

Susan's Regen Story

My name is Susan Allom, and recently I received a gift voucher from Bellingen Shire Council for completing a survey. The prize was \$100 worth of plants from Dorrigo Community Nursery, 'Dandarrga Landcare'.

What to do with all these plants???

My history is in gardens mostly exotic, plants and vegetables. But I have also worked as a volunteer with Dandarrga Landcare in Dorrigo. I love the Bielsdown river in Dorrigo and the regeneration work that is being done there by Dandarrga volunteers.

Nadia Camatta suggested to me that I take on a small regen patch in Bielsdown Park next to the Bielsdown river, called 'Hilda's Pool'. It could be maintained with new plants planted there in the spring. Sharon started this plot, doing a great clearing job and planting of Lomandra, but has been unable to continue. It seemed like a great place for me to continue working where others have cleared the way.

Because I'm a senior I didn't feel I could take this work on by myself, so I looked around for some volunteers and was fortunate to have Lyn Skilling, Pete & Kate Cooper plus Nadia and Piers who came to help and advise.

On Monday, 14 July 2025 we started work to get rid of the weeds and clear the ground ready for planting in the spring. My volunteers worked really hard, then we had a well-earned cuppa.

We now agree to go every second Monday and work for one and a half hours and will continue the weeding and maintenance of our new 'Hilda's Pool' site.

Susan Allom
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