



*Dorrigo Community Nursery Inc is a not-for-profit association with insurance for our volunteers, and a Constitution outlining our mission, which is to Instigate, promote, and provide for regenerative land, water and vegetation management practices, through communal activity, using local provenance seed and plants.*

### What's New?

We've had a flow of new members. Everyone brings skills and experience we can use, and a warm spirit of community. As food and fuel prices rise, many are keen on starting a Community Garden (see below for details).

The latest flooding was a bit extreme! Our plantings along the river banks have mostly survived, and we learn as we go. At the nursery, we are resurrecting an old sign and putting up new ones to match the new brochure and business cards.

Our recent Soil Talks were booked out, and there are more workshops coming up. We've hosted the local Chrysalis kids who couldn't get down the mountain to school (this was fun!) - ID, growing plants from seed, and potting seedlings. They showed us how to make art collages from what they found at the nursery.

We're collaborating with the Folk and Bluegrass Festival to host a catered, and musical Open Day at the Nursery (keep reading for details!). Autumn is here, and we are feeling positive.



*Moving mulch at Dangar Falls*



*Artwork by Chrysalis kids at the Nursery*

### New ways to volunteer

New positions have become available: two committee seats, as well as back-up roles, with mentoring, for treasurer (offering training in new software), species research and labeller, assistant to the Secretary, Work Health and Safety officer, marketing and media team. Please contact [dandarrga@gmail.com](mailto:dandarrga@gmail.com) for details.

### “New-Gen”

Kye’s tree planting project kicked off recently, with 100 trees planted. We donated trees and labour to support his enthusiasm for native regeneration. Kye is a fast learner, and has also been helping at the nursery, and on local regen sites.

Lucy starts work with us in April to learn the gentle art of native nursery management and propagation. She is studying Bush Regen & land management, and also working at Blue Rock Nursery (with Abbey, and Barry Hicks) to grow natives for upcoming regeneration projects in the Blinks Community region.

**Apply for bush regen work in the Blinks River region here: [ENVITE JOB AD](#) or contact [Jo Cunningham pmblerrf@outlook.com](mailto:Jo_Cunningham_pmblerrf@outlook.com)**

### New Community Day Book

We’ve started collecting our daily experiences at the nursery by writing and drawing in our collective nursery diary at morning tea time.

Come in and keep up to date with everyone’s daily activities, reflections and observations of how our garden is changing day by day.



### Dorrigo Seed Savers

We are inviting the community to get involved in a 'community of gardeners and seed savers'. There are plenty of different ways to get involved - seed harvesting, processing and packaging, seed packet printing, and planting. Or you can grow and save seed in your own garden. Learn how at this free workshop.

### **Greenpatch Seed Saving Workshop**

**Saturday May 14th 9:30 - 12:30**

**@Dandarrga Nursery**

**Contact Lyn [lyn\\_rowan@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lyn_rowan@yahoo.com.au)**

## Community of Gardeners

Fresh local food for our community is on our agenda. Our first couple of meetings went well.

There is a draft site plan for a *Community Garden* on view at the nursery for discussion. Weeding, fencing, composting, creating more gardens, and admin or PR jobs are available.

***Drop in on Wednesday or Saturday mornings, or get in touch with Rebecca if you'd like to learn more and get involved.***

**[rebeccadoblo@bigpond.com](mailto:rebeccadoblo@bigpond.com)**



## Growing local Native Plants

Our native nursery now hosts over 200 different species, propagated from seed and seedlings found on the Dorrigo Plateau and nearby regions. We are adding new species, thanks to the donations of seed from our members. Our [Native Seed Collection Calendar is here](#). You are welcome to help with species label research, stocktake & marketing, or with the hands-on tasks of seed collecting, processing, propagating, watering, soil-mixing and pot-washing.





We've built a new *Propagation Shelter*, with funds from the Bellingen Shire Council's Assist and Empower Grant. Bruce Booker donated his expertise to design and build the shelter, with donated iron for the wall cladding from Barry Muche, and a generously low price from Nick Baff for timber. All the tubes, pots, trays and materials are now neatly stacked close to hand, and the table is sheltered from the wind and rain.

***Please drop your used pots back at the nursery  
(we need 70 - 140ml size) We recycle them!***

Plumbing is now needed to connect this new roof gutter to the tank. We have plans to add roofing and walls to one end of Shade House 5... and we'll probably need another tank to collect all the water. Irrigation is to be installed in Shade House 5 and connected to the automatic rainwater system (for when it stops raining).



## River Regeneration

The Bielsdown River Care Project continues, with another round of funding from Council's Environmental Levy Community Fund. Volunteers and local residents are welcome to join in. Contact [dandarrga@gmail.com](mailto:dandarrga@gmail.com)

***Riparian Regen Workshop with Lindy Davis  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 1pm  
@ Dandarrga Nursery and Bielsdown Park***



## The River Walk

We are working with Crown Lands to manage the River Walk. The team has worked hard and the plantings are in good shape (despite the flood). Thanks to Phil and Nadia for keeping the path mowed!

***River Walk Regen is on Thursdays 8:30 am  
Contact Rohan [rohanchiswell@hotmail.com](mailto:rohanchiswell@hotmail.com)***



## Dangar Falls and the Labyrinth

At an annual working bee on Feb 8th at Dangar Falls, many hands made lighter work of clearing an area of invasive weeds and grasses and spreading wood chip mulch. Weeding and sweeping of the Labyrinth is also a traditional part of the annual event. [More here.](#)



***Dangar Falls Regen is on Tuesdays 8:30am.***

**Contact Leela [lisaoc7@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaoc7@hotmail.com)**

**or Nadia [ncamatta@hotmail.com](mailto:ncamatta@hotmail.com)**

## Rocky Creek

Dorrigo Mountain Top Landcare began work here a few decades ago. Dandarrga Landcare continues the mowing, brush-cutting, weeding and planting in this lovely picnic spot.



***Rocky Ck Regen is on Monday mornings.***

**Contact [dandarrga@gmail.com](mailto:dandarrga@gmail.com)**

*Rocky Ck in flood Photo by Marilyn*

## For Landholders

Bill Peel and Barry Hicks have been working on landcare site consultations and management plans for landholders. Their reports are providing valuable information about the biodiverse environments on the Plateau, and improving our knowledge of which tree species to recommend.

For more info, email [dandarrga@gmail.com](mailto:dandarrga@gmail.com)

***Bellinger Landcare Inc, is encouraging landholders with potential regenerative land use projects on the Plateau to visit their web site and complete an [Expression of Interest Form.](#)***

**Contact Jason on [office@bellingerlandcare.org.au](mailto:office@bellingerlandcare.org.au)**

## Wildlife Monitoring on the Bielsdown

Your knowledge and observations of birds, platypus, water dragons, fish and other wildlife will help us provide good habitat, so let us know what you see. We are planting native species, and plan to install some nest boxes. Contact [dandarrga@gmail.com](mailto:dandarrga@gmail.com)

## On Sale at the Nursery

Winter vegies coming on in late April/early May  
Alpine strawberries, Sage, Lemon thyme

## Half-Price Native Tree Sale April

All ideal for fast habitat and soil stability on stream banks:

Black She-Oak (*Casuarina littoralis*)  
Forest Oak (*Allocasuarina torulosa*)  
River Oak (*Casuarina cunninghamii*)  
Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*)  
Antarctic Beech (*Nothofagus mooreii*)

Macleay Laurel (*Anopteris macleayana*)  
- this is an indoor container plant for the winter ahead

[APRIL STOCKLIST pdf](#)

Our full list of species, a list of [Fire Retardant species](#) and our [Species labels](#) are available on our website here:

<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/dandarrga-landcare/>



## Events List

### HeartSeeds

Folk and Bluegrass Festival OPEN DAY at the nursery  
with local band Wild Thyme, on 26th April.

### Greenpatch Seed Saving Workshops

Sat 14th May 9:30 - 12:30 @Dandarrga Nursery

### Native Grasses Workshop with Harry Rose

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 12:30  
@ Dandarrga Nursery and Bielsdown Park

### Second Riparian Regen Workshop with Lindy Davis

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> April 9am - 1pm  
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### Back to Eden Film Festival

[15 - 18 APRIL Old Gazette Theatre Dorrigo](#)





## Dandarrga Nursery Opening Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9:00 am – 12:30

Dorrigo Seed Savers Seed is for sale at  
Dandarrga Nursery.

Native Plants are also for sale from the Rainforest  
Barrow at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre.



## Look for us

Bello Plant Fairs, Dorrigo Community Markets,  
Dundurrabin Coffee and More Market,  
and Made in Dorrigo Market

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