

A general forum of all workshop participants were asked to come up with suggested recommendations and/or actions to provide direction to the Tracks and Trails Unit. The results are briefly summarised in the following notes.

Tracks and Trails

- Majority of existing tracks (walking) are on DCLM land.
- Quality important, rather than quantity. Improve what we already have.
- Change emphasis from walking trails to other types of trails.
- Tracks and Trails unit can fill gaps within DCLM.
- DCLM should lead a consultative group to provide direction and advice on tracks/trails. Identify gaps and opportunities.
- Outdoor recreation vs. tracks and trails – Should DCLM take leadership in outdoor recreation as well?
- Channel physical activity funding to maintain trails.
- Maintenance must be a consideration in the development of new trails.
- Linkages between Nature Conservation / PVS, etc.
 - provide information on impacts on trails, etc.
 - provide packaged information.
- Provide centralised 'port of call' for volunteers, etc. wanting to assist with tracks / trails maintenance / development - Community ownership.
- Trails SW masterplan work – don't reinvent the wheel.
- Always struggling for maintenance \$\$.
- Audit existing trails (including standards, etc.) before developing new ones (on statewide basis).
- Tracks and trails should be considered as part of outdoor recreation – establish working group within DCLM to engage outdoor recreation groups.
- Dept of Sport and Recreation has 2-3 FTE's in recreation – apply 'Coastcare' model, with DSR's position hosted by DCLM in Regional Centres.
- Need to establish / maintain standards – either upgrade or close down

- Blackwood District – joined steering group with local agencies to look at tracks and trails.
- Link State and Federal funding for development of physical activity / tracks, etc.
- DCLM ‘Corporate Culture’ concentrates on ‘hard science’ – need to expand to include behavioural sciences.
- Partnerships between other agencies (DSR, Healthways, etc.) – May need to develop a ‘user pays’ system to help fund maintenance of major trails.
- Rationalise existing tracks and trails to ensure adequate maintenance.
- DCLM are the leading authority over its own lands, and its tracks and trails - establish partnership for other areas.
- Need to consider ‘intent’ rather than facility / activity – trails are not an end in itself, but should be a pathway to other ‘ends’.
- Set up steering group – input from Regions to help define Tracks and Trails unit.
- Need to consider internal relationships – involve NC Division.