



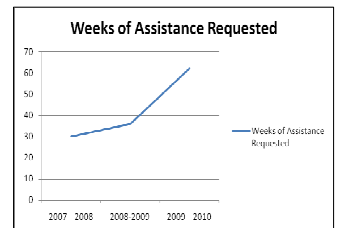
Conservation Volunteers and Parks Victoria are working in partnership under a Memorandum of Understanding to engage the community in a range of conservation programs resulting in an increase to individual and community health and well being as well as benefiting the environment

Park Champions is a coordinated community partnership between Conservation Volunteers and Parks Victoria which has been running since July 2006. Park Champions aims to;

- provide opportunities for the community to volunteer in some of Victoria's most spectacular Parks
- deliver support to Parks and add value to Park operations through the delivery of priority on ground conservation activities
- promote positive impacts across 3 key areas; Natural Value Management, Cultural Value Management and Visitor Services
- be a catalyst for attracting additional external resources (eg corporate support) for additional project activity in Victoria's parks

Parks Champions Results

Parks Champions continues to grow in success, in 2009—2010 14 Parks Victoria Regional Centres requested work equalling 62 weeks. This is almost double the previous year when 36 weeks of work were requested.



Parks Victoria Rangers;
"We found the group a pleasure to work with great job done on all trails team worked very efficiently"
"We found the group helpful friendly, well organised and led"

Since 2006 the Parks Champions program has;

- assisted 89 Parks Victoria locations
- delivered 1203 conservation project days
- engaged 7524 volunteer days
- contributed 60192 volunteer hours
- planted 52410 trees
- removed 220 ha of invasive weeds
- constructed and/or repaired 97kms of Tracks
- repaired and/or constructed 51kms of fence
- completed 214 Flora and Fauna Surveys

Over the past 3 years 3 conservation projects occurred in a Park every day of the year

Additional External Resources

Conservation Volunteers has been highly successful in attracting additional external resources to support practical activities in Parks;

From 2007—2009 external resources sourced through Conservation Volunteers resulted in the delivery of an additional 1404 conservation days equalling a value over \$1 906 000

