



Charlie Soord

Awarded: 2025

Charlie has contributed more than 15 years of exceptional service to the Bibbulmun Track Foundation (BTF), demonstrating unwavering dedication, leadership, and community spirit. After completing an end-to-end walk in 2010, he became a Sectional Maintenance Volunteer for Mt Clare and soon expanded his involvement, serving over a decade on the BTF Board and helping establish and coordinate the Support Volunteer group. He continues to play a pivotal role in project planning, safety leadership, and technical trail work.

Charlie has been instrumental in major restoration and stabilisation projects at Conspicuous Cliffs, Boat Harbour, William Bay, and River Road Bridge, and has supported shelter extensions, bridge preservation, and realignments. His seven-plus years volunteering with DBCA's Recreation and Trails Unit have strengthened operational partnerships and ensured the Track remains a state priority. His professional background in training and risk management has introduced a strong safety culture to the Foundation's maintenance programs.

A natural organiser and mentor, Charlie has consistently taken on demanding tasks—from transporting equipment to coordinating field campaigns—while fostering a positive, safety-focused volunteer culture.

Beyond hands-on work, Charlie actively promotes the Bibbulmun Track locally and internationally, encouraging new members and championing inclusivity, including engagement with Indigenous communities and people with disabilities. Recognised by DBCA in 2018 for Outstanding Contribution, he continues to volunteer hundreds of hours each year, much of it unrecorded, to ensure walkers experience the Track at its best.

His sustained service, leadership, humility, and passion make him highly deserving of Honorary Life Membership.