



Dandarrga
Landcare

NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2017

Dandarrga is the Gumbaynggirr name for the Dorrigo Plateau, and means stringy bark tree. We acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr, the traditional land carers of this country.

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Our main goals are to:

- Encourage and assist local landowners and property managers with weed control and bush regeneration
- Catalogue and share information about local native rainforest species
- Provide access to local native seedlings and seed stock, by establishing a rainforest nursery



RAINFOREST TREES



TREES are for sale now

and at these
LOCAL EVENTS:

* FOLK & BLUEGRASS
FESTIVAL OCT 27 -29

* DORRIGO SHOW
NOV 26 - 27

CONTACT US:

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Dorrigo Showground Community Nursery

We plan to open part of the Nursery in November. We want to refurbish one greenhouse, build composting bays, and begin growing and selling rainforest trees & groundcovers.

Herbs, vegies, fruit trees, and garden plants could also be sold on commission. Do you like to grow, or sell plants, or do you want to learn about more about rainforest species? You are welcome to add your energy, time or donated materials to this community nursery project!



**Working Bees in
September & October**
Materials and Labour
Needed

*See page 3 for our
Nursery Wish List*

FRIDAY MORNING 9am 22nd SEPTEMBER WORKING BEE

Collect hay from the showground stalls, and construct compost bays at the nursery.

Utes and/or trailers would be useful! Bring tools and lunch.

Thanks in advance for your support!



Orange Berry



Steelwood

**Bush Regen @
Dundurrabin
Community Centre**
Tuesday & Thursday
mornings



**Bush Regen @
Deep Creek**

We aim to weed and reveg
this section of Deep Creek on
the Tyringham Road, below
the Showground Nursery.



Learning from the Rainforest



We are collecting seed from the rainforest, and growing trees and understorey species for bush regeneration.

We also catalogue and share information about local native rainforest species.

[Download info on 9 of our rainforest trees](#) (pdf 996k)

Do you have rainforest on your property? Do you collect seed?

Clearing Privet along the Blicks River, Dundurrabin



This ongoing project at Dundurrabin aims to control honeysuckle and privet along the river. Work has begun, with help from Coffs Bush Regen team and funds from North Coast Local Land Services.

Volunteers are also welcome at the Dundurrabin Community Centre on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Contact Barry Hicks 0427 857 435 or barryhicks54@gmail.com

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Annie (Secretary) on
02 66571189

[Dandarrga Landcare](#) and [Rainforest Trees of our Mountain Home](#) are on Facebook

Dandarrga Landcare Nursery Wish List & Working Bees

Storage, Power

Secure storage for tools and equipment. Small shed space has automatic watering system, which needs an electrician to check the damaged power-point, see if we can program the system and make it work. Also be good to have a place to make cuppas.

Water & Irrigation

Could use a couple of hoses, maybe install a separate tap near the small greenhouse and use sprinklers and a timer. The main tap needs a washer

Composting

Sites for compost bays are to the right of the front gate, and further along the fence line – need to check with tenants of the caretaker's house about their back gate and access.

Horse manure and hay from the stables – we need access and a ute or trailer to transport it to our composting bays.

Materials on site we could use for bays – timber, wood frames with reo (in the big greenhouse), old shadecloth, star pickets, roll of rabbit wire.

Roofing needed, mostly alsanite, and some corrugated iron to create shade.

Framing timber for roof battens

Shadecloth – Barry has some, there is some on site, might need more.

Could use the roll of rabbit wire to make more secure walls, otherwise need light framing timber for walls too.

Need to move the middle potting bench to create a central space, also move the benches outside to create access between and around them.

Barry could make a portable mini tunnel with shadecloth to attach to the outside benches, and be used for market stalls.

Tools

2 x light poly wheelbarrows; Poly plastic tubs for propagating; Shallow plastic trays to hold water

Stools – Rosie has some to donate

First Aid Kit – will purchase online with grant from RAB, also PPE like gloves, masks and goggles.



Membership of Dandarrga Landcare covers volunteers for public liability insurance.

Tax Invoice

Membership 2017-18

MEMBER INFORMATION		
NAME:		
PHONE:	MOBILE:	
POSTAL ADDRESS:		
TOWN:	STATE:	POSTCODE:
EMAIL:		

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE	(GST not inc) \$10

PAYMENT DETAILS	
<input type="checkbox"/> EFT TRANSFER Dandarrga Landcare BSB: 533 000 ACC: 140375 S11 ACC NAME: Bellinger Landcare Inc. REF: Surname	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH/CHEQUE (Payable to Dandarrga Landcare c/- Bellinger Landcare Inc)

Please enclose or scan and email this membership form to rdi3@bigpond.com with your cheque or direct deposit confirmation number, and we will email / post a tax receipt.



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NEWS
JANUARY 2018

Dandarrga Landcare Members Meeting 10 am on Friday Feb 2nd 2018

at the Dandarrga Landcare Nursery
Dorrigo Showground

This is a 'meet and greet', join in, share your talents, kind of meeting...we need help planning an event! Bring friends, and food to share.



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Bollywood



Native Tamarind

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Dandarrga Landcare Nursery Opens!

We are now growing and selling rainforest trees, small, medium and large, some bush tucker food, and some with berries that the birds will love. And we have other native species, groundcovers and shrubs.

All our seedlings are grown from local seed, and thanks to our seed collectors, sharers and growers, we have ready-to-plant trees available. [Click here for info on 21 of our native species](#)

We are grateful for support from Clarence and Bellinger Landcare and the Showground Trust, Dorrigo Hardware, Stan Cork Machinery, and the Dorrigo Seedsavers . Donations came from Dorrigo Environment Watch, and our Dandarrga Landcare members. Thanks to Bellinger Shire's Environmental Community Levy Grant this year, we can equip the nursery.

And what a great team of volunteers! We have donated equipment, material, plants, tools, and a lot of our time and labour in the last few months. It's been fun too!

Everyone is welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat about land care, gardening, local rainforest species, and more community uses for the Showground nursery.





Planting Seeds

See [Tree Popper Australia](#)

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Volunteering and Work for the Dole Activities

Agreements with ETC Dorrigo and Centrelink mean we can now provide voluntary and Work for the Dole activities. Activities include composting-making, propagating and seed processing, also renovating, building, gardening and landscaping. Record keepers, researchers and backyard propagators are also needed.



The Perfect tool for Pulling Privet

A grant from Regional Australia Bank in Armidale, via Clarence Landcare, has funded WHS gear and two **tree poppers**. These are sturdy tools, easy to use and effective on stems up to 60mm



One large and one medium Tree Popper are now in regular use at our project sites, where we are working with landholders and community groups to **remove privet** and replant with native species.

Funded by NSW Landcare and



Trees Planted at Tyringham

Fifty eight trees, eleven great people, and a very satisfying two hours work. Lilly Pillies, Cypress Pines, Yellow Ash and Flame Trees were planted in a corridor. Understorey plantings are planned.





Bush Regen @ Deep Creek

We aim to weed and reveg sections of Deep Creek in 2018. We have a plan that includes privet removal, regular maintenance, and direct planting of specific rainforest trees around and under existing privet canopy. We are seeking funding, and approvals from the relevant landholders and managers for a long term project about 1km upstream and downstream of the bridge on Tyringham Road.



Mulch anyone?

Help us transport hay from the Dairy Shed on the other side of the showgrounds to the nursery compost piles, and take home some free mulch.



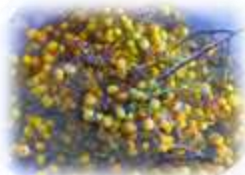
Antarctic Beech

Seed Collecting on the Plateau

We've been to some wonderful country to collect seed this



summer. Rim of the World, on the escarpment south-west of Dorrigo, is the home of a genetically unique forest of **Antarctic Beech**. We gathered seed from about a dozen old trees, and brought back a few seedlings.



Koda seed soaking

Adjacent to Griffith's Lookout just south-east of town, is the home of **Mountain Top Landcare**, a group that began planting trees in the early 90's.

They planted over 50,000 trees, fenced off 80 kilometres of creek and 160 hectares of rainforest and provided 70 cattle troughs on properties! Their vision of a network of wildlife corridors across the farming landscape connecting the two national parks has become a reality.



Native Frangipanni Pod

We collected seed of about seven different species, and plan to return in mid-February for those Rosewood and Bleeding Heart seeds that weren't quite ready. Many thanks to our seed donors! ☺

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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 30th 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 5th 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 30th May. New members are welcome, ask at the nursery.

FREE FOOD FRIDAYS –

Dandarra 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

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One Year Celebration and Open Day



Friday September 21st from 10am – 2pm

We've achieved a lot in a year! Come and help us celebrate. Bring friends and family, and food to share.

Bush Regen @ Dundurrabin Community Centre

We are having a working bee and picnic lunch at Dundurrabin Community Centre in the first week of October, either Tues 2nd or Thursday 4th from 9am – 3pm.



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Dundurrabin Coffee and More Markets
Sunday Oct 13th

DorrigoFolk and Bluegrass Festival Oct 25th – 28th

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Landscaping and planting of native and food species is ongoing. Keen gardeners are invited to help rejuvenate the Showground Nursery site, and share their local knowledge and ideas.

DORRIGO SEEDSAVERS held a series of workshops at the nursery this winter. Nyssa held workshops on seed saving, and Joy showed us how to make premium compost and seed-raising mix. We are planting seed of garden vegetables, herbs and food trees, for sale and to plant in our garden beds for seed. New members are welcome, ask at the nursery.

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Thanks to Ian and Amanda for the supply of spoiled silage bales, and Reg for all the cow patties, our compost bays and garden beds are busily cooking.

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Hello to our members and supporters!

Its been a while since the last news. This summer was a busy time, beginning with a new Host Agreement with Nortec for Work for the Dole placements. We've extended our activities to include bush regen at three project sites – Deep Creek, Bielsdown River and Dundurrabin, and office work at the nursery. Max Burnet has been our only placement so far, and a very helpful and cheerful volunteer. As always, we welcome local people needing volunteer hours, or just wanting to join in.

Our membership has grown to 73 since last year. We have decided to incorporate for insurance purposes, and now have a Constitution and an ABN as a not-for-profit enterprise. Membership renewals are due in July – please see our [new membership form attached](#).

Our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on <DATE>

We've added [a survey](#) here to ask about your experience and skills, and whether you are interested in becoming involved in any of our activities. Drop in for a cuppa and soak up the sun on Monday or Saturday mornings (usually quiet), Wednesday mornings to help sort seed, or Friday from 10am to learn more about our local native species. We also like to visit forests and regen projects on private land on Fridays, so please let us know if this interests you, and we'll add you to the [excursion email list](#).

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Our most recent stock list has 74 species, all ready for planting in the warmer months to come. The shade tunnel is full, and the hardier pioneer species are hardening off in the north-east corner. The original shadehouse is full of propagating trays and tube stock. Prices range from \$3 - \$15 with discounts for bulk buys and members.

Stock list available [here](#) or on request.

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DORRIGO SEEDSAVERS

Since taking on the Dorrigo Seed Savers group, our gardens have flourished and expanded with both seed beds and food gardens. Landscaping and planting with natives, herbs and heritage food species is ongoing. Keen gardeners are invited to help in the



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MAKING SOIL

Our composting of showground manure, straw and sawdust has been very successful. We've added more compost bays, a worm tower and a worm farm. Now we're bagging it up for sale - come in and check it out.

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team effort, with Mountain
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DECEMBER 2019**

FIRE & WATER P1 | FUTURE-PROOFING P2 | NEWS & ACTIVITIES P3 | OUR COMMUNITY P4

FIRE & WATER

Ancient islands of Gondwana old growth forest have been burning in this catastrophic fire season on the Plateau, and more than two million hectares of NSW native forests have gone up in flames.



Photo by Rhona Verrall

At Billy's Ck, Barry Hicks lost most of his forest to the flames in September, while fighting fires to protect other properties. Miraculously, his caravan and shade tunnels survived the destruction, but with no available water, a rescue was urgently needed.

Thanks to the generous response from our community of volunteers, two cattle truck-loads of fire survivors (over 3,300 trees), were relocated to the Dandarrga Landcare nursery in

Dorrigo. 129 different species arrived in melted pots with singed leaves.

Teams of volunteers set to work in October, in smoky conditions & with fires still burning, to re-pot, revive, identify & care for these trees. Another shade house was renovated, and more irrigation installed. These trees are now thriving, ready to plant.



COLLECTING RAIN



See Page 4 Our Community

As the drought continues, and with the expansion of the Nursery, we are installing a rainwater irrigation system. The first stage is the new tank, and a pressure pump. Stage two will add new pipe and sprinklers, and an automatic controller.

We are very grateful to our community for support, sales, and for the many donations on the GoFundMe organised by Bellinger Landcare.

Our new tank

FUTURE-PROOFING with LOCAL TREES

Trees are essential to the water cycle, they bring rain, store carbon and breathe out fresh air. In 2019, a growing number of local landowners have been active, planting trees. Trees improve soil, provide habitat and shade, control weeds, retard fire and protect waterways. Plant a tree - there are so many benefits!

Hands-on Tree Planting, Weeding and Watering is ongoing on four sites, at the Bielsdown River below the medical centre, on Rocky Ck outside town, on Deep Ck in town, and above the Blicks River at Dundurrabin, near the Community Centre.

All are welcome to become involved in our activities, which include **Rainforest Species Identification Site Visits** to private land or National Parks, and free **Friday ID sessions** at the nursery. We also do **Site Consultations** on private land.

Our **Native Seed Calendar** is a work in progress. We email a bi-monthly seed calendar summary to interested members. If you would like to **help document seeding and flowering times**, and **collect or donate seed**, please email dandarrga@gmail.com

We have a range of [Fire-Resistant Native Plants](#) for sale - what to plant around your home, or along forest edges, for some protection from embers. [CLICK HERE](#) or [visit our website](#)



We work with **Bellingen Landcare**, who have an **Expression of Interest form** on their website for those in Bellingen Shire, in order to apply for grants.

* Rainforest and pioneer tree, shrub, orchid and grass species in hicos, tubes and pots.
[Click HERE for Natives Stock list](#) or visit our website.

(Trees also for sale at Dorrigo Rainforest Centre)

* Vegetable, herb and flower seedlings and seed

(Seed is also on sale at Dorrigo Library)

* Food tree species, including bush tucker trees

* Tree guards, mulch, compost, worm castings and worm juice

* Recycled timber, roofing iron and useful bits and pieces

Free local garden produce on Fridays and free books and magazines on natives and gardening in general.



SURVEY of OUR MEMBERS

Attached is a survey to give us more feedback from you, our members. If you are interested, please fill it in and email it back, or bring it into the nursery. Thanks!

The DORRIGO SEED SAVERS



Our range of non-hybrid and heritage seeds are grown by Dorriggo gardeners, and collected, processed and packeted at Dandarrga Nursery. They include **vegetable, herb and flower** species. Come along on **Wednesdays at 10am** to join us and **learn how to save, store and process your garden seed**. We have dedicated seed garden

beds, and community gardens at the nursery, and we welcome volunteers who love growing food and useful plants.

SUMMER SEED to COLLECT: Broccoli, Cabbage, Zucchini, Beetroot

FOLK & BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL 2019

Our stall at the Folk and Bluegrass Festival did record business selling native plants and food seed. A kids' workshop on composting paper and propagating seedlings was well attended by festival goers, with everyone participating in building a compost heap. The kids took away a gift paper cup with local River Tea Tree seedlings they planted themselves.



FESTIVAL COMPOSTING

Food waste, paper cups, plates and bamboo forks from 3,000 or more Festival visitors were delivered to the nursery as agreed. With an early start, several volunteers coordinated the chipping, safe storing, burying and initial composting of the total load before midday!

THE RAINFOREST BARROW

We've been selling trees from our Barrow at the entrance to the Dorriggo Rainforest Centre. Big thanks to George and the staff at the RF Centre, to Eleanor for weekly visits, to Rick for emergency welding when the wheel fell off, and to all who helped make this a success.



FIRES and FOREST ECOLOGY

Ross Macleay gave a timely presentation on our Plateau Forest Ecology and Fire to an attentive audience at Dandarrga Nursery on 9th November.

The talk was organised by Bellinger Landcare for their AGM. The event was a great success, and a chance for like-minded people from a wide area to discuss our current fire and forest crisis.

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OUR GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Thank you for all the ways people have helped and supported

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us in 2019. We are glad to be working with Dorrigo Recreation Management Committee (Showground Trust), Dorrigo Chamber of Commerce, Mountain Top Landcare, Clarence Landcare Inc, Bellingen Landcare Inc, Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival Committee, Dorrigo Preschool, Dorrigo High School, Dorrigo Youth Hub, Dundurrabin Community Centre, U3A, Bellingen Shire Council, Dorrigo Library, Arts Council of Dorrigo, Dorrigo Local Aboriginal Land Council.



Thanks to all volunteers at both ends of the Blue Rock Road fire rescue mission, and Steve Berlitz the truckie. Thanks to Bill Peel for helping with ID, and everyone who helped report, re-home and water Barry's trees.

Special thanks to Sandy Eager at Bello Landcare for grant applications and the [GoFundMe campaign - Growing trees for Dorrigo Rainforest recovery](#), which is helping to fund our new rainwater irrigation system.

Big thanks to Les Bravery for the chipper and his help with the Paper Composting after the Folk and Bluegrass festival.

We appreciate Pete Murphy for his ongoing tree planting and watering at Bielsdown River and Deep Ck. Regen projects.

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Pump Fund at the local markets. We will be using the new pump on our regen projects this summer!

We donated trees to the value of \$100 to the Tyringham RFS Fundraiser at Dundurrabin. We are so grateful for the local fireys and their support teams, and for the volunteers feeding wildlife, and the small teams putting out fires in our Gondwana rainforests.



Thank you to Kate O'Leary at Ray White Real Estate, and to all our financial supporters this year.

With generous donations of time, labour, seeds, plants, books, tools, skills and materials from friends, customers, our members, and our wonderful core team of volunteers, Dandarrga Landcare and Dorrigo Seed Savers have had a busy and rewarding 2019.

Dandarrga Survey Form

Name: _____

Location: _____

Please tick anything that you would like to be involved with:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weed management | <input type="checkbox"/> seed propagating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> regular landcare | <input type="checkbox"/> seed collection calender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> regenerating local parks | <input type="checkbox"/> seed collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> seed available on your property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> working bees | <input type="checkbox"/> research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> the management group | <input type="checkbox"/> subcommittees (eg maintenance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> newsletter production | <input type="checkbox"/> dealing with correspondence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> general office support | <input type="checkbox"/> markets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food foraging | <input type="checkbox"/> council liaison |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fund raising | <input type="checkbox"/> photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> representing the organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> cataloguing books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> posters | <input type="checkbox"/> filming and editing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> events | <input type="checkbox"/> species list, write ups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grant applications | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorrigo Seed Savers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inducting and supporting new and current members | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ute/trailer available? Manage/help collection of mulch, sand, compost | |

Have we missed anything that interests you?

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Would you like help with Landcare on your property? We offer group volunteer support in exchange for hours that you volunteer, or useful material that is donated to our projects.

Please fill in **Dandarrga Landcare Expression of Interest form**
 if you would like to take part in any of the above activities.

Thanks!

Dandarrga Volunteer Expression of Interest

We'd like to know a bit more about your interests so that we can keep you informed about relevant issues, and provide you with opportunities to participate.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Projects or Events that I would like to take part in (tick your choice)

- Dandarrga Landcare Nursery
- Bush regeneration
- Tree planting days
- Plant ID sessions and excursions
- Seed collecting
- Other (eg. Admin or PR)

contact me now contact me in a few months contact me next year

I have experience in:

I have skills in:

My strengths are:

Do you have a disability or medical condition which may affect your ability to do certain types of work that we need to know about?

Yes No



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NEWSLETTER
JULY 2020

Tough times forge strong community bonds. The last financial year has tested our strength and courage, our adaptability, and our collective intentions in many ways. Thankfully, our volunteers are creative, warm-hearted and generous with their time and skills (7,461 volunteer hours in the sign on book!). We have been continually amazed by what gets done with the generous support of members, visitors, old and new friends, and our shared community spirit. Many newcomers to the area, and a few locals from further afield, have visited the nursery for trees and advice, or to volunteer, and become friends.



The Nursery

Two cattle truckloads of plants were rescued from fire-affected Billy's Creek, and re-housed at the nursery during the bushfires. It was a worrying and wearying time, full of smoke-filled air and bad news. Water restrictions threatened to derail our project, and we began planning and raising funds for rainwater collection, with the help of Bellingen Landcare. Improvements to the nursery facility now include two water tanks, new guttering and pipe, and an automatic irrigation system installed in four shade houses. Old sawdust floors have been removed and replaced with gravel. Tree stumps were removed. The Seed Savers shade house has two new potting benches and storage space. Timber was donated for a new front gate, built and installed by the Showground staff, and then sanded and oiled.



Learning our Country



About 150 species of native plants have been propagated, and since July 2019 about 3,500 trees have been distributed for planting. We've added many new labels to the stock, compiled information and improved our plant database and local native seed calendar. Our volunteers are learning to identify the local trees and other native plants, with the mentorship of members with more knowledge. We enjoy seed collecting and identifying species on site visits, and our free Rainforest ID Sessions on Fridays at 10am.

Lockdown

The nursery was closed, but maintained under skeleton staff roster during Covid restrictions, with all the required protocols in place. However, we have been busy all year, with continual sale of plants, seeds and mushroom compost to members, regen groups, and the public. We continue with the Covid-19 protocols (hand-sanitise, physical distance etc), and advice from Landcare NSW regarding lack of insurance cover for vulnerable members who attend. If you are in this vulnerable group, you may of course still visit, (we'd love to see you), or volunteer, but at your own risk.

Dorrigo Seed Savers

When growing your own food suddenly became popular, the Dorrigo Seed Savers network put in a massive effort, supplying seed packets throughout lockdown. Unusually high demand depleted our stock, and required lots of sorting, processing and packeting, done at the nursery and from individual homes. Seed beds have been added at the nursery, and the gardens and paths



have been maintained. Citrus trees have been planted, and new compost bays created. Dozens of pumpkins were given away. Free food Fridays continue, with regular local fresh food donated, grown on site and foraged. We have learned about Saffron Milk Cap Mushrooms, wild foraged, and dried some in the solar dehydrator for powder (tasty in winter soups and stews).

Bush Regeneration



Regen sites on local waterways remain active, with privet removed and trees planted. Our new tree planter is useful, and a new pump for watering at these sites was purchased with help from community donations. We are collaborating with Dorrigo Mountain Top Landcare and the Dorodong Bush Regen team at Rocky Creek to restore habitat. Spring planting is planned at sites on the Bielsdown River, Blicks River, Rocky Creek and Deep Creek.

Networks and Promotion

Our Rainforest Centre Barrow, selling trees, and the Dorrigo Seed Savers Shelf with local seed, have been a great success with both tourists and locals at the Dorrigo Rainforest Centre. The Seed Savers seeds are back in the library. The media team have written several articles about landcare, habitat and local species in the local paper, kept two facebook sites updated, and added to our website on the NSW Landcare Gateway. We conducted a successful workshop on composting with children and their parents at the Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival, where each child took home a tree. All the paper and food waste from the Festival was composted on site, and is now a productive garden bed. We are grateful for the support of Bellingen Landcare Inc and are also now collaborating on landcare with Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance, WWF, Envite, the Local Aboriginal Land Council and Dorodong IPA.



What's next?

We anticipate more community networking, and collaboration with the schools, on regenerating local habitat and improving the condition of our local rivers and creeks. We have a range of wildlife habitat nest boxes to be installed in effective locations for birds and animals affected by bushfires.

We are keen to learn about indigenous mosaic burning, and we also want to support new bush regenerators, and link them with paid work on the Plateau.

Our morning tea area has been gradually enlarged and improved for meetings, workshops and presentations. The Bellingen Landcare AGM was held here last year, with a presentation by Ross Macleay on the effects of fire on forests.

We now have a tool library, wildlife nest box display and media cupboard. It's also a safe and comfortable space for cuppas and conversation mid-morning. We look forward to seeing you there.



A heart felt thank you to the forests that help us remain strong, give us clean air and water, and serenity to restore our spirits. And a big thank you to all our volunteers, renewing members and old friends!

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NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2020

With welcome rain, gardens and forests are flowering and seeding in profusion this Spring.



We process a lot of raw seed at Dandarrga Nursery, of both native and heirloom food plants. There is surprising diversity in the seed from just one tree. For each individual plant, there are differences in size, shape, colour, and even in the number of seeds in each fruit or pod. Although each seed is grown in the same conditions, it follows its own genetic blueprint and becomes a particular seedling.

We meet and collaborate with a diverse range of people too, from the local area, and from further afield. We are each, in our own way, caring for the land, collaborating with the food plants, forests and wildlife to sustain ourselves and the natural world. It is a worthy collective endeavour, and it succeeds because we are all different and have our own particular experience, skills and abilities to offer. One purpose, many different hands, and a nurturing environment – it's a good feeling!



Thank you for your continuing support of our activities at the Dandarrga Nursery and Seed Saver gardens, and our landcare projects along the local waterways.

For all the gardeners

We have a large pile of mushroom compost for sale at \$2 a bucket, and plenty of heirloom vege and herb seedlings ready to plant... and Dorrigo Seed Savers seed at \$2 each. Saturday mornings are a great time to come in for a chat about gardening and a free morning tea.

For all the Seed Savers

If you haven't been in for a visit to the Nursery and Seed gardens lately, you will notice changes. Rebecca, our new Seed Savers coordinator, and a team of regular and new

volunteers, have been busy. Check the Dorrigo Seed Savers and Awareness Garden page on Facebook for how to become involved in saving food seed, or helping with the gardens. Seed Savers meet on Wednesday mornings at the Nursery.

For the Landholders, Native Seed Collectors and Regenerators

East and west of Dorrigo, 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.

Bring species samples on Friday mornings for Rainforest ID sessions with Barry. Native seed is always welcome, and feedback from seed collectors helps develop our Native Seed Calendar.

Sandy, our hardworking coordinator at Bellinger Landcare Inc, is encouraging landholders with potential regeneration projects on the Plateau to visit their web site and complete an Expression of Interest Form.

There is high demand for weed control and tree planting and the people to do it. We want to support the training and establishment of a team of local bush regenerators. Let us know if you can assist with training, admin, or want paid work as a contractor. If you would like to be involved in volunteer working bees, either reciprocally with other landholders, or on public land along the Bielsdown River through Dorrigo, we also want to hear from you.

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News Update December 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Dandarrga Landcare and Dorrigo Seed Savers,

First up, we are having an **Open Day at the Dandarrga Nursery next Saturday 12th December**. The theme for the day is **Local Food Resilience**. See the flyer attached here.

There will also be a Christmas Market on at the Dorrigo Showground, so it's a good day to catch up with us and support some local stallholders. We'll have two tables at the market selling Seed Savers seed and native trees from the Nursery. We are conducting a survey on the day to ask for your opinion on holding a **Local Growers Market** at the Dorrigo Showground.

If you would like to **help out at the Open Day**, we need a roster of people on the front gate to welcome visitors, take contact details and to make sure everyone is Covid-19 safe on entering, and another "Covid Marshall" wandering the site to remind visitors to maintain the required "social distance" - 3 shifts of two people, one hour each. This is a requirement of our Covid Plan because we are holding a public outdoor event. We also ask you all not to bring your dog on this day.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

Dandarrga Landcare has been invited to become an Alliance Partner with [Jaliigirr Biodiversity Alliance](#). "The Alliance has been established to support the voluntary contributions of organisations, landholders and community and Aboriginal community, to improve and protect the biodiversity of the diverse landscapes between the Dorrigo Plateau, the hinterland and the coastal plains of the mid north coast of New South Wales." JBA will support us with access to funding in the years to come, particularly in regard to increasing our rainwater storage at the nursery, expanding our regeneration projects on the local waterways and developing the Dandarrga Nursery as a training facility for regenerative horticulture, agriculture and bush regeneration.

LABOUR FOR REGENERATION PROJECTS

Attached is a list of local people willing to work for cash on Bush Regeneration projects. At this stage, they are working independently of Dandarrga Landcare, but we hope to assist them in the coming year with training, insurance and bookkeeping costs.

GRANTS

We have applied to **Council's Disaster Recovery and Resilience Grants Program – Assist and Empower**, for \$15,000 to fund upgrades and equipment for the showground nursery facility and to host some events and workshops in 2021. We have also (finally) received acknowledgment and the promise of collaboration from Council for our bush regeneration projects along the Bielsdown River and Deep Creek in Dorrigo. We will apply for a small grant in the **Get Together** category to provide tools and PPE (personal protective equipment) for volunteers and residents who would like to be involved in controlling privet and honeysuckle and planting natives along these waterways.

NEW TANK in JANUARY – ROCKS NEEDED

We have ordered another 22,500L tank to be delivered at the end of January 2021, and we'd like to install it on a raised base of rocks and gravel. If you have any rocks lying around that you don't need, please drop them in at the nursery before then!

REGULAR VOLUNTEERS

Finally, we are having a Christmas lunch for our regular volunteers on Wednesday 16th December. Many thanks to all of you for being such a great team, particularly during the hottest and coldest days of this challenging year!

The Nursery will be **closed from Wednesday 23rd Dec, and will reopen on Monday 4th Jan 2021**. Thank you for supporting us throughout the year, and may you all enjoy the Christmas holidays and New Year celebrations!

JANUARY 2021

Check out the zucchini in the photo. Reckon it would have won a prize ribbon if the Dorrigo Show was on. Hooray to the Seed Savers.

RF Barrow 24/12 \$183.00, \$74.10 28/12, \$262.25 31/12 - thank you Eleanor.

23/12 \$500 donation from Trev and Carol Deane who received these funds from BBC filming crew at their place re butterflies. Donating it onwards to Barry Hicks to help reset up nursery.

28/12 Spoke to Peter re 100litre Chem Spray Unit. We agreed it was not something that we wanted to use on our regen sites.

30/12 Barry Hunt phoned re Nymboida site order

31/12 Beilsdown River Walk site - 12 Wattle planted.

02/01 Prep for reopening - thanks Iain, Glen, Annie, Stephen, Arion, Tamika, Leela, Barry M, Chris, Eleanor

Nursery News 03/01 to 09/01

Nursery reopened 04/01

RF Barrow 02/01 \$90,

New member James Whittington - welcome.

Garden redesigns happening

Tank base work progressing - 4/1 Tank order problem - big delivery cost because we need a pilot for 225000 tank to bring up mountain. Order through another dealer - Grafton, Armidale ? Glen to check costs on line and advise.

Forest litter - get another load from Glen's, Billy's Creek. Iain to help.

Vermiculite purchase - anyone heading to Coffs soon?

Barry Hunt coming in Monday 11th to collect some of the plants ordered for a Nymboida bushfire recovery site.

Structural organisation/Coordinators meet coming up - Monday 10am 11/1

Nursery News 10/1 to 16/1

RF Barrow 8/1 \$132

11/1 Barry Hunt collected plants for Nymboida bushfire recovery site - full trailer and Ute load. Coming back next week for more.

Rosie (My Hyland fire recovery site) visited - ordered more plants.

John W - over to Rocky Creek site with Privet Puller 8.30 to 10.

Structural organisation/Coordinators meet 10am 11/1.

Coordinators as follows:-

Dorrigo Seed Savers - Rebecca

Nursery site Maintenance - Iain

WHS - Tricia (Glen volunteered as nursery site 'go to' person)

PR/Media - Eleanor

Nursery - Annie

Bush Regen - no takers (John W to organise meeting with regen project managers)

Secretary - Annie

Treasurer - Nadia

First Executive meeting to be held when Rebecca back from Tassie.

Sunday 10/1

Dundurrabin Coffee & More Market - Annie, Eleanor, Glen and Tamika.

A good day. \$134 sales and donations. Caught up with the locals, great coffee, cake and lunch. Jeanette has already volunteered to help out with the next market there.

12/1 Mick Webb, Envite, checked out plants for Community Plant out at Labyrinth - 170 plants. Date for this 4th Feb. Thursday 8.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Will supply morning tea.

13/1 New member - Andrew Beasley. Welcome.

14/1 Two new members - Simon & Sreya Sloan. Welcome.

Nursery News 17/1 to 23/1

RF Barrow 15/1 \$195.50.

Thank you Michelle for the donation of cell trays.

A lot of us learnt a bit about bonsai - thanks Glen.

Thank you to the seed collectors who are bringing seed in (native and veggies) A few that we would particularly like - Brush

Muttonwood, Mountain Walnut, Mt Wineberry, Corkwood,
Steelwood, Tree Heath, Scentless Rosewood.

Pot washing area revamp - sink lifted, bench installed (John N & Iain)

Annie has got the ELCF grant application in.

20/1 New member Colin Hutton - welcome.

Beans harvested for seed.

Zucchini's are abundant. Carrot, chocolate and zucchini cake that Jeanette created and brought in was devoured quick sticks - sorry if anyone missed out, I had two pieces.

Purchase of Burrawang Palms and Kangaroo Paws from local grower
- Chris Hapgood.

22/1 Membership renewal - Mary Johnson.

2 trailer loads of mulch and a load of rocks collected for reuse from council reject piles.

Home bakes. Zucchini cake - thanks Beryl. Banana and coconut cake - thanks Iain.

Myrtle Rust found on bottlebrushes! Please ensure pest and disease control guidelines are followed. 23/1 Shade house 3 - part of the shade cloth removed and replaced with some that has been cleaned for more light and air (thanks Iain and Leela). Looking at further options.

23/1 Blue Wren site work bee planting and weeding - Chris, Stephen, Tamika. Report - prev plantings survived recent flooding and most are thriving.

Regen meet at Peter Murphys Wed 27th Jan 9am.

Prep for Community Market at the Showgrounds Sat 6th Feb.

Showgrounds road works going to happen. Please park outside the Showground next Monday 25th Jan and Wednesday 27th Jan.



NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2021

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

DRAFT - Eleanor, these are some jottings I've done over the last 3 months.
Can we use some of this?

Have added the calendar below for reference.

Latest News

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With more projects and activities than previous years, we have set up an executive management group of project coordinators, and teams to spread the workload. We've introduced better communication policy in order to keep us all informed and travelling together in the same direction. Our landcare group is connected to the Northern NSW Landcare network via Clarence and Bellinger Landcare hubs.

Our group of volunteers have incorporated as a not-for-profit in 2021, in order to remain insured. An incorporated group must abide by a constitution, so we've been working on the rules which apply to all members and sub groups, to ensure fairness and integrity.

Learning how to work together, cooperatively and creatively, in order to make positive change in our local area, is an important and honourable endeavour. If we can achieve a peaceful and supportive environment as people, and connect with like-minded groups, we are heading in the right direction to create a peaceful and healthy natural environment for life in our region.

On becoming a Corporation

A new identity, legally, as a corporate entity – Dorrigo Community Nursery Inc. What metaphors fit? Organic growth, like a cell metabolising and diversifying to create something new. A hub or vortex, like a planet spinning, that attracts matter and then life. Or like a tree, with two main

branches – Dandarrga Landcare and Dorrigo Seed Savers, we have planted ourselves on the Showground, nurtured ourselves and grown, put down roots, put out new branches. Neighbouring trees have sent out nourishment, and we are now part of their network. The seasons of flowers and fruit have been sweet, and the times of dis-ease have been big learning experiences, until we heal and balance. Birds are flying in, feasting on our harvest and flying off to spread seed. It is alive, in a sense, this entity we've made. Somehow greater than the sum of its individual parts, and with a momentum of its own.

CALENDAR 2021 so far:

DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

26 - 27th Dorrigo Show

OCTOBER

22 - 24th Folk and Bluegrass Festival

SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

JULY

12th Trip to Rudy's to collect seedlings

10th MID Market

9th Trip to Mt Hyland

JUNE

11-14th Camp oven Festival, will host a demo table for Dandarrga nursery

Sun 6th Seed Collecting at Blue Rock

Sat 5th Dorrigo Community Market

Tuesday 1st - Meet with Sandy 10am

MAY

Sunday 30th Bielsdown River Care planning meeting 2pm

May 29-30th Dundurrabin Waterhole weekend. 11am

May 23rd Sunday meet with residents re Bielsdown River Care Project 2pm

May 19th Exec group meeting 9:00am, farewell lunch fro Glen

May 18th Meet with Justine and depot staff from Council 9am

May 16th Sunday visit to Blue Rock Rd nursery, free lunch at Dundurrabin Fair.

May 1st Dorrigo Community Market at the showground

April 15th Incorporated as Dorrigo Community Nursery Inc.

Feb 4th Thursday 8:30am Labyrinth planting with Mick Webb.

Feb 6th Dorrigo Community Market

Mon 8th Nursery planning meeting with Rebecca 9am

Sun 14th Dundurrabin Coffee and More Market

Jan 11th meeting at nursery re organisation, exec committee formed.

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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 (*Anopteris 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