



University of Adelaide volunteers working with NT rangers and Trek Larapinta on the Larapinta Trail

Students do their bit to preserve trail

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VOLUNTEERS from around Australia have joined in a week-long project to repair damage to the Larapinta Trail caused by recent bushfires.

It is a joint project between Trek Larapinta, the NT Parks and Wildlife Commission and the University

of Adelaide. The 10 volunteers replaced burnt track markers, moved burnt vegetation off the track and painted furniture.

It is also raising money to donate to the Friends of the Larapinta Trail, which helps care for the trail.

Ormiston Gorge senior park ranger Phill Cowan said

the money would be used to purchase drills, loppers and rake hoes.

"Visitors who walk the trail are blown away by its beauty, and they are often keen to give something back to ensure it is looked after into the future," he said.

Student experience co-ordinator Kim Burdett said

the program built life skills, engaged students with the community and improved career readiness.

"Employees are looking for more than a graduate with a degree these days — they want a well-rounded student with life experience that is ready to enter the workplace," he said.