

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE - 2006

## 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 2006 by AustraLearn students in Australia alone (all statistics provided by CVA).

All in all, it adds up to 826 days of volunteering and AUD\$132,160 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.

In the newest conservation volunteer site in New Zealand, AustraLearn students planted trees and learned about the history and ecology of Motuikie Island, located nine miles off the coast of Auckland.



"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



**826**  
days of volunteering

**\$132,160**  
in kind volunteer labor (AUD)

**4,435**  
trees, shrubs, and grasses  
planted

**30,205**  
square meters of weeds  
removed

**200**  
kilometers of walking track  
constructed

**792**  
kilometers of walking track  
repaired

**630**  
plants propagated

**5,000**  
meters of walking track cleared  
of debris