



Wadandi Track Expansion Project Update

What's happening?

Planning and early design activities for the Wadandi Track Expansion Project are progressing across the City of Busselton (CoB) and Shire of Augusta Margaret River (SoAMR).

Current focus areas

- Surveys, impact assessments and approvals regarding environmental management, heritage and land tenure in liaison with DWER, DBCA and DPLH.
- Developing a rail reserve encroachment strategy to guide negotiations with adjoining landowners and managers.
- Geotechnical investigations at bridge locations to support detailed design of trail bridge structures.
- Detailed design of new track sections at the following locations:
 - **City of Busselton:**
 - Yelverton Road to Gardiner Road
 - **Shire of Augusta Margaret River:**
 - Gardiner Road to Cowaramup
 - Sebbes Road to Maze Road.
- Developing an evaluation plan to measure the outcomes of the project.

Tourism WA, Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association and the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) are also developing the Wadandi Track Tourism Opportunity Analysis. This will identify tourism opportunities that enable activation, engagement and connection, and position the Wadandi Track as a destination, driving attraction for the South West.

Completed activities

- Funding agreement in place between DTMI, CoB and SoAMR.
- CoB and SoAMR have engaged G2N as the project manager across both local government areas.
- On-ground review of the rail alignment to identify constraints and opportunities.
- Investigations to confirm the alignment within the rail reserve and identify where adjoining landowners/managers have encroached into the rail reserve.
- Design principles, project specifications and standard drawings developed to guide consistent trail design across the corridor.
- Establishment of the Wadandi Track Reference Group, consisting of project stakeholders from across government, tourism industry and advocacy groups.



First meeting in October 2025, the reference group will contribute local and technical knowledge about issues relevant to the project and provide representation for a variety of stakeholder interests.

Upcoming works

- Finalise strategies for land tenure, encroachments and access management along the corridor to support delivery of the trail.
- Continue environmental assessments and prepare clearing permit applications.
 - The amount of clearing is being minimised and where an existing 4WD track already exists, will be limited to pruning.
 - In environmentally sensitive areas, the track will be re-aligned into already cleared/degraded areas.
- Surveys and further geotechnical investigations at bridge locations to enable bridge design packages.
- Confirm approach to Aboriginal heritage review and surveys and commence statutory approvals.
- Issue a request for tender for design of track sections at the following locations:
 - **City of Busselton:**
 - Carburnup River to Yelverton Road
 - **Shire of Augusta Margaret River:**
 - Maze Road to Flinders Bay
- Procurement planning for construction of track sections at the following locations:
 - **City of Busselton:**
 - Yelverton Road to Gardiner Road
 - **Shire of Augusta Margaret River:**
 - Gardiner Road to Cowaramup
 - Sebbes Road to Maze Road.

More information

For more information, visit the [project webpage](#).

Our magnificent South West is set to become more connected than ever with the Wadandi Track extension. The Wadandi Track is currently a 46 km multipurpose trail that offers a unique and immersive experience for people walking or riding.

Works to extend the track to Augusta are underway and will include:

- new sections of track
- new and refurbished bridges
- wayfinding.

Once the entire project is complete, the track will be nearly 110 km, making it one of the longest rail trails in Australia.

It will be an iconic drawcard for the South West, weaving through areas of stunning natural beauty, while celebrating local heritage and culture.

The Wadandi Track expansion is being delivered by the City of Busselton and Shire of Augusta Margaret River in partnership with the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure.

Expansion of the Wadandi Track is fully funded as part of the State Government's \$165 million [Outdoor Adventure Tourism package](#).