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Bega  
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valley

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# Primary Industries and Regions Forum

More than an industry: Creating and Sustaining our future

27 May 2026

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# Bega Group

- 7 ● White Milk and Milk Based Beverages
- 1 ● Milk Based Beverages Hub
- 3 ● Cheese
- 2 ● Dairy powder and fats
- 2 ● Peanuts
- 2 ● Juice
- 1 ● Yoghurt
- 1 ● Spreads



# Brand portfolio



Milk Based Beverages



Jacaranda



White Milk



PURA

MASTERS  
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Dairy Choice



Yoghurt



Bornhoffen



Juice and Drinks



KYNETON SPRINGS



Dairy Foods



Spreads and condiments



WaterIce



Culinary

PURA



Nutritional

HAPPI

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# Great food for a better future...

## The sustainability strategy focuses on three pillars

- Informed by our most material sustainability impacts.
- Aligns with our vision of an enduring legacy of our business
- Demonstrates our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



### CIRCULARITY

Leading in circularity through our practices, industry partnerships and effective use, reuse and recycling of our resources.



### COMMUNITY

Making a positive and lasting impact by supporting our people, their families and our communities.



### COLLABORATION

Working together with our producers, customers and communities to enable sustainable practices, grow domestic economies and deliver great Australian products that people love and trust.

### RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

- Measuring and improving how circular we are.
- Minimising waste and maximising diversion by designing for recovery.
- Working with our customers and brands to align with national packaging targets.
- Cutting water use by 30% by 2030\*.

### EMISSIONS REDUCTION

- Net Zero Carbon by 2050.
- 40% reduction in scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2030\*.
- Collaborating to mitigate scope 3 emissions.



\*From FY2021

### EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Safety is our first priority. We provide a healthy and safe workplace for all.
- Supporting the health and well-being of our people and their families.
- Promoting diversity, inclusion and gender equality.

### POSITIVE NUTRITION OUTCOMES

- Providing great-tasting nutritious products for all life stages.
- Clearly communicating nutrition information for informed, healthy choices.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND AWARENESS

- Supporting our communities to create meaningful and lasting impacts.

### NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Supporting healthy ecosystems and a sustainable dairy industry.
- Promoting on-farm biodiversity and ecological protection.
- Integrating mitigation, adaptation and resilience strategies to effectively manage and report on climate risk.

### RESPONSIBLE AND ETHICAL PROCUREMENT

- Sourcing ingredients from suppliers that share our ethical procurement values and use accredited sources.

### QUALITY SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS

- Delivering value to our consumers through high quality products and sustainable practices across our value chain.













## ACKNOWLEDGING OUR ABORIGINAL CIRCULAR HERITAGE

The Regional Circularity Cooperative (RCC) acknowledges and pays its respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands, waterways and airspace of Australia.

We learn from these people about the traditions of stewardship of resources, reciprocity and working together as a community to have a lighter, more circular, impact on the environment.

We also thank the original inhabitants of the Bega (Circular) Valley for the circularity story they have bequeathed us.

A story stretching back millennia encompassing bunan rings located throughout our region, an underlying belief in 'caring for country', and a more considered, balanced and 'circular' way of living that we can all learn from.

The Bega Circular Valley logo acknowledges the role Aboriginal knowledge will play in the circular future, with bunan rings subtly integrated within it; created in 2021, the logo was a collaborative design by Walbunja woman Jamara Nye and Narooma based graphic designer Cat Leach.



# Biggah a meeting place for ceremonies

Bunan rings are culturally significant ceremonial sites for Aboriginal people. There are a large number of bunan rings located throughout the Bega Valley area and the majority of these sites are on privately owned land.

Tribes within the Yuin Nation would travel and congregate in the Bega Valley for ceremonial practice. Bunan rings are evidence of these ceremonies.

It is important that we work together to protect and preserve these special sites.

*"Then something of our Aboriginal Culture will be preserved and the heritage of all Australians, white as well as Aboriginal will be richer."*

GUBOO TED THOMAS, APRIL 1979



Local Land Services South East



Office of Environment & Heritage

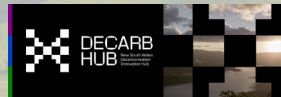
## Bunan Rings can be found throughout Djiringanj Country



## Foundation Members



## Key Partners



We also collaborate with and support a broad range of Bega Valley based businesses, organisations and community groups to drive our region's circular transition.

## OUR VISION

A Bega Valley that is a vibrant and resilient circular region for all those who live, work and visit here and a place-based circularity beacon for the world.

## OUR PEOPLE AND PLACE

A rural valley on New South Wales's pristine Sapphire Coast with an Aboriginal circularity story stretching back millennia and a current linear economy centred on agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food manufacturing, care services, tourism, construction, hospitality and the arts that has begun the multi-generational transition to a more circular way of living that will allow the region's diverse communities to thrive in a climate impacted future.

## OUR ROLE

To work hand-in-hand with the community, business, government, academia and others as: 1) A leader, innovator, broker and connector for the region's circular transition; 2) An importer, facilitator, creator and amplifier of circularity best practise; and 3) A 'circularity beacon' inspiring other regional communities in Australia and around the world to pursue their own more circular future.

### STRATEGIC PILLARS

1

ACT AS A PATHFINDER AND CIRCULARITY BEACON FOR THE BEGA VALLEY REGION AND BEYOND



2

IDENTIFY, PRIORITISE, CATALYSE & IMPLEMENT THE WORKSTREAMS & PROJECTS NEEDED TO GROW THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



3

INSPIRE AND SUPPORT THE COMMUNITIES OF THE BEGA VALLEY TO PARTICIPATE IN AND BENEFIT FROM THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION



4

UNLOCK THE REVENUE AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO BOTH FUND THE TRANSITION AND SUSTAIN THE BCV PROGRAM & NCC



5

BUILD THE RCC'S CAPACITY TO CATALYSE, GUIDE AND ACCELERATE THE CIRCULAR TRANSITION



# Bega circular valley

## PLACE-BASED CIRCULAR TRANSITION

Circular Transport,  
Mobility and Logistics

Circular Manufacturing and Production

Circular Entrepreneurship,  
Innovation and Business

Circular Construction and  
the Built Environment

Circular Resource  
Recovery and Re-use

Net Zero Energy Transition

Circular Land and  
Water Management

National Circularity Centre

Circular Regulation,  
Policy and Planning

Circularity Baseline,  
Monitoring and Measurement

Circular Skills Development/  
Workforce training

Circular Education/  
Youth Engagement

Community Engagement  
and Behaviour Change

Circular Best Practice  
and Knowledge Sharing

Circular Clothing and Textiles

Circular  
Healthcare, Social  
Assistance and  
Social Equity

Circular Culture,  
Music and the Arts

Circular Tourism, Recreation,  
Sport, Leisure and Events

Circular Food & Drink,  
Hospitality and Retail

First Nations Circularity

RCC Member and Partner Networks  
(Local, National and International)

### Regional Circularity Co-operative

BCV Transition Leadership and Co-  
ordination  
Ongoing Communication

CE Transition Network  
Development (Live and Digital)

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## Bega Circular Valley Transition Network Map

With thanks to CSIRO for input to 'rhizome-based' map development

Base image generated by the RCC using Canva AI

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# Baseline Modelling of Circular Economy



Grounded in the culture and social capital of the regional community, the circular economy will enhance productivity, expand economic opportunity and employment, improve affordability and community wellbeing, and conserve the Bega Valley's unique environment.

# An Integrated Program for the Bega Circular Valley Transition



## Activity 1 (Engagement and capacity)

Establishes legitimacy, shared objectives, and practical data access. Stakeholder insights shape the scope of the baseline and define success criteria for later evaluation.

## Activity 2 (Material and economic potential)

Delivers the quantitative backbone, ten years of material and waste flows, supply-chain linkages, and circularity indicators across key industries and provision systems. This evidence base identifies high-leverage nodes and priority streams.

## Activity 3 (Industrial symbiosis)

Converts evidence into action by mapping resource flows between firms and utilities, diagnosing barriers, and co-designing pilot exchanges. Policy and regulatory mapping create the enabling conditions for scale.

## Activity 4 (Environmental assessment)

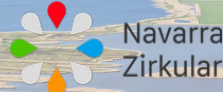
Tests whether candidate actions deliver net environmental benefits across climate, biodiversity, pollution, water, and resource depletion, avoiding burden shifting and ensuring interventions are genuinely restorative.

## Activity 5 (Futures modelling)

Builds scenarios to 2050 and quantifies system-wide economic, employment, and environmental outcomes using integrated modelling (GTEM/ATEM) and cost-benefit analysis, thereby guiding policy, procurement, and infrastructure sequencing.

## Activity 6 (Collaboration, monitoring and evaluation)

Institutionalises learning via a dashboard and primer, tracks circularity indicators, and supports replication and scaling of successful pilots through enduring partnerships.



# Circular alliance of regions

‘In early 2025 we were invited to join the **Circular Alliance of Regions (CARE)**, a new global partnership of nine leading circular regions that was announced at the World Circular Economy Forum on 15 May this year.

- Being one of the founding partners of this alliance provides the Bega Circular Valley with a great opportunity to be at the forefront of the place-based circular transition and to get access to best practice from around the world.



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