



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

We have a new legal identity this year. We are now **Dorrigo Community Nursery Inc**, a not-for-profit association with insurance for our volunteers, and a Constitution outlining our mission, which is -

Instigate, promote, and provide for regenerative land, water and vegetation management practises, through communal activity, using local provenance seed and plants.



The natural world is regenerative, biodiverse and collaborative. Dandarrga Landcare and Dorrigo Seed Savers operate on these principles with our collective volunteer labour. In this way, our projects are greater than the sum of their individual parts, and create a hopeful momentum.



Upgrades and Expansion

The many new members and volunteers who have joined over the past year have brought valuable new skills, energy and ideas, and contributed to the many improvements and upgrades to the nursery grounds. The greenhouses have been repaired and new gardens and pathways created. Plants and benches were shifted to remove old sawdust, and spread gravel. A third water tank is in place.

A fifth shadehouse is now in use as a hardening-off area for pioneer species. A new tool shed was constructed on site from re-purposed building materials. Further upgrades are planned with funding from Bellingen Shire's Disaster Recovery and Resilience Program.



Dorrigo Community Garden & Seed Savers

There is one less shadehouse on site, but in its place, a new addition to the Seed-Savers area is our collection of ten beautiful new raised garden beds, now filled with soil and being planted for Spring veges. The Seed Savers are developing a framework for a Community Garden at the nursery. There are many opportunities to be involved in this project, Please contact Rebecca rebeccadoblo@bigpond.com and drop in to our



Community Garden event

Date TBA 9 - 11am @Dandarrga Nursery

Learn more about seed saving in September at

Greenpatch Seed Saving Workshops

9:30 - 12:30, Sat 25th September and Sun 26th September @Dandarrga Nursery (NSW Lockdown permitting)



River Regeneration on the Bielsdown

Work has begun on two new projects as part of the **Bielsdown River Care Project** in Bielsdown Park, with local residents, and with collaboration and funding from Bellingen Shire Council.

Riparian Regen Workshop with Lindy Davis

Date TBA 9am - 1pm

@ Dandarrga Nursery and Bielsdown Park



Volunteers on the **River Walk** project downstream have cleared major amounts of privet and honeysuckle over the winter. Seats have been installed along the River Walk where you can sit and enjoy the scenery.

River Walk Regen is on Thursdays 8:30 am

Contact Rohan rohanchiswell@hotmail.com



Wildlife Monitoring on the Bielsdown

Feathered residents are also enjoying the view. Your knowledge and observations of birds, platypus, water dragons and other wildlife will help us provide good habitat, so let us know what you see. We plan to plant native species, and install some nest boxes.

Contact dandarrga@gmail.com



Rocky Creek Regen

Weekly visits, on **Monday mornings**, to weed and care for tree plantings, have greatly improved accessibility on the north bank of Rocky Creek. More trees have been planted. Work continues on the south side removing privet and honeysuckle.

Volunteers are welcome.

Dangar Falls and the Labyrinth

One winter morning in June, a whole fleet of wheelbarrows was employed to shift these piles of mulch, donated by Council, at the Labyrinth at Dangar Falls. A shelter belt of trees and shrubs that were planted in February are doing well, and further regen is underway, in collaboration with Council.

Dangar Falls Regen is on Tuesdays 8:30am

Contact Nadia ncamatta@hotmail.com



Blicks River Community Regen

We joined residents of Billy's Ck, Dundurrabin and Tyringham, at two winter working bees, to remove and control privet at the Chinaman's Ck Waterhole at Dundurrabin. Professional regenerator skills and advice from Lindy Davis, and photo survey methods training from Graham Tupper, are helping volunteers become better bush regenerators and land carers.



Regen on Deep Creek Dorrigo

Although we failed to get funding, ongoing weed control and planting has been underway on four sites along Deep Ck, involving collaboration with the Showground Management Committee, Council, Dorrigo Local Aboriginal Land Council and local residents. Mixed plantings of rainforest and pioneer species will continue in 2021.

PLEASE NOTE we are observing NSW Lockdown Restrictions until Sep 10th Rainforest ID Sessions will also resume on Friday mornings 10am, lockdowns permitting.

For Landholders, Native Seed Collectors and Regenerators

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

Sandy, our hardworking, fund-raising coordinator at **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 Sandy Eager on farms@bellingerlandcare.org.au**

DANDARRGA NURSERY OPENING HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 9:00 am – 12:30

[DANDARRGA LANDCARE on NSW Gateway](#)

[DANDARRGA LANDCARE on FACEBOOK](#)

OUR [YOUTUBE](#) CHANNEL

[DORRIGO SEED SAVERS & COMMUNITY GARDEN on FACEBOOK](#)

Seed Savers Seed for sale at Dandarrga Nursery

[DORRIGO SEED SAVERS GROUP](#)

Native Plants are for sale at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre

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LOOK FOR US at Bello Plant Fairs, Dorrigo Community Markets, Durrurrabin Coffee and More Market, and Made in Dorrigo Market



Spring Sales at Dandarrga Nursery



Biodiversity is basic to a healthy environment and to our own health. We can contribute to both by saving heritage seed, growing more of our own food, and by planting local native species.

Vege and Herb Seedlings for sale

Chris has planted a large range of organic vege and herb seedlings that are available now for planting in your home garden:

Blueberry, Strawberry and Alpine strawberry,

Avocado, Rhubarb, Rocket, Tomato, Silverbeet, Spinach, Peas, Broccoli, Lettuce, Beetroot, Asian Greens, Leeks, Chives, Chamomile, Oregano, Golden Marjoram, Lemongrass, Alfalfa, Basil, Mint, and Pennyroyal

\$3 and \$5 pots, and punnets @ 50c/seedling.

Mushroom Compost is \$2 bucket, bring your own bags.

Half-Price Native Tree Sale

We now have over 140 local native species of trees, shrubs, vines and groundcovers.

Tubes \$3, Pots \$4 - 15

The following trees are half-price in September:

Black She-Oak (*Casuarina littoralis*)

Forest Oak (*Allocasuarina torulosa*)

River Oak (*Casuarina cunninghamii*)

Antarctic Beech (*Nothofagus mooreii*)

White Mountain Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia* subsp. *monticola*)

Macleay Laurel (*Anopteryx macleayana*)

Sweet Pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*)

Creek Lilly Pilly (*Syzygium smithii*)

Forest Redgum (*Eucalyptus tereticornis*)

Tallowood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*)



Our full list of species is available on our website here:

<https://landcare.nsw.gov.au/groups/dandarrga-landcare/aug-2021-stocktake.pdf>

Visit our website for a list of [Fire Retardant species](#) and our [Species labels](#)



"The world these days will weary you, no doubt, but the one constant, true, peaceful place to return to is the garden - get your hands in the soil, push a few seeds in, water regularly, enjoy the sunshine, watch the bees and butterflies, be patient, sit, breathe deeply and slowly. Observe a world very different, very real, very healing. This is solace. This is home." ~ Green Dean