



Dandarrga  
Landcare

**NEWS**  
**MAY 2018**

### Rainforest ID every Friday 10 am

Want to know more about rainforest species in our region? We are learning to use a Key Guide to identify trees from their leaves, seeds, fruit, flowers and branches. Bring in a branch and challenge us 😊



### RAINFOREST TREES & SHRUBS LOCAL NATIVE PIONEERS

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat  
9:00 am – 12:30



Banksia



Brush Box

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### Nursery News

Winter is almost here and we are frost-proofing, with our fingers crossed! The shade house holds about 65 forest species, most at seedling stage.

We are using a mix of old log dump soil and leaf litter, collected from the forest, then sifted and composted on site. The plants love it.

The fast-growing pioneer species - like wattle, tea tree, banksia, callistemon, casuarina and calicoma, will be ready for Spring. They are good protection for later plantings of rainforest trees shrubs, and groundcovers.

We can also supply mature trees and shrubs.

Click here for the [CURRENT STOCKLIST](#) or contact us.

### POLY TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION

A new shade house tunnel is being built on site, using poly pipe and star pickets.



We are filming the construction, and will create a short video, to use at a future workshop on using poly tunnels for propagation. A new video camera and laptop are being used for community education, courtesy of the

[Wettenhall Small Environment Grant.](#)



**DORRIGO  
SEEDSAVERS**  
Learn how to  
Process & Save  
Vegetable Seeds  
WED 10 – 11 am  
(begins 30<sup>th</sup> May)



Celebrating one  
year  
**DANDARRGA  
LANDCARE  
NURSERY  
LAUNCH**  
is planned for  
**SEPTEMBER 21**  
Contact us if you'd like  
to help!

## GARDENING

New garden beds have been built, and weeds cleared. We've been planting fruit, vegetables, herbs, native shrubs and grasses. Keen gardeners are invited to help rejuvenate the Showground Nursery site, and share their local knowledge and ideas.



**DORRIGO SEEDSAVERS** gathered at the nursery on March 5<sup>th</sup> to sort local seed for the MID market, and are relocating their seed stock gardens to the Nursery. Nyssa will be holding seed saving workshops here every Wednesday from 10 – 11am, beginning on 30<sup>th</sup> May. New members are welcome, ask at the nursery.

## FREE FOOD FRIDAYS –

Dandarrga Landcare Nursery would like to establish a base for excess produce exchange, every Friday morning. No currency involved, and free for all. Bring in your excess produce or we can help and pick up. This is a trial project – based on sharing, and on reducing food waste in our community.



## MAKING SOIL

Straw, sawdust and manure from the showground sheds are composting on site. Suggestions and help are welcome on how to make great soil and bag it for the keen gardeners.

## CHECK YOUR SHEDS

We can RE-USE and RECYCLE: Waxed boxes, plastic plant trays, wheelbarrows, hoes, garden ornaments, rocks and water features, compost bins, old feed bags.

**VOLUNTEERS** are **WELCOME** to work on our bush regen projects, privet pulling and weeding, species research, grant applications, or hands-on propagation at the nursery.

## Bush Regen @ Dundurrabin Community Centre



Tuesday & Thursday  
mornings with Barry  
😊

For more information,  
Contact Barry Hicks  
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Look for us at MID  
Market in July

## Our Local Waterways

Bush Regen projects are underway on some of our local creeks and rivers, to clear invading weeds and restore some of the original biodiversity by planting native trees and shrubs.



### Bielsdown River

Weed control and staged planting



### Rocky Creek

Weed control team effort, with Mountain Top Landcare, Bellingen Bush Regenerators and Bellingen Shire Council.



### Deep Creek

Long term plan for weed control and staged planting

### Blicks River

Ongoing weed control and staged planting

## GET INVOLVED

We are 58 paid up members, with an active 'core' of about a dozen. There are plenty of activities underway and planned that need people, creativity, enthusiasm and labour.



You can get involved in whatever way suits your skills and free time. Drop in to the Nursery for a cuppa and a chat.

## JOIN DANDARRGA LANDCARE

Do you know anyone who'd like to join?

Membership is \$10 pa. This covers our volunteers for insurance & for member 'credits' on labour and trees.

[DOWNLOAD a MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)