

Trail will benefit from upgrade



Big money ... John Wilkinson (Friends of Larapinta Trail president), Holger Strie (Trek Larapinta operations manager), Kym Stockman (Trek Larapinta client services manager) and Richard Mayne (Trek Larapinta managing director) with the \$1500 cheque

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FRIENDS of the Larapinta Trail were walking tall this week as they received \$1500 from Trek Larapinta to buy equipment for the maintenance of the world-class trail.

Trek Larapinta managing director Richard Mayne said it was an honour to be part of such a precious resource.

"We are privileged to spend our working life guiding people on the Larapinta Trail," he said. "It is an honour to be afforded access to this incredible wilderness trail, and we believe in giving



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back and helping to maintain and manage this precious resource."

Mr Mayne said without traditional owners and other stakeholders' involvement, keeping the trail in shape would be impossible.

"Trek Larapinta would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land and the hard-working rangers of the NT Parks and Wildlife Commission.

"We are delighted to be able to donate \$1500 to the Friends of the Larapinta Trail to assist them in the purchase of much-needed equipment to help maintain this world class walking trail."

Friends of the Larapinta trail president John Wilkinson welcomed the donation

and said it was going to go a long way in the maintenance of the famed walking trail.

"We really appreciate such a gesture and the money is going to be put to good use.

"We will buy equipment to be used by volunteers in day-to-day maintenance.

"We need things like shovels, hoes and even gloves," he said.

The Larapinta Trail is a 223km trail from the Old Telegraph Station to Mt Sonder.

Locals and tourists enjoy the trail.