

Dandarrga Landcare Regen Report

The Dandarrga Landcare Regeners' Native Seed Project successfully completed. Bellingen Shire Council sign off on 29/6/2026. A case study has also been included on the Council's website: <https://www.bellingen.nsw.gov.au/Community/Sustainability/Sustainable-Shire/Environment-Levy-Community-Fund-Projects/202526-Projects/Dandarrga-Landcare-Native-Seed-Project>

Two of the workshops were held early 2026:-

- **24/3/2026 - Seed School workshop:**

Learned about collecting your own native seed on the Dorrigo Plateau & how to contribute to the North Coast Regional Seedbank Network located at Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens. Workshop held at Dorrigo Community Nursery.

- **14/4/2026 - Seed School: Wild Seed Wander:**

Seed identification, collection, storage. Dangar Falls Regen area was included as a seed collection site.

Active Regen Sites:

- Ash Street Bridge - amalgamated with Platypus Springs - 15/6/2026
- Bielsdown River western bank – Peter Murphy, Les Bravery
- Dragon's Bend – Lyn Livingstone, Rowan Holden
- Dangar Falls Reserve – Peter Berkeley, Nadia Camatta, Di Kilbride, Phil Johnson
- Hilda's Pool – amalgamated with Platypus Springs – 10/5/2026
- Nina's Springs – amalgamated with Platypus Springs – 10/5/2026
- Platypus Springs – Amalgamation of sites Ash St Bridge, Hilda's Pool & Nina's Springs. Susan Allom coordinating. Overall area named Platypus Springs (on the Bielsdown River) in honour of Piers Hammick. Team membership has grown to nine.
- Rocky Creek - Phil Johnson, Nadia Camatta, Peter Berkeley,

Plantings have continued to occur in most of the regen sites. Ongoing weed management of privet, honeysuckle, Tradescantia fluminensis and creeping mallow the main focus.

28/4/2026 - Seat installed close to the Riverbank at Nina's Springs in commemoration of Piers, thanks to Les Bravery.

BRCP:

Platypus Springs - 10/5/2026 Work-bee start times changed from 8.30am to 1.30pm. Hoping for drier, lighter and warmer conditions during this time of the day over the autumn and winter months.

Bellingen Shire Council Support:

- Mountains to Sea (M2C) contractors' maintenance work of Bielsdown Park in collaboration with Dandarrga Landcare to the value of \$2,000.00. Works included:

Cut & paint of larger, harder to access privet, acer and honeysuckle on steep edges of sites. Some Black Walnut trees were also removed.

- Maintenance work of Dangar Falls Reserve in collaboration with Dandarrga Landcare to the value of \$6,000.00 which included a load of mulch. Regen contractors, Nick and Gregor, worked on eradicating the Cherry Laurel trees (*Prunus laurocerasus*), ground sprayed new entrance area targeting Honeysuckle and removed some of the larger privet.

Rocky Creek

There has been a temporary halt in works over winter with a plant-out for the southside wetlands area of the site being postponed. Planning to get this underway this Spring.

Dangar Falls/Labyrinth

- Tradescantia was targeted near the entrance to the Falls walk close to the Labyrinth. Plant out in this area on 11/11/2025. Most plantings were placed into the area where the Tradescantia was removed. Five cubic metres of mulch was supplied by BSC.

- 19/6/2026 - Work started at the entrance to the Dangar Falls Reserve to clear the old aqueduct parallel to the concrete walking path. Weekly work bee day changed from Monday to Thursday (8am start).

National Tree Day:

To acknowledge National Tree Day, plantings of Lomandra Hystrix were undertaken along the storm water outlet in Bielsdown Park to assist in slowing down erosion along this section of Bielsdown Park.

Biosecurity Pledge:

7/5/2026 - Registration with Biosecurity Business Pledge Australia was successful.

Acknowledgement:

Many volunteers and community members help with Dandarrga Landcare working bees & plant-outs. Thanks to the volunteers who assisted with 'Clean up Australia Day'; 'National Tree Day'; Dorrigo Rotary Workshop with Nadine & Robyn who organised & ran the Children's Gardening Workshop and StormCo on 16/11/2025, a group of eight youths were a tremendous help at the nursery - propagating, weeding, and mulching.

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