

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Measuring Volunteer Project Results

"The best aspect of participating in the volunteer program was knowing that I built something that thousands of people will use. There is a definite sense of accomplishment from building a walkway/steps at a national park that will be there for years to come."
- R. Romine, Ohio State University

Thanks to the hard work of all the AustraLearn students who participated in a conservation volunteer project in Australia or New Zealand, some substantial strides towards a better environment were made last year.

The statistics here represent the cumulative environmental outcomes achieved in 2005 by AustraLearn students in Australia alone (all statistics provided by CVA).

All in all, it adds up to 910 days of volunteering and AUD\$147,040 in kind labor based on Australian Commonwealth Government standards for conservation based volunteer labor

Additionally, the conservation projects run in New Zealand produces similar results for the New Zealand community and environment.



"The best part about participating in the Volunteer Project was a sense of giving something back to the environment that I had taken so much from. I felt pride in the fact that I planted several hundred trees that will have a huge impact on the soil erosion and vegetation problem over the years. I also gained some good friends."

- M. Nelson,
Central Michigan University



910
days of volunteering

\$147,040
in kind volunteer labor (AUD)

3,247
trees, shrubs, and grasses
planted

27,490
square meters of weeds
removed

4.18
kilometers of walking track
constructed

20.75
kilometers of walking track
repaired

1,430
kilograms of rubbish collected

940
meters of fence repaired