

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Government invests \$330,000 in sustainable trails

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- More than \$300,000 awarded to projects that support sustainable trails in WA
- Trails are a significant contributor to WA's visitor and tourism economy
- Projects funded in Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup and West Arthur

Locals and visitors alike are set to benefit from a \$331,302 investment into trail experiences across Western Australia.

The latest round of the WA Trail Planning Grants Program will support 16 projects demonstrating thorough planning and sustainability to continue growing the trails industry and enhancing the tourism economy.

Funded projects in this round include the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup's Trails Master Plan and the Shire of West Arthur's Hillman Reserve Walk Trails Project.

The funding program aims to support the sustainable planning and development of recreational trails that aligns with the WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027.

The Blueprint was released in 2022 to guide future investment and planning consistency in the development of sustainable trails development across the State and ensure more Western Australians are connected to Country through trail experiences.

Grant recipients are:

- Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup's Trails Master Plan: \$15,000
- Shire of West Arthur's Hillman Reserve Walk Trails Project: \$6,750
- Shire of Augusta-Margaret River's Wadandi Track Project: \$25,000
- Shire of Denmark's Turner Road Trails Network Concept: \$25,000
- Shire of Chittering's Bindoon MTB Park Stage 2 Surveys: \$22,727
- City of Kwinana's Trails Network Master Plan: \$25,000
- Shire of Mingenew's Design of Mingenew Hill Walking Trail: \$6,825
- Shire of Northam's Mt Ommanney Trail Network Plan: \$25,000
- City of Belmont's Garvey Park Trail Development Plan: \$25,000
- Pemberton Cycling Association Inc.'s Arboretum Trail Development: \$25,000
- Recreational Trailbike Riders Association of WA's Majimup-Perth Ride trail: \$20,000
- Shire of Harvey's Munda Biddi Harvey Spur Trail: \$25,000
- City of Cockburn's Trails Master Plan Update: \$25,000
- Shire of Waroona's Lakes Trail Stage 5 Corridor Evaluation: \$25,000
- Midwest Sports Federation's Chapman Valley and Northampton Gravel Trail Masterplan: \$10,000
- City of Fremantle's North Fremantle Heritage Trail: \$25,000

Learn more about the WA Trail Planning Grants Program here: [Trail Planning Grants Program \(dlqsc.wa.gov.au\)](https://dlqsc.wa.gov.au)

Comments attributed to Member for the Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC

“Western Australians are incredibly lucky to live in such a diverse State with stunning landscapes.”

“Trails offer a safe, affordable and enjoyable activity for all ages”, she said.

"I am pleased that the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup and West Arthur will showcase their natural beauty with this welcomed funding boost for trail projects."

Comments attributed to Sport and Recreation Minister David Templeman:

"With the increasing demand for trails across Western Australia, it is important that we provide the best trail experience to both locals and visitors to Western Australia.

"Tourism is now playing a more significant role in the development of trails, as visitors look for interesting, challenging, authentic and unique experiences as part of their holidays and travels.

"This investment in our trails has clear social and economic benefits for individual communities, regional tourism, and the State as a whole."

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