

Community makes Bega beautiful

THANKS to the continued efforts of a host of individuals, organisations, the Bega Valley Shire and the Roads and Traffic Authority, Bega should present its best face at Christmas.

The Shire and the RTA have made an intensive effort to mow the approaches to the town and the parklands, complementing the many months of hard work carried out by the public working bees initiated by the Beautiful Bega Committee and the regular maintenance performed by the various service clubs and other organisations in the town.

Mr John Matthews, chairman of the Beautiful Bega Committee, said in the 18 months since the committee was formed much has been achieved, particularly at Kisses Lagoon which has been transformed into a very pleasant recreational area.

The construction of the viewing platforms on the

shores of the lagoon has provided a very popular resting place for walkers, joggers and motorists to take in the very pleasant vista across the water or to observe the abundant bird life which inhabits the lagoon.

The poplar cuttings planted last year in Poplar Avenue have burst into life this year and further enhance the beauty of the area, he said.

Bega Rotary Club has put a lot of effort into maintaining their plantation on the highway across the bridge at North Bega.

Apex is consistent in its maintenance of the little park opposite the Cheese Factory, so beloved by tourists, and during the year, put considerable ef-

fort into landscaping the surrounds of the Boer War Memorial in the town park.

The Lions Club maintains one of Bega's most popular tourist stopping points, the shelter at the entry to Poplar Avenue and over the year has sustained the members of the public working bees with a barbecue lunch.

Rural Youth has been active in tree planting and roadside rubbish collecting and Bega Headquarters Rural Fire Brigade has burned rubbish and debris gathered by the working bees.

Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides have been active in tree planting while students from the Bega High School have helped

transform the shore of the southern arm of Kisses Lagoon in Baker Street by planting shrubs and tree ferns.

Another work of beautification was the joint effort of the Old Hospital Committee and the Beautiful Bega Committee to restore part of the garden at the front of the old hospital, not something so visible but worth a visit.

The Beautiful Bega Committee is grateful for

the generous assistance has had and hopes that in 1991 more people will have moved to pitch in and help at the regular working bees.

Because of the heat in January the next working bee will be a Twilight Working Bee on Saturday, January 19, starting at 5 and finishing with a barbecue at Kisses Lagoon at sundown.

Mr Matthews said it is hoped the working bees will attract a strong team of helpers.