

Bega Valley Shire Community Environmental Grants

Year 2: 2012/13

2012/13 was the second year of the Bega Valley Shire Council's Community Environment Grants Program. Seven projects were funded with the aim to encourage and assist community involvement in the management of the Bega Valley Shire environment for the benefit of the whole region. More specifically, the Program addresses the need to:

- Support community groups and organisations to enhance, protect and restore the natural environmental assets of the Shire.
- Increase community awareness and understanding of the Shire's environmental assets.
- Support conservation strategies currently undertaken by Council.
- Assist in the provision of innovative environmental management projects.

Council funds the grants program through the Bega Valley Shire Council Environment Levy.

Springvale Landcare: \$5,875 was awarded to Springvale Landcare for Stage 3 of the revegetation and stabilisation of riparian reserves along the Bega River (Buckajo Rd). The project continued delivering on the objective of linking this revegetation work to the neighbouring Landcare efforts closer to the Bega township. Over 1,400 plants were planted including revisiting areas previously treated to improve diversity and secure native vegetation gains previously made.



Tura Flora Reserve: \$685 was provided to the Tura Flora Reserve Management Committee for the installation of an interpretive sign in the reserve. The sign details various items of interest as well as access routes for community members to walk through and enjoy the local environment. Further work planned in 2013-14 will seek to manage the Reserve's vegetation and encourage indigenous species in the area.



Pambula Beach Landcare: \$6,000 was awarded to Pambula Beach Landcare for Stage 2 of works at Jigama Reserve, Pambula Beach. These works continued the removal and control of environmental weeds and other exotics in the coastal reserve containing remanent littoral rainforest. The project has made a significant improvement to the quality of native vegetation as well as community amenity.



Cobargo Community Action Network (CCAN) and Far South Landcare Association (FSCLA): \$6,000 was awarded to CCAN and FSCLA for the rehabilitation and revegetation of the Narira Creek riparian area in central Cobargo. The project significantly improved the areas amenity and is a strong stepping point for future work in the area.



Tura-Mirador Landcare and Far South Landcare Association (FSCLA): \$3,250 was awarded to Tura-Mirador Landcare and FSCLA for a range of activities between Tura

and Short Point. The project removed polygala weeds and helped formalise the 'Mundooi Walk' through interpretive signage. The project seeks to attract visitors to the area to learn and appreciate the beautiful natural environment and local history.



Panboola Wetlands: \$6,000 was allocated towards the reconstruction of the Watson's Waterhole bridge, site revegetation and the installation of fencing. The project is an important linkage within the wetlands development and with further Panboola funds allocated to finalise the waterhole crossing the project the project is set to provide another key recreational asset for the community.

Yowrie Landcare: \$3,490 was secured by Yowrie Valley Landcare for the removal of a variety of weeds including English ivy, turkey rhubarb and tree of heaven along the Yowrie River.



To keep up to date with Council's Community Environment Grant Program visit Council's website.