

# Bibbulmun trail project team based at Como

**ARMED with Commonwealth Government funding, the Building a Better Bibbulmun Track Project has accelerated rapidly in the past three months.**

The Project Team has now settled into its new, larger premises at CALM's Operational Headquarters in Como, and is part of CALM's Parks, Recreation, Planning and Tourism Division.

Computers, telephone systems and divisions of work have all helped make the team more effective, with co-ordinator Jesse Brampton, assistant co-ordinator Peter Bidwell, and administrative assistant Raelene Hick integral parts of a tightknit and fast-moving team.

Jesse said that while every attempt was being made to ensure that members of this core project team had all the support they needed to operate effectively, they were also looking at ways to keep the project's office as lean as possible, thereby ensuring that the maximum percentage of the funds was spent on the track itself.

"It's likely that additional help will be contracted, but only on an 'as needed' basis," Jesse said.

"For example, we recently had Julie Adams, a former CALM staff member, working in the office on a temporary basis. She designed and organised an efficient and easily accessed filing system for the growing quantity of Bibbulmun-related material.

"The Bibbulmun Track Project is now demonstrably larger than just a three-person project, with the Como-based project team

being a team within a team.

"The real team driving the project, the team ultimately responsible for implementing the new track before its completion date of May 1, 1998, includes all CALM recreation officers from Districts located along the Bibbulmun, and each of the four regional recreation planners whose regions cover sections of it.

"In addition, it includes

those members of the Recreation and Landscape Design Team who regularly have input into the project, and those national park rangers whose parks are traversed by the Bibbulmun.

"It's this larger team, each member of which has responsibility for a section of the track, that will increasingly be responsible for management of the construction

phase of the project, and who will ultimately be responsible for management and maintenance of the track into the future.

"Given that the project, with its overall budget in excess of \$3 million, is perhaps the largest single nature-based recreation project to be undertaken in Western Australia, this expanded team is both welcome and essential," Jesse said.



*Jesse Brampton and Raelene Hick, are pictured shortly after settling into their new Como premises. (Peter Bidwell, was not available for the photo.)*

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