**Report to BRA re Community Action Grant:**

**Bingie Dreaming Track Stage 3 interpretation signs**

**Project description:**

The project aims to improve local and tourist knowledge of a sensitive ICOLL (Kellys Lake) and of traditional plant species behind the dunes and long this coastal lake at Bingi. This project involves a 3rd stage of the Bingi Dreaming Track which has marked coastal walking trails over 13km between Tuross Head and Congo under two prior Envirofund projects. The walk is centred at the Bingie Point car park where interpretive signs are also proposed. This would include a map to improve tourist visitor exposure to the Dreaming Track options and interpretations of traditional plant species along a 600m lengthy of easily accessible track from the point to Kelly’s Lake. Interpretive signs of the Kelly’s Lake IBOLL would highlight its sensitivity.

**Project activities:**

A group field day will be held with NPWS and CMA Aboriginal Heritage officer to identify appropriate plant species to be featured on the interpretive signs. Approval to use some existing information has been gained. Signs will be designed by a local environment conservation consultant. Sings will be made with local hardwood backing panes recessed by the group. BRA group members will install an entry panel and 5 signs along the Kelly’s Lake walking track. We anticipate 20 members being involved 3 separate working bees. Installation of a Walking Track interpretation panel and map in a new information shelter to be erected at Bingie Point car park will be funded and competed by NPWS Narooma.

**Project outcomes:**

We would expect visitor numbers on the Dreaming Track overall to increase by making walks more evident to visitors. This would be difficult to measure as an outcome. Local groups who use the trail (school and special interest groups) would benefit from the information provided on the signs. The sings would facilitate the educational aspect of the track to the broader community. They would promote appreciation of the cultural significance of the area by linking the flora with the local indigenous population and heir heritage and stories.

$ 16910 CAG has been approved ($18601 inc GST)

Milestones:

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| **DATE:** | **ACTIVITY:** | **ACTION:** |
| 31 Aug 12 | *Workshop to identify bush tucker plants, local heritage stories and sign locations* | Kerrie to contact relevant people to set date for workshop* Trish Lees
* Karen Lee (CMA) 4475 1003 or karen.lee@cma.nsw.gov.au
* NPWS representatives
* Tristan Rickeston 4476 0831
* Tony Baxter 4476 0800 tony.baxter@environment.nsw.gov.au
* BRA members
* Lois Haywood
* New Manager of ERBG
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|  |  | NPSW to identify times for installation of information shelter |
| 30 Nov 12 | *Designs & digital artwork for entry panel, 5 signs and interpretation panel/map.* | Lois Haywood 6494 5552 or lois.eci@bigpond.comIdentify materials needed to construct backing panelsSource provider Order |
| 28 Feb 13 | *Final approval of layouts and printing of etched anodized aluminium signs for Kelly’s Lake track and interpretation panel for car park* | Working bee to construct backing panels |
| 30 Apr 13 | *Installation of signs* | Working bee to install panels |