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## BIBBULMUN BYTES

October 2021

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Welcome to our October Bibb Bytes newsletter. We're celebrating the change of Noongar season (bonar), from Djilba (first Spring) to Kambarang (second Spring) the season of birth.

If you've not already been dazzled by the amazing spring wildflower extravaganza taking place out across the Perth region and south west, you need to take the opportunity to get out on a bush walk. Find a walk for yourself, or check the many other available upcoming [events](#) that you could enjoy before summer arrives.

Adventure is at your doorstep ~ go explore.

*Ash Gibson & BTF Team*



### Foundation office shut 13-15th October

Please be aware the Bibbulmun Track Foundation offices will be closed this week. We will only be available for hire equipment pick-up or return on Thursday and Friday.



### AGM

The 2021 Foundation AGM will be held on Thursday 28 October 2021 at 5.00pm, 62 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

Please RSVP to [admin@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:admin@bibbulmuntrack.org.au)



### Use of wheeled vehicles and devices

As a general rule they are not permitted on the Bibbulmun Track. The Track passes through extensive areas of Dieback Risk Areas (DRA), where the movement of wheeled vehicles is restricted by law to minimise the potential spread of dieback.

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### McGowan Government's historic move to protect native forests

The McGowan Labor Government has made the historic decision to protect the State's native forests from 2024 protecting at least an additional 400,000 hectares of karri, jarrah and wandoo forests. They plan to invest a record \$350 million to expand Western Australia's softwood timber plantations to create and support sustainable WA jobs.

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### Great Southern trails upgrades begin

Trail upgrades and infrastructure on several popular trails are commencing as part of the Great Southern Adventure Trails (GSAT) project.

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### Safety on the Trail

"Safety on the Track is our concern, but YOUR responsibility".

When planning any extended walk, not only on the Bibbulmun Track but on any trail or in a 'remote' area, there are a number of practical things you can do to stay safe.

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Find the travelling Bibb Book for your chance to win!

Leigh Simmons' "Naturalist on The Bibbulmun" is making the rounds from shelter to shelter.. if you spot it - snap a pic and tag us [#bibbulmuntrack](#) or [@bibbulmuntrackfoundation](#).

Remember to match the page to the section you're in for bonus points!

**There's 3 copies up for grabs. Good luck and happy hunting**



### Spring maintenance activity

With the unprecedented amount of wet weather this year, there's been more than the usual track maintenance issues. Flooding, washouts, diversions, trees down – you name it and our maintenance volunteers this year have more than likely come across all of these. As a result, everyone from maintenance volunteers, support volunteers and PaWS district officers have made a concerted effort in keeping the track open and safe for hikers.



### Volunteer role - Events Assistant needed

The Foundation is looking for an Events Assistant one day per week, and possibly other ad hoc when required in our office at 62 Aberdeen St, Northbridge.

Assists the BTF Events Manager with duties involved with the administration of the Calendar of Events the Best of the Bibbulmun Tours and the Guide Training Program.

[Find out more & apply here](#)



### Favourite Short Walk

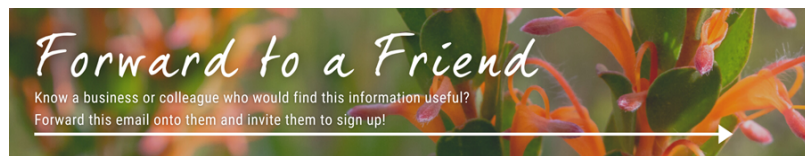
#### **Perth Hills Discovery Centre to Mundaring Weir**

**Distance:** 8km return

**Difficulty:** Grade 3, Time: 2.5-3.5 hours

Starting from the Perth Hills Discovery Centre, this return walk leads you through the beautiful jarrah forest of Beelu National Park to Mundaring Weir and Lake CY O'Connor. Along this section of the Track, you'll pass picnic areas home to kangaroos and birdlife, as well as the historic Mundaring Weir Hotel, where you and the kids can enjoy a yummy pub lunch. Walk along the weir wall for an excellent view over the water. On the way back, visit the No. 1 Pumping Station (entry fees apply) at the base of the dam wall to learn about the fascinating history of the weir and its pipeline, which transports water all the way to Kalgoorlie.

This is one of the walks in the family friendly [Darling Range Discovery](#) covering Kalamunda to Dwellingup. You can find this and other itineraries [on our website](#).







A special little place in the forest...

[Donnelly River Village](#) is a historic mill town nestled deep in the heart of Australia's South West karri forests, it's the perfect place for a unique escape from the hussles and hassles of modern life. The perfect place to base yourself for multiple walks along the Track. Our affordable self-contained cottages are perfect for couples, families and groups large and small looking for that special break. You can experience the quiet, detox from technology and explore and enjoy Donnelly and the surrounding region with your friends and family.

[Find out more....](#)



### Focus on *Volunteer*

Karen Boyce has always had a love of walking in the bush, particularly looking at wildflowers, but has only in recent years discovered the Bibbulmun Track. As many have told her, it is addictive and she is now passing on her new found passion by volunteering as a guide. Karen hasn't walked the entire Track yet but her favourite area so far is around the Canning River. She finds the change in vegetation and soil in such a short time amazing.



## Covid-19 update

Please **continue to maintain social distancing and hygiene precautions.**

Keep the required minimum distance between you and other hikers, **currently 1.5m.**

[Click here](#) for more information on limits and to lodge a group notification if you are in a group of eight people or more planning to stay at a campsite overnight.

[Read more....](#)



*Register your end-to-end*

**Whether you did it in sections or one go, over a couple of months or a few years. We love sharing in your achievements and celebrating them over the years.**

If you are not yet a member, give something back by joining – that way you can go straight to your profile to enter your fabulous achievement.





**CHECK OUT OUR SHOP ONLINE**



### What's on in November 2021

#### [Social Sunday Walk – Camel Farm to Hewett’s Hill](#)

Sunday 7th November 2021 at 4:00pm

A lovely 6.4km return walk to Hewett’s Hill campsite.



**BIBBULMUN TRACK CHEER SQUAD**

**GOT A TALE TO TELL?  
WE WANT TO HEAR IT!**

Have you just completed an end-to-end?  
THE BIBBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION WOULD LOVE TO PUBLISH YOUR ADVENTURE.

Email your story, recipe, favourite short walk, funny encounter, trail angel experience or fundraising activity to [marketing@bibbulmuntrack.org.au](mailto:marketing@bibbulmuntrack.org.au)



Give something back

If you are planning, in the middle of or just finishing your end-to-end of the Track and you are not yet a member, [give something back by joining](#) – that way you can go straight to your profile to [enter your fabulous achievement](#).

Registering your end-to-end can assist us in attracting funds to ensure the Bibbulmun Track remains a long distance walk trail of international significance and quality. It also means that you will be invited to join us at the next reunion!

[Join Today!](#)



### 10 Hiking & Backpacking Gear Myths

It’s amazing how some backpacking gear myths persist, even when there’s ample evidence to the contrary. Then there are the lies that gear marketers propagate to sell their products to people who don’t know better.

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**LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY**

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### DID YOU KNOW .....

..... There are many businesses and organisations along the entire length of the Track that offer goods and services to help you get the most out of your walk, whether it be for a few

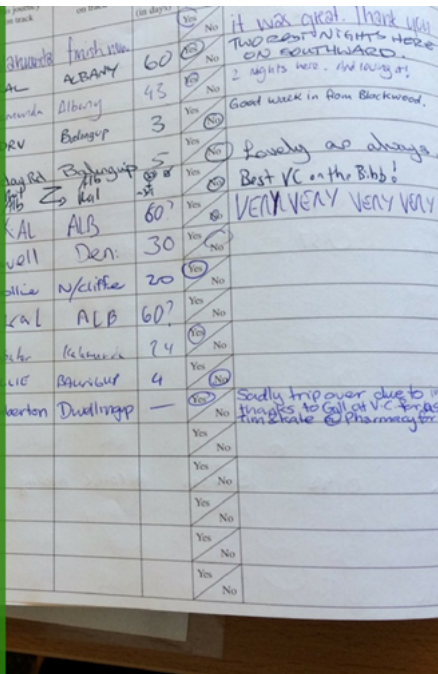


## Track Tip #7

**BE SURE TO SIGN THE CAMPSITE GREEN LOG-BOOK EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT STAYING THE NIGHT.**



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Also at a practical level if there is a fire or other disaster, where possible the log books will be checked. It is really helpful to know who's on the track. Similarly if an epirob is fired off, checking the log book can be useful to know who is in the area of the signal.



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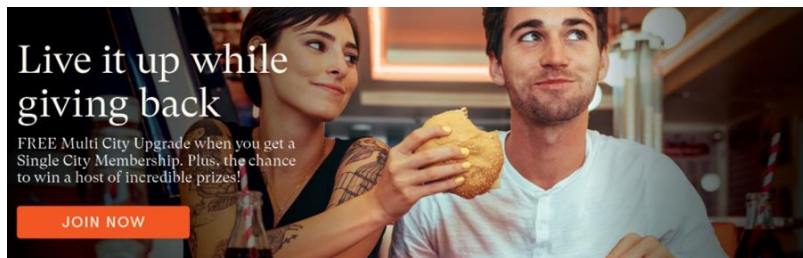
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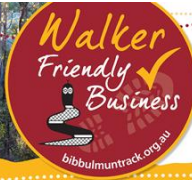





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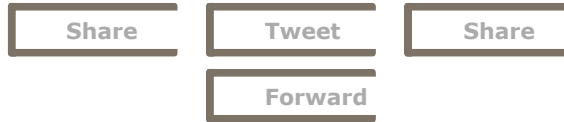
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