

## **Executive Summary** *(1991-2006)*

The VPP involves over 300 people contributing 500+ volunteer days per year across Victoria in Australia's largest private raptor conservation initiative.

### **Research mile stones**

- Since 1991, 1,687 peregrine chicks banded = 60% of total ever in Australia
- 200 (12%) recoveries on chicks
- 100% recovery of adults that were banded as adults
- 95% of nest boxes producing chicks

### **Management mile stones**

- Banksia Environmental Foundation – Award Winner 1999.
- Strategies developed for managing eco-tourism (ie rock climbing)
- Power utilities adopting "raptor friendly practices"
- Ongoing advice service to industry on managing raptors

### **Community education**

#### **Public presentations**

- 135 illustrated presentations given to public & private land managers, schools, universities, academics and field naturalist clubs.
- 7 Presentations given to raptor groups in the USA and Mexico
- 300 volunteers contribute 500+ days per year.
- Press conference to publicise successful return of Peregrines to Melbourne.
- Real time video display in the city attracted 20,000 visitors in its first year.

#### **Print media**

- 45 articles
- 4 scientific papers
- 4 information sheets & extensive correspondence

#### **Electronic media**

- 18 radio interviews
- 100+ TV news items and 6 program features
- 2 internet sites [www.unisolve.com.au](http://www.unisolve.com.au) & [www.ausraptor.org.au](http://www.ausraptor.org.au)

