



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

Conservation Volunteers are working towards implementing a vision to develop the 'Goldfields Track' into a unique, Australian, nature based experience together with Parks Victoria and other Goldfields Track partner organisations including;

Goldfields Tourism Inc,
Great Dividing Trail Association; and
People and Parks Foundation

Goldfields Track

The 190km Goldfields Track, from Ballarat to Bendigo, traverses the Great Dividing Range and incorporates significant areas of natural beauty, historical and mining importance and several State and National Parks and Reserves. The group members are working to upgrade and improve the track and its interpretation to deliver a unique bushwalking and mountain bike bush immersion experience.

TQUAL Grants Program

TQUAL Grants is a competitive funding program delivered by Ausindustry on behalf of the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (DRET) aimed at stimulating sustainable growth in the Australian Tourism Industry. The Goldfields Track program submitted a successful TQUAL grant application in December 2009 for \$500 000. Within this grant Conservation Volunteers were awarded \$205 000 to undertake the practical activities required along the Track while facilitating community participation.

Conservation Volunteers Delivery Model

A Conservation Volunteers employed Project Officer manages the program including;

- Developing project activities
- Creating and implementing a project timetable
- Recruitment of community volunteers
- Team Leading community volunteers
- Hiring contractors when necessary
- Liaising with stakeholders
- Promotion and media for program

The project will occur from January 2010 to April 2011 and will include 30 weeks of community engaged activities

