

Bega Valley Shire Community Environment Grants Program

Year 4: 2014-15

2014-15 was the fourth year of Bega Valley Shire Council's Community Environment Grants Program. Nine projects were funded with the aim to encourage and assist community involvement in the management of the Shire's environment for the benefit of the whole region. More specifically, the Program addressed 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 Program through Bega Valley Shire Council's Environment Levy.
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Candelo Landcare – Candelo Creek Rehabilitation

\$5,840

Weed removal and revegetation of Candelo Creek (middle of town). Weekly working bees were held with up to 12 participants, the group also supervised volunteers from Centrelink and Green Army programs.



Bega River and Wetlands Landcare (BRAWL) – Brogo-Bega River Junction Restoration Project

\$3,510

Weed removal and revegetation of southern edge of Spenco Lagoon. This project built upon the existing works in the area through removing a significant amount of environmental and noxious weeds including blackberry, privet and willows helping reduce the potential to contribute to further weed infestation in area. The project also had successful community engagement involving the local school in replanting the site enhancing the biodiversity.



**Far South Coast Landcare Association –
Narira Creek Stabilisation**

\$6,000

Weed removal and revegetation of Narira and Bredbatoura Creek junction and downstream areas. This project built upon and consolidated the previous year's work. Through these works the area is being successfully transformed aesthetically as well as making excellent contributions to the biodiversity of the area.



**Pambula Beach Landcare – Pambula
Beach Bushland Corridor Rehabilitation**

\$6,000

Jguma Public Reserve ongoing weed removal and revegetation (Stage 4). The project also incorporated a highly successful Landcare Day Event. The event was attended by over 30 people involving a plant give away, guided walks and education on alternative plants for gardens. The event goes towards improving local engagement which will assist in better long term management of the reserve.



**On-Track Racecourse Committee – Bega
Anabranch Rehabilitation Part 2.**

\$3,000

Revegetation and stabilisation of the riparian area to the east of East St Bega adjacent to the racecourse pavilion area. This work consolidated work completed in 2013-14 and contributes to overall improvements to the Bega river floodplain in this part of the catchment.



Dry River Landcare – Reclaim Our Riverbank, Quaama

\$3,890

Revegetation and stabilisation of the riparian area from the Princes Highway east to the Quaama Cemetery. The project resulted in excellent community engagement and community group members learning new skills in best management practice in restoration works.



Eden LALC – Aboriginal Women at Yamfields

\$4,860

Established a propagation facility at Jgamy Farm. This was stage 2 of a 5 stage project supporting aboriginal women learn yam collection and propagation skills and to show and educate local groups, including schools, and aboriginal people more broadly. It supports the re-establishment of identified yamfields on the Bundian Way. The project allowed for significant training and employment opportunities for local indigenous women. The propagation facility has been used for several training days for indigenous women, school children and the public to date (Nov 2015).



**Bermagui Flora and Fauna Reserve Trust
– Weed control around Bermagui north
lagoon reserve**

\$4,700

This was the first stage of a multi-stage project.
The three main outcomes achieved included;

1. Weed control - contract weed removal of succulents.
2. Information panels - one large and 5 small panels placed near the boardwalk.
3. Bermagui North Lagoon Information Day - which helped raise awareness of the natural and historical values of the Lagoon.



**Southern Women's Group Women's
Resource Centre (SW GSRC) –
Masterpieces Wrap**

\$2,200

Working in partnership with Bega Cheese, Spiral Gallery and Bega Library the SWGSRC developed an art based project utilising appropriate packaging waste from Bega Cheese with the objective of creating engaging artistic displays / sculptures. The displays / sculptures explored how to reimagine waste and utilise it as a way of educating the general community in the importance of waste avoidance.



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