



Conservation Volunteers and Parks Victoria are working in partnership under a Memorandum of Understanding to engage the community in a range of conservation programs resulting in an increase to individual and community health and well being as well as benefiting the environment

As a result of the devastating bushfires that commenced on Saturday 7 February 2009 Conservation Volunteers and Parks Victoria developed 3 Bushfire Recovery Projects to be implemented through the Australian Government's Green Corps Initiative in the 3 critically affected regions, including;

Wilson's Promontory National Park, Bunyip State Park and Kinglake National Park

Australian Government Green Corps Program



Green Corps is an Australian Government youth development and environmental training program for young people aged between 17 and 20 years. Green Corps provides young people with the opportunity to volunteer their time and effort to conserve, preserve and restore Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

Environmental Results

Over the 6 month period extending from June to December 2009 the 3 Green Corps teams achieved outstanding environmental results including;

- **8kg of seed collected**
- **7900 trees planted**
- **2500 seeds propagated**
- **40kms of track repaired and/or constructed**
- **34 exclusion plots erected**
- **21 ha of weed removed**
- **12 flora and fauna surveys conducted**
- **19 nest boxes installed**
- **30+ photopoints identified and monitored**
- **90 silt trap fences, 110 log check dams, 79 coir logs and 97 natural traps for erosion management**
- **30 steps built**

From the flora surveys 268 Orchids were identified



Andrew Musgrave Parks Victoria Ranger commented; "I am pleased with all aspects of their work from maintaining safe work practises to delivering quality outcomes in a healthy team environment. The Green Corps team was lead exceptionally well with the CVA team leader maintaining a professional approach at all times".

Community Engagement Results

Through the Green Corps program Conservation Volunteers were able to provide opportunities to youth from the local communities to engage in a 6 month environmental training program.

24 Participants successfully completed the program achieving;

- **Certificate 1 in Conservation and Land Management**
- **First Aid Level 1**
- **OHS Level 1**
- **Careers Training**

