## **Dorrigo Seed Savers**

# Our goal is to work with the community to save and distribute locally adapted, non-hybrid seed and plant material.

- To find, grow and distribute locally adapted seeds, particularly of vegetables and herbs as well as plants that are propagated by tubers, cuttings, rhizomes, bulbs, etc
- To adapt new varieties to local conditions
- To promote the practice of seed saving and the importance of conserving diversity in our food crops

We offer you education on the best suited seed varieties for our Dorrigo climate and the surrounding community localities. This experience has been gained from many local growers over a long period of time. Dorrigo Seeds Savers is a not for profit organization. Your donation helps us to keep this work alive – thank you.

#### **Seed Storage**

Store your seeds in an airtight container in the fridge or a cool, dry place with a constant temperature then they will last longer and be stronger.

#### **Easy Plants for Seed Saving**

The easiest seeds to save for beginners are Basil, Beans, Broad Bean, Dill, Shallot, Fennel, Lettuce, Marigold, Pea and Tomato. Tricks for growing more difficult plants for seed, can be found in the Seed Savers Handbook or ask one of our friendly members.

### **Tips for Growing Good Quality Seed**

- Keep good records
- Understand the plants to be grown
- Observe isolation rules to prevent crosses
- Reserve several healthy plants and fruit
- Select best fruits/pods or seed heads
- Harvest when fully ripe
- Clean and dry seeds thoroughly to reduce insect & disease attack and ensure good viability
- Distribute seed to other growers (keeps it viable and locally adapted) by donating to the Dorrigo Seed Savers. Leave seed in the Library drop box or at the Dandarrga Nursery at the Showground.

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