



CALM senior research scientist Tony Friend and technical officer Neil Thomas with a numbat, crated and ready for air freighting to Adelaide. Photo by Nigel Higgs

A trail toffed up

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THE Aboriginal Heritage Trail in Walyunga National Park has received a major upgrade over the past seven weeks in a joint project funded by the Australian Nature Conservation Agency (ANCA), CALM and the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

The Kuljak Aboriginal Employment and Cultural Centre in Midland was awarded the contract to carry out the work, employing local

Aboriginal people.

Under the watchful eye of job supervisor Gary Phillips, workers Keith Slater, Tinsley Haywood, Justin Taylor and Sandra Taylor have widened the trail, removing large rocks, putting in drainage, and spreading road base material along the trail to make a year-round safe walking surface.

On the job training is being carried out with the

workers learning how to operate a bobcat and getting their 'B' Class driver's licence.

They have also learned to recognise a number of native plants and animals found in the park.

Further funds now have been made available to upgrade the signs.

The trail which runs along the banks of the Swan River between Walyunga Pool and Boongarup Pool was first constructed in 1988 using bicentennial funds.



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