



'We aspire to building an eco-system rather than an economy. We are not interested in monetary profit but instead on building sustainable access to resource, caring for people & environment, and growing the connective tissue of social connections and community.'

Robyn Martin, Co-Founder of Candelo Go



CASE STUDY: CANDELO GO (Candelo)

Focus: Community Resource Sharing through a Car Share System.

Background: Established in 2018 by a small group of Candelo locals, Robyn Martin, Pete Wild, Rae Kennedy and David Ross Macdonald, Candelo Go is a not-for-profit association, run by volunteers, dedicated to making resources available to community through resource sharing.

Their first initiative, a car share system, has been a success and with the vision to share all sorts of resources, the Candelo community will minimise their small but mighty collective impact across transport emissions and pollution.

Circular innovation: Candelo Go host two share cars, a petrol Honda Jazz and a fully electric Honda Kona. In a regional community where there are few public transport options to travel around the Bega Valley Shire, the car share system has proved valuable to the community in times of need as a replacement car, or for supporting single car households. Through a small annual membership fee, bookings can be made online, where the money goes towards vehicle maintenance and registration.

Impact and future development: Not only does this practice provide better access to community resources but stimulates opportunities for social interaction to live well. Candelo Go have built up to over 45 members, generating greater community connection which has led to the development of other resource sharing initiatives including finance management software, with hopes to expand to trailers and other tools, or food sharing projects.

They are also branching into knowledge sharing through informative low waste living workshops covering how to preserve food, create natural and chemical free cleaning products, grow oyster mushrooms from coffee waste and make composting systems.

For more information: www.candelogo.org.