

Get Ready to Ride the



WA's First Long Distance Cycle Trail

Munda Biddi Trail

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Project Background



- 🚲 Increase in demand for off-road cycling trails and facilities.
- 🚲 February - 1999 Trailswest/Lotteries funding committed to produce Proposed Long Distance Bike Trail Development Plan
- 🚲 April 2000 - Development Plan completed.
- 🚲 May 2000 - CALM endorsed in principal the Development Plan pending further negotiations with stakeholders and final approval by the Conservation Commission.



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- 🚲 July 2000 - CALM agrees to manage Trail Development subject to external funding availability.
- 🚲 September 2000 - Lotteries funding approved for first stage of project - Mundaring to Collie.
Granted to Friends of Hardwood Trail
- 🚲 February 2001 - CALM Project coordinator seconded - funded initially by Local Government contributions to project.



Naming the Trail



- 🚲 January 2000 - Interested WA Mountain Bike Assoc. (WAMBA) members sought to name the trail and provide support for trail development
- 🚲 March 2000 - "Hardwood Trail"
- 🚲 March 2001 - Consensus amongst the community that trail needs to be re-badged to something more unique to WA. Munda Biddi, a Nyoongar term meaning *'path through the forest'*.



Benefits to WA



🚲 Greater Eco-tourism and employment opportunities for South West towns.

🚲 Unify rural communities along the cycling route.



🚲 Provides a safe and accessible 'bush' touring route linking forest towns and features.

🚲 Reduce the impacts of bikes on walking trails i.e. Bibbulmun Track



Project Schedule



🚲 **Stage 1 - Mundaring to Collie**
Late, 2003

Opened - Mundaring to Dwellingup
(December 2003)

🚲 **Stage 2 - Collie to Pemberton**
Proposed completion (Late, 2003)

🚲 **Stage 3 - Pemberton to Albany**
Proposed completion (Late, 2004)



Funding and Partnerships



Western Australia
Millions Won. Thousands Helped



🚲 Estimated cost of development (Stage 1)
- \$550,000 (Planning and Construction)

🚲 Existing Funding for the Trail Project
- \$520,000

Funding bodies

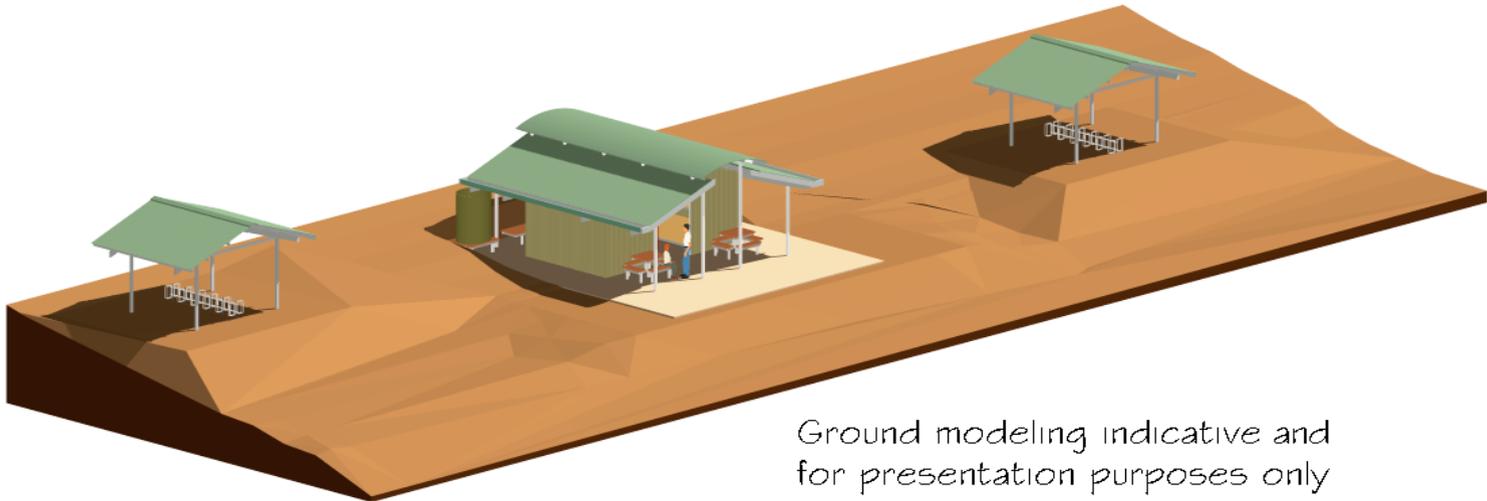
- Trailswest Funding Program (Lotteries)
- CAFÉ (Alcoa/CALM Funding Program)
- New Parks Program (State Government)

🚲 Secure funding for Stages 2 & 3
(Collie to Albany)



Facilities - At a Glance

- 🚲 Town or campsite every 35-40km (visiting a town every 2-3 days)
- 🚲 5-purpose built 'cycle friendly' campsites between Mundaring and Collie
- 🚲 Regular Distance markers
- 🚲 Cycle Friendly maps



Ground modeling indicative and for presentation purposes only

Wungong Brook in the making















