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## SEEDS AVAILABLE AT DORRIGO LIBRARY

The Dorrigo Branch Library and non-profit group Dorrigo Seed Savers have partnered to set up a Seed Deposit Box where the local community can obtain and share local seed.

Community members who are interested in becoming a seed saver or already do save their seed and would like to share, are encouraged to call into the Dorrigo Library, fill in the labelling slip and drop it into the Seed Deposit Box.

Local seed saver, Nyssa Nieuwenhuys has been growing her own seed for 5 years and has been instrumental in setting up the Dorrigo Seed Savers and the Seed Deposit Box in the Library. "I grow seed for myself, and any that is surplus to requirements is dried, sorted, packeted, labelled and made available to our community", Nyssa said.

The Dorrigo Seed Savers provide seed that has been grown locally with each generation adapting more to the local Dorrigo climate, which in turn produces healthier, strong plants. The Seed Savers also run the Dorrigo Awareness Garden, where plants are grown for seed and people can come and see how it's done.

Bellingen Shire Mayor, Cr Mark Troy said, "Council congratulates the Dorrigo Seed Savers for introducing the concept of seed sharing to the wider community. It will encourage people who appreciate home grown produce and wish to share their ideas and experiences".

As the Dorrigo Seed Savers is a non-profit group, to assist with running costs a \$2 donation in exchange for each packet of seed would be appreciated.

If you would like more information about the Dorrigo Seed Savers, please contact [dorrigoseedsavers@outlook.com](mailto:dorrigoseedsavers@outlook.com) or visit them on Facebook at Dorrigo Seed Savers & Awareness Garden.

Visit the Dorrigo Library to pick up some local seeds, or share your own seeds.

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IMAGE SUPPLIED: Members of Dorrigo Seed Savers

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