see Chris and Sue Lee jointly awarded the 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of their contribution to the Bibbulmun Track and the Foundation.

Since joining us as volunteers 8-9 years ago, Chris and Sue have been involved with guiding, Track maintenance (support volunteer), the Google Trekker project and logbook data entry.

They made a major contribution to the 25th Anniversary Celebrations – including input into the planning, managing the pickup and delivery of walker resupply boxes, bus driving and guiding a section of the end-to-end walk.

DBCA awards recognise volunteers from a wide variety of Departmental programs including land care and rehabilitation projects, wildlife rescue, campground hosts and the herbarium. Awards for outstanding service and long service are also presented.

Congratulations to Sue and Chris on receiving the top honour – it was certainly very well deserved!



Chris and Sue accepted the Volunteer of the Year award from Minister Reece Whitby MLA

A Salute to a Bibbulmun Icon

Thousands of people have walked on the Track,
From Kalamunda to Albany
And all the way back
They become End-to-Enders
With a funny Track name,
Like the "Feral Old Farts"
Bushwalkers of fame
But there is one name that is very well known
And when walkers hear it
They become chilled to the bone.
"The Mad Axeman is out here!"
I have heard walkers say.
"Whatever you do, stay out of his way!"
So who is this villain
Who prowls on the Track?
Is he really a madman
Does he carry an axe?
Well, no, not really, he's a wonderful bloke
And all this Mad Axeman is only a joke.

His name is Jim Freeman,
The Doyen of the Track
He keeps on retiring
And he keeps coming back!
He first walked the Track in '79
Since then then he's walked it thirteen more times!
He was part of the first group who walked the New Track
At the tenth anniversary Jim was there with his pack.
He has maintained Dookanelly, the campsite his pride
He even arranged for a bus-stop outside!
He has worked as a guide, he has driven the bus,
He works in the office; he's a volunteer plus!
So Jim, we salute you, a Bibbulmun treasure
Into so many lives you have brought so much pleasure
Thank you, Mad Axeman, from all of us here
And we look forward to greeting you next year!

Wrong Way Jim (Feb 2025)



Calling all Bush Poets!

We have extended the deadline to 31 May
to provide more time for your poetic ponderings to be put onto the page!

All contributions that have been inspired by the Bibbulmun Track will be considered by the curators.
Illustrations may also be submitted.

Please email in Word (or high-resolution pdf or image file for illustrations) to friends@bibbulmuntrack.org.au

Another Friendship Trail for the Bibbulmun Track

The Friendship Trails project, an initiative of The World Trails Network, fosters international cooperation by pairing trails in different countries, similar to twin towns. These partnerships promote cultural exchange, walking tourism, and local economies.

In November 2024, a group from the BTF enjoyed a tour in Taiwan to hike on the Raknus Selu and other trails (see *Trailing Around the World* article on page 30). Organised through the Thousand Mile Trail Association (TMI) the tour gave us great insight into how the Raknus Selu is maintained with local support and promoted both to domestic and international markets.

During the visit an MOU to twin a section of the Raknus Selu Trail with the Bibbulmun Track was signed. BTF Chair Kath Broderick and Events Manager Steve Sertis took part in the signing ceremony, which was attended by many Taiwanese officials including Hsui-Fei Ku (Minister of Hakka Affairs), Hung-Yuan Peng (President of the Raknus Selu Association), Sheng-Hsin Chou (TMI CEO), Chung-Yu Tsao (Director of the Tri-Mountain National Scenic Area, Tourism Administration).

Our tour group was also present, along with an unexpected media presence—journalists and photographers from national TV stations, online publications, and print media. The event garnered significant attention, even making prime-time news that evening.

A key aspect of the visit was sharing insights on how the BTF helps to maintain the Bibbulmun Track, engages local communities to foster pride and participation, supports tourism through tours and the Walker Friendly Business program, and promotes the Track. Steve delivered two presentations - one at the MOU ceremony and a more in-depth session at National Taiwan University.

Looking ahead, the BTF and TMI plan further collaboration, including the installation of signage on both trails and a guided tour on the Bibbulmun Track for the TMI and other Taiwanese hiking enthusiasts.

For more information about the TMI, visit www.tmitrail.org.tw.

Steve Sertis
Events Manager



Sheng-Hsin Chou (TMI Trail CEO), Kath Broderick (BTF Chair) and Steve Sertis (BTF Events Manager)

The TMI Trail team is presented with a gift from the BTF.



Steve with representatives from the TMI trail on the trail at Lion's Head Mountain to be paired with the Bibbulmun Track.



P.S. Are you interested in international trails and partnerships?

We are seeking a volunteer to help us develop our Friendship Trail program. The role would require liaising with the trail representatives to gather text and images for a sign and an article to promote their trail. We would also like to encourage international representatives to come over to WA for the World Trails Conference in 2026. If you're a good communicator and can write, then we'd love to hear from you to help us progress this exciting program!

TRACK TOWN - DWELLINGUP

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For those not tackling an end-to-end journey, Dwellingup is a great place for some easy out-and-back day walks, or to explore the new Nyingarn Bidi: a three-day, two-night, 49.5km loop walk that begins and ends in town, linking the Bibbulmun Track's Chadoora and Swamp Oak Campsites. Camping out under the stars, surrounded by the enchanting hues of sunset and sunrise, the Nyingarn Bidi is an ideal getaway for a few days.

The Dwellingup Trails and Visitor Centre is an essential stop for all walkers, offering valuable local knowledge and resources to assist you on your journey. Sign the Bibbulmun Track logbook, and speak with the team for trail updates, condition reports, accommodation details, and recommendations for the best local spots to visit. The Centre ensures you're always prepared with a good range of essentials available to purchase. It's also a place to recharge, with amenities like a laundromat, hot showers, device charging, and free Wi-Fi. If you've got resupply packages to collect, the Centre's free package storage service ensures your needs are taken care of before you hit the trail again. For those looking to extend their stay, there's plenty of comfortable accommodation close to town to relax in before enjoying a hearty meal at a local cafe.

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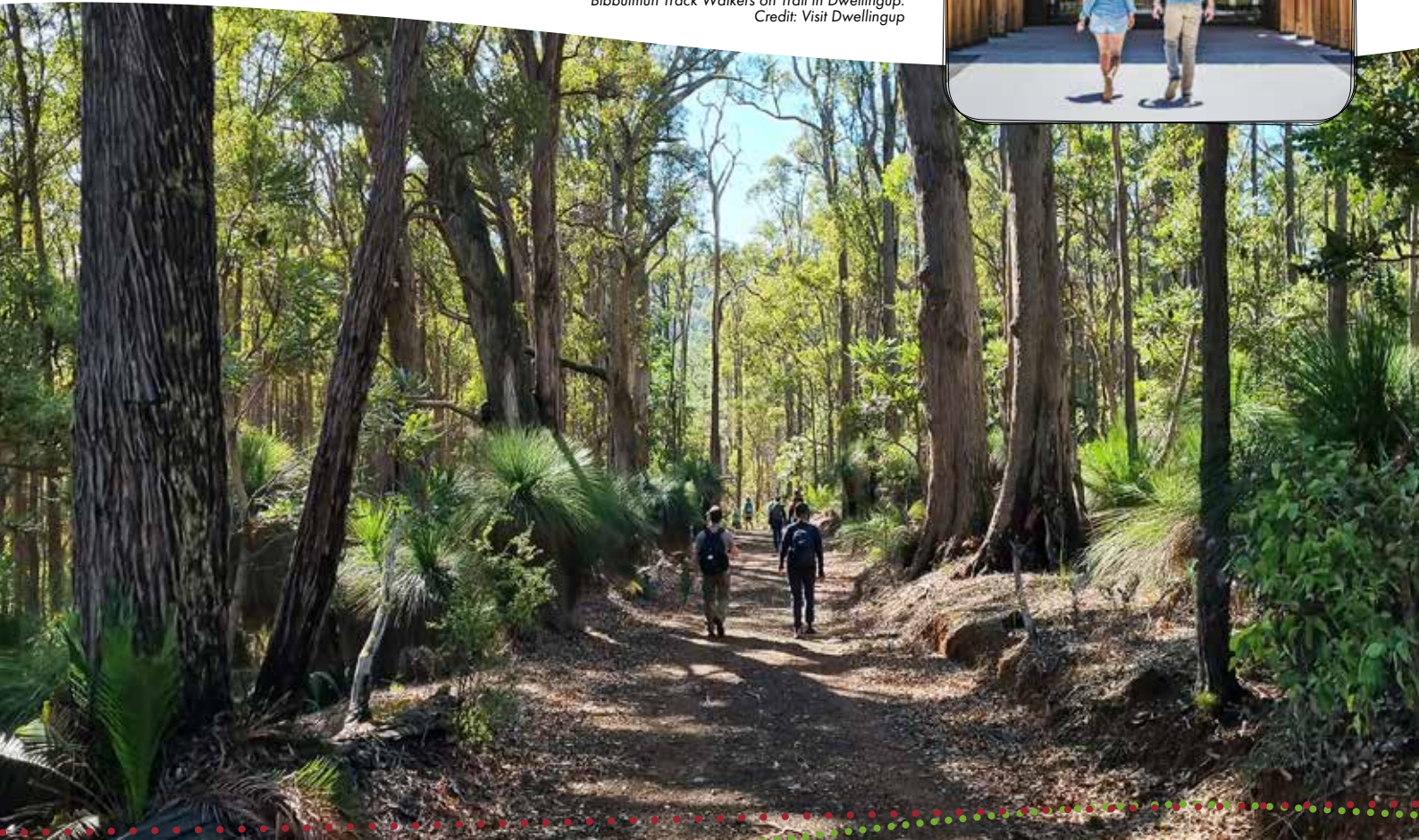
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*Dwellingup Trails & Visitor Centre
Credit: Chad Gerber*



*Bibbulmun Track Walkers on Trail in Dwellingup.
Credit: Visit Dwellingup*



Naturalist on the Bibbulmun

Djeran and Makuru are known as the seasons of adulthood and fertility respectively, for good reason. Not only do the rains of Djeran stimulate the growth and flowering of native plants, they also turn the attention of the Track fauna to the serious business of reproduction. In the northern jarrah forests the rains of Djeran awaken a unique and highly diverse group of spiders, the males of which can often be found marching across the Track.

Mouse spiders in the genus *Missulena* belong to an ancient lineage of spiders known as mygalomorphs. Mouse spiders have their origins in the ancient forests of Gondwana, and the south-west of WA is the centre of biodiversity for the genus. Only one species is found outside Australia, in Chile, which is testament to their Gondwanan origins when the continents of South America, Antarctica and Australia were adjoined. Although just sixteen species have been formally described from Australia, an estimated forty or more species of *Missulena* have so far been collected.

Mouse spiders belong to a broader family known as trapdoor spiders, because of their habit of digging deep burrows that are often closed at their entrance by a trapdoor. In the case

of mouse spiders, there are typically two oval-shaped doors that sit at right angles to each other. Like most trapdoor spiders the burrow is lined with silk. Silk also projects from the doors across the leaf litter that surrounds the entrance where the owner sits concealed and awaits its prey. Many species of trapdoor spider, including shield-backed spiders in the genus *Idiosoma*, also weave small twigs and sheoak leaves into their webs, which serve as trap lines. Should an unsuspecting beetle touch one of the projecting trap lines, the occupant will lunge through the door and seize it, dragging it down into the burrow to be consumed.

Mygalomorphs are rarely seen because they spend their lives concealed beneath the exquisitely camouflaged trapdoors of their burrows, which they seldom if ever leave, except during early Makuru, when the males emerge to search for females. They march across the forest floor searching for the silk lines outside the burrow of a female. The silk of the female burrow is laced with a scent, from which males can instantly determine the sex of the spider within. When a male happens upon the burrow of a female, he will begin to court outside in an attempt to persuade the female to emerge and mate. It's a risky business, as females are larger than males, and females would happily make a ready meal out of a male. Courtship involves drumming and scratching at the trap lines protruding from the female's trapdoor. If the female emerges she will rear up on her back two pairs of legs, vertical to the ground, in a threat-like posture, as if she is about to strike at the male and eat him. The male must embrace her carefully and quickly and maintain her upright position using his first pair of legs while he mates with her.

Mygalomorphs have limited dispersal abilities and are highly sedentary. With increasing aridification since the last glacial maximum, populations have become isolated, first between Eastern and Western Australia via the aridification of the Nullabor, and then on a smaller scale within the Western Australian Forest matrix. With time, these



isolated populations have evolved into hundreds of distinct species, each with very small, highly localized distributions. So-called short-range endemic species are particularly vulnerable to extinction because the clearing of even small fragments of forest can destroy entire species. This is one of many reasons why we should be concerned about the ongoing clearing of the forests through which the Bibbulmun Track passes.

Should you come across a mouse spider on the Track it is probably best to give it a wide berth. The closest relative of the mouse spider is the infamous Sydney funnel-web. Like funnel-web spiders, mouse spiders have enormous fangs and highly toxic venom. An antivenom has been developed for the Sydney funnel-web which by all accounts is effective for mouse spider bites, but still it is better not to be bitten if one can avoid it!

Leigh W. Simmons



*The opened trapdoor of a shield-backed mygalomorph, *Idiosoma jarrah*, from the northern jarrah forests around Monadhocks.*

A mouse spider found on the track north of Helena Campsite.



Leigh's fascinating book *Naturalist on the Bibbulmun* is available from the BTF.

All royalties are donated to the Track.

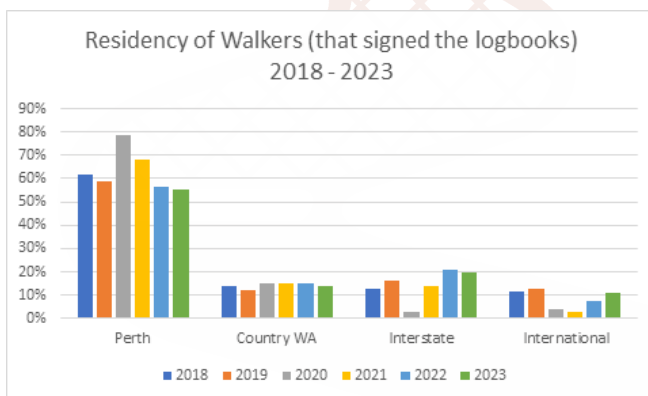
Looking Back at the Effects of Covid on Bibbulmun Track Walkers

We all know that there were fewer interstate and international walkers on the Bibbulmun Track during the Covid years, but exactly what was the effect?

It should be noted that these figures relate to only those walkers who signed the shelter logbooks – so they are more representative of people hiking overnight or longer.

The table and graph below show that in 2020 the percentage of Interstate walkers fell from around 15% to 3% because of the closed borders. In 2021, with more relaxed interstate borders, it returned to normal but since then it has made a significant jump to 20%.

At the same time, the percentage of international walkers fell from around 13% to 4% and 3% for 2020 and 2021 while borders were closed. They too have returned to the track with 11% in 2023, which is similar to their pre-Covid years.



Dr Barry Bastow

Bibb Track Birds - Grey Fantail, kadjinak

Perhaps one of the most common and widely distributed bird along the Track, Grey Fantail, kadjinak¹ is certainly a charming bird, constantly active with its delicate flight and flitting movements through scrub and around trees. Named because of its tail which it cocks and swishes sending up small insects and flies caught readily,

rhipidura albiscapa is found in all of continental Australia and Tasmania.

The song² of SW WA subspecies, *preissi*, is an instantly recognisable series of squeaks and variable chatters, tinny, high pitched, ascending and always pleasant.

Grey Fantail can be found singly or in pairs but small groups during autumn and winter. Like other small birds its nest is a cup of fine grass, bark strips, plant fibre bound tightly with spider's web in the slender fork of a tree or shrub, well concealed from predators.

Mark Davidson

¹ Naturalist On The Bibbulmun, Leigh W. Simmons

² Graham Chapman

PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION

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This group was snapped by Mary Larkin on her property in Balingup, where the Track meanders along the Blackwood River.

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Grey Fantail's eponymous tail



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Kaethe Stoerig received a travel clothesline.

December

Irene Stephens received a 10L Folding Bucket.

January

Glen Cornfield received a 10L Folding Bucket.

Annual Life member Prize draw for 2024

Tiffany Townsend was the lucky receiver of a fantastic half-day adventure with Pemberton Discovery Tours.

All prizes generously donated by Sea to Summit unless otherwise noted.



Favourite Short Walk

Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Mundaring Weir return

Starting: **Perth Hills Discovery Centre, Allen Road, Mundaring**

Distance: **8km return**

Difficulty: **Grade 3**

Time: **2.5-3.5 hours**

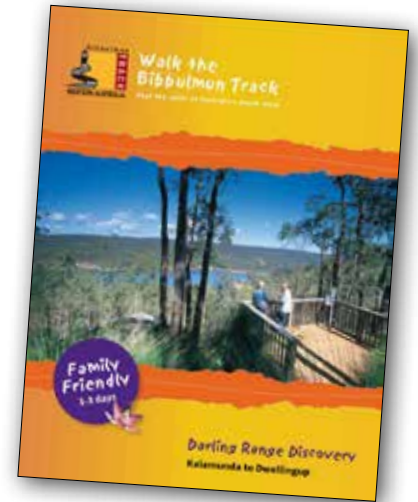
Starting from the Perth Hills Discovery Centre, this return walk leads you through the beautiful jarrah forest of Beelu National Park to Mundaring Weir and Lake CY O'Connor.

Along this section of the Track, you'll pass picnic areas home to kangaroos and birdlife, as well as the historic Mundaring Weir Hotel, where you and the kids can enjoy a yummy pub lunch. Walk along the weir wall for an excellent view over the water.

On the way back, visit the No. 1 Pumping Station (entry fees apply) at the base of the dam wall to learn about the fascinating history of the weir and its pipeline, which transports water all the way to Kalgoorlie.

This walk is from the Darling Range Discovery itinerary, which features family-friendly walks and lots of other activities between Kalamunda and Dwellingup. It also offers tips on what to take and where to stay.

Download from our website under [walk-the-track/bibbulmun-walking-breaks](#)



Do you have a favourite short walk?

Send the details (around 200 words) and a photo if you have one to admin@bibbulmuntrack.org.au

PHOTO COMPETITION WINNER

This photo of the BTF volunteers greeting the first walker on the new alignment either side of the Murray River, inspired the following entries including:

"They went that-a-way. Follow the Waugal signs. You can't get lost."
Elliot Brill

"This way Folks. It's all happening right here!!!"
Pam Chitty

"On track for water-go-round"
Elise Marciano

And the winner (as judged by our office volunteers) is:

"The demure air-ukelele player was undaunted by the flamboyant air-guitarists!"
Arthur Wright

Well done Arthur... a prize is in the post!



Upcoming Events

For a full description of each event and to make a booking head to bibbulmuntrack.org.au

Paws and Claws

Hey kids! Come and learn about our native animals!

Walk 2km to a typical Bibbulmun Track campsite to meet the friendly native creatures from Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre and return following the Waugal trail markers. Ideal for kids 5 – 12 yrs. Watch their faces light up as they interact and learn about our native animals. Not suitable for pushchairs. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Sunday 13th April at 3:30pm
Cost: Adult members: \$10;
Kids: \$50

Wellbeing Workshop: Self-massage and Yoga

Join Helen in an interactive session where everyday items, hiking gear, and body awareness come together in a series of exercises designed to prepare for and recover from hikes. Special emphasis will be placed on averting common pains associated with hiking.

When: Tuesday 15th April at 6.15pm
Cost: Members: \$35;
Non-Members: \$45

DTC Easter Trek

This Easter we continue our journey on a 7 day trek walking more than 130kms on the Bibbulmun Track (8 day trip, 7 days walking). This exciting journey takes walkers from the historic timber town of Dwellingup, along the beautiful Murray River and the Special Conservation Zone of Lane Poole Reserve, to the coalfield town of Collie. Includes comprehensive planning night, trip preparation manual, experienced guides, transport from Murdoch Park'n'Ride rail terminal to Dwellingup and equipment hire. Food and accommodation not included.

Date: Friday 18th (Good Friday) to
Monday 25th (Anzac Day) April
Cost: Members: \$610

L-plates Pub Plod (April)

Are you a first timer or do you just occasionally dabble in bushwalking?

This is a great way to learn about what the Track has to offer you. The walk (approx. 12km with some hills) takes you through mixed jarrah forest with views over the Mundaring Weir to a Bibbulmun Track campsite. We finish near the walkers' favourite local haunt, the Mundaring Weir Hotel. An all-round fun day and great introduction.

Date: Sunday 27th April at 8:30am
Cost: Members: \$30

Getting into Gear

Come along for a fun and interesting evening run by experienced walkers. Learn as they show you the gear they like to use, talk about the gear they don't use, and give you those tips you never hear about.

Date: Wednesday 30th April at 6pm
Cost: Members: \$45

Walking with Mum or Dad Weekend/ Walking with Mum Weekend

Kids grow up so quickly and before you know it, they have flown the nest! Savour this time by creating as many wonderful memories together as possible. These weekends have been thoughtfully considered so they are enjoyed by parents and kids (8-13yrs) alike. Campout overnight and learn bush and camping skills from our experienced guides and perhaps enjoy some marshmallows roasted over the fire. Includes trained guides, comprehensive planning night, trip preparation manual and equipment hire. BYO food.

With Mum or Dad:
Saturday 31st May to Sunday 1st April.

With Mum:
Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th May.
Cost: \$220 Members
(for 1 adult & 1 child)

Nature Snap: Beginner's Photography Workshop

Welcome to our beginner's bush photography session! In this workshop, we'll explore the basics of capturing the natural beauty that surrounds us using just your smartphone or DSLR camera. Whether you're a nature enthusiast or a photography novice, this session aims to provide you with simple tips and tricks to enhance your skills and create stunning images. Let's embark on a journey to discover the wonders of bush photography together!

Date: Sunday 4th May
Cost: Members \$50; Non-Members \$65

Women's One Night Escape

Time for a fun weekend on the Bibbulmun Track. Gain confidence, outdoor skills and new walking friends as you don a backpack for a weekend escape on the Track. We walk 11km on both days, spending Saturday night at the newly rebuilt Helena campsite perched over the stunning Helena valley.

When: Sat 17th to Sun 18th May
Cost: Members \$175;
Non-Members \$195

Get Found with Steve

The perfect opportunity to develop your compass and map reading skills. On this fun we go through theory with the practical aspect out on a Rogaine. You will learn to navigate longer distances and will also learn to do it at night, finding your way through the bush – there are no trails! Camp out (vehicle based camping) and be prepared to walk around 20km over the entire weekend. Includes entry fee to Rogaine, theory (on Friday evening) and plenty of practical tuition.

Date: Fri 8th to Sun 10th August
Cost: \$200 Members



Walkers on our Easter Hike heading to Dwellingup. Photo: L. Frewer.

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Would you like someone to chat with someone at the start or finish of your walk?

Volunteers from the Anglican Church in Kalamunda and Albany are happy to meet you for a time of fellowship and sharing – and an opportunity to ring the church bell to announce your arrival in or departure from the town.

To make an appointment, simply visit:
<https://kalamundaanglicans.org.au/bibbulmun/>

or scan this QR code:



Join the team of volunteers.



We need your help!

- Do you love a good quiz night?
- Do you enjoy organising events?

We are planning a few events for our members this year and would love some help!

Our new marketing manager, Kelly, is looking for a couple of volunteers who can help with this year's events and fundraising efforts.

If you have some spare time and can help, we'd love to hear from you!
Please email Kelly at marketing@bibbulmuntrack.org.au or call 9481 0551

Social Sunday walks

WALK RATINGS: 🐾 BEGINNERS 🐾🐾 INTERMEDIATE 🐾🐾🐾 EXPERIENCED

DATE	DETAILS	RATING
8 June 10:30am	11km return walk from Mundaring Weir to Ball Creek Campsite	🐾
15 June 9:00am	17km return walk from Brookton Hwy to Canning Campsite	🐾🐾
6 July 9:00am	15km return from Mt Cooke Pines to Nerang Campsite	🐾🐾
27 July 8:30am	23.5km return walk from Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Helena Campsite (Fit and experienced walkers only!)	🐾🐾🐾
3 August 8:30am	22km return walk from Kalamunda to Hewett's Hill Campsite (Fit and experienced walkers only!)	🐾🐾🐾
17 August 8:30am	21km return walk from Brookton Hwy to Mt Dale Campsite	🐾🐾🐾

Bookings for each walk will open one month prior to each walk. Free for members. See booking conditions online.
Book online, or contact the BTF office for a booking form.
Bookings cannot be made over the phone.

Track Trivia



Hello Fellow Track Fanatics,

Further to my theme on people trekking or climbing in quirky ways—walking backwards up mountains, taking pet wheelbarrows with them, carrying 26 roast chickens—here is a case of pure stupidity, recently quoted in Great Walks Magazine:

A 22-year-old tourist has been assisted near Cradle Mountain, after attempting to climb the mountain without footwear. Police say the man contacted emergency services, reporting that he was unable to walk due to his toes being frost-bitten. He had been hiking for about an hour, his feet were "frost-bitten and injured" and he was unable to walk. Temperatures were well below zero.

Frankly I think the first sentence should read "...arrested near Cradle Mountain...". Okay, do your own thing, but not when it may endanger others who have to rescue you.

And so once more to the marvels of our electronic world. We have seen the boots that think and the bush walking robots. Now we have the Mo/Go, an exoskeleton that is attached to the user with a special pair of trousers, known as Magic Pants. In short, it's a pair of technical pants that come equipped

Magic Pants



with battery-powered motors located at the knee. Adjustable carbon-fibre cuffs keep them in place, and they augment the user's quadricep and hamstring muscles to propel them forward and upward. Mo/Go apparently is short for Mountain Goat—enough said.

According to the blurb, "*the motors are most helpful when tackling elevation — the time your knees would normally be working their hardest ... the steeper and longer the climb or descent, the more they do for you.*"

What will they think of next?

I received a phone call in the Foundation office recently from an organisation looking for financial support from someone who—yet again—wanted to "beat the record" for the Bibbulmun Track. This seems to be happening more and more frequently. The BTF of course is never able to offer financial support—we need all the support we can ourselves! — but why is it that people seemingly want to adopt the Olympic mantra of "Faster, Higher, Stronger" in the bush?

This was never the concept adopted for the creation of the Bibb Track, it was perceived as a recreational family facility designed to serve the community, not as a racetrack!

That said, the Track is there for all to use and provided those who use it follow the principles of Leave no Trace, the rules about camping restrictions and vehicle access and are courteous and respectful to genuine walkers, fair enough.

So, if you are thinking of following this path, consider again the previous article. You could turn yourself in to a Mountain Goat and zap along like the Bionic Man!

As I have said before, one of my favourite parts of volunteering is meeting walkers, helping them to plan and to meet them again after they have completed their walk successfully, especially if it is an end-to-end trek. One such occasion occurred recently with the Canucks (See story on page 11). As I usually do, I emphasized to the two gentlemen that doing an end-to-end walk of 1000km in the bush is more than a stroll in the park and asked about their previous experience.

"Me, not a lot," said Andy, "but Darrell has done a fair bit."

"Which tracks have you walked, Darrell?"

"Oh," said Darrell, "*The Pacific Crest, the Continental Divide, the Appalachian Trail a couple of times, the Te Araroa...*"

Andy butted in. "*And he's climbed the highest peaks on seven continents including Everest.*"

The longest, toughest tracks in the world and the highest mountains in the world and I'm querying Darrell's ability to walk the Bibb Track!

Probably two of the best qualified people to ever take on the Track, but what was especially pleasing was meeting them on their return and sharing the pleasure they clearly got from the walk and their whole experience of Australia. We need more walkers like these blokes!

Happy walking, especially in your waterproof shoes with cleats!

Wrong Way Jim

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The challenge: Trekking the 1000km Bibbulmun Track end-to-end in 55 days



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE REGISTERS

NULLAKI:

Attention Bob! It is possible to get a vehicle all the way to the boat landing where the Bibb re-starts on the Nullaki Peninsula. So, if you can't get the ferry, I don't want you skipping any bits! In fact, I'll report you to the Prime Minister and the Scottish parliament. It is not an end-to-end if you skip stuff! I've got my eyes on you...

Robbie McKinley (Snarf) 07/06/2008

Eagle artwork from the register at Yabberup Campsite.

MONADNOCKS:

Is it lonely on the trail?
Not as far as I can see
Even hikers on their own
Are never short of company.
Every morning serenaded
By a thousand chirpy birds
I would join their morning chorus
If only I had learned the words.
As I venture through the forest
Little mushrooms tip their hats
And at night my pack is raided
By gangs of very hungry rats.
Frogs will always croak their greetings
At the dusky end of day
As the startled kangaroos
Scramble up and bound away
Sometimes when things are very quiet
And my mind is roaming free
A red-tailed cockatoo will scream
And break into my reverie
Is it lonely on the trail?

Not the trail that I am on

And I will miss those friendly gestures
When my journey's come and gone.

*Grubby Gumnut (end-to-end)
23/05/2023*

WOODBALES:

(Ed: These are a few interpretations walkers gave of negotiating the Pingerup)

Swam in from Mt Chance about 12.30.
Another day's interesting walk across the Bogy Flats.

Anon 04/10/1998

Mud, mud, mud
Take your time, take it slow
Mud, mud, mud
Or Arse-up you will go
Mud, mud, mud
Fun for you, fun for me
Mud, mud, mud
Like a Pig-in-shit—Yippie!

Jason 05/10/1999

Andrew and Jenny sloshed into camp
after seven hours from Mount Chance.

17/10/1998

There was mud on my boots and mud on
my pack
There was mud on long sections of the
Bibbulmun Track
There was mud on my legs and mud in
my socks
There was mud on the table and the
register box
Everywhere there was mud—a muddy
great pain
To walk on this muddy great Bibbulmun
Plain

Jim Freeman 06/10/2000

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Trailing around the World



Judy, Tingyeh (Guide), Joe and Daphne.

In 2024 the BTF, in conjunction with the Thousand Mile Trail Association (TMI), organised a walking tour in Taiwan. BTF member and End-to-Ender Barry Bastow was part of the group of 14 who undertook the 12-day tour. These are his reflections:

For more information about the Raknus Selu and other trails mentioned in this article go to: www.tmitrail.org.tw/en/Raknus-Selu-Trail

Taiwan

Our trip was organised by Wildman Tours, a local Taiwanese Company that specialises in hiking holidays in Taiwan. Wildman was excellent in all respects—accommodation, meals, transport—and in particular our English-speaking guide who could not do enough to make our experience perfect. Food was excellent in both quality and quantity, which meant most of us overindulged! The twelve-day tour included ten days of walking on trails, one rest day and a walking tour of Taipei on the final day.

After meeting at Taipei Main Station, we travelled on a very comfortable coach to the small town of Zhoulan, where our walk began. Leaving the town, we walked past several fruit farms—grapes, starfruit and tangerines. Very quickly we realised that Mount Cooke in WA is not a mountain, it's merely a hill! The terrain was very undulating but not too difficult as it incorporated well-made stone steps for much of the way. The lush green forests made the walk very interesting, through the extensive bamboo. We were amazed at how high one and two-year-old bamboo plants grow.

This walk was our first experience of the Raknus Selu Trail, which translates as Small Path with Camphor Trees. The Raknus Selu is 280km long and Wildman Tours had picked out some of the best parts of the trail for us to walk.

The next few days continued on this trail. We walked beside farmland, bamboo and camphor trees and alongside many temples. This is a traditional walking path of the indigenous people, and the temples, some very large, were important stopping off points to rest and ensure a safe journey. A highlight was the Lions Head Historic Trail, which included a long walk up the lion's back and then a steep walk down the other side. With a rise of about 320 metres up and a decline of about 350 m, this was a challenge!

After five days on the Raknus Selu Trail we returned to Taipei, to a very comfortable hotel in the city centre. Over the next six days we were taken out in two eight-seater vehicles on roads that were too narrow for the larger bus. Our trips were to the north and north-east through spectacular scenery, to walk in different forest areas. There are many trails in the north-east of Taiwan, all part of the Tamsui Kavalan Trails.

See: <https://taiwantrailsandtales.com/tamsui-kavalan-trails/>

Everything was very green here as the rainfall is very high—as are the mountains! One day we walked along a ridge with great views of the ocean below—or so we were told. Unfortunately, the cloud was so low that visibility was reduced to about 20m. We could however see the buffalo as we walked past them. They didn't always respect our right of way!



Ascending a section of the trail at Lion's Head Mountain, to be paired with the Bibbulmun Track.

The following day, the rain having passed, we walked from the top of a mountain down to the sea. Not quite our pristine beaches, nevertheless a rare opportunity to dip our feet in the Pacific Ocean. Every day was very enjoyable although some were quite tiring, even for some of the more experienced walkers in the group.

We met many locals on the trails and were often joined by track volunteers, all of whom were very keen to learn about the Bibbulmun Track. They could not comprehend that we would walk

The group with locals on the Raknus Selu Trail.

eight or more days without passing through a town, nor that we carried tents, sleeping bags and other gear on our backs as well as enough food to last until we could resupply.

The accommodation was extremely comfortable, if a little confusing. Each room had a private bidet toilet with many buttons to push. The problem was that none of the instructions were in English including the one that told us not to put toilet paper down the toilet. I will leave the stories that were shared by the group up to the readers imagination.

The group itself was very cohesive and shared many interesting and humorous moments. All of us would thoroughly recommend Wildman Tours as an excellent company to use for an organised tour. However, if you prefer to go it alone, the locals are very helpful and there was usually enough English spoken to get by.

There is no need to carry anything other than a day pack, as there are towns every five to ten kilometres apart. Each of these has a hiker friendly shop or centre where walkers can get a very elaborate stamp for their section of the trail in their official passport. These stamps were keenly sought by our group. After each day's walk, we enjoyed a hot shower, an excellent dinner and a well-earned rest.



The Raknus Selu is marked with gold and blue ribbons.

It was very noticeable the TMI Association is also working hard to include the indigenous people and their history in all their trails, which has much in common with the BTF.

Barry Bastow



Fabulous locals appeared offering local treats (dragon fruit) often.

1849 Backpackers

1849 Backpackers Albany is located in the centre of Albany, overlooking Princess Royal Harbour and Anzac Peace Park. The property features free unlimited WiFi and a spacious guest lounge and a downstairs complete with several games!

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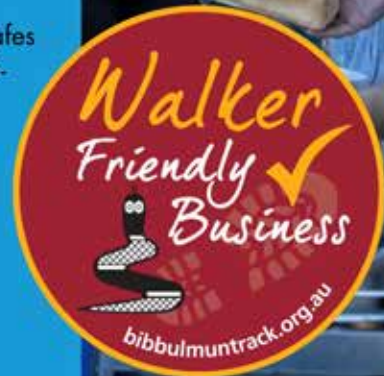
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