

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Royalties for Regions' Regional Grants Scheme is administered by Western Australia's nine regional development commissions.

The South West Development Commission allocated \$1.5million to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) for the trail and the Great Southern Development Commission allocated \$1.5million to the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation, which is supported by its premier sponsor ALCOA Australia.

DEC has also committed \$1million over three years to the project being jointly undertaken by DEC and the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation with support from Department of Corrective Services' crews where possible.

During the past five years, DEC and the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation have undertaken extensive consultation with the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, local communities and local government authorities in planning the trail extension.

Work will now commence from the Albany and Nannup ends simultaneously, with trail construction between Nannup to Manjimup having already started through a Lotterywest grant of \$156,000 towards trail and campsite construction.

More than 320 diverse services and infrastructure projects throughout regional WA will receive nearly \$32.4million in funding from the first round of the Royalties for Regions' Regional Grants Scheme.