



# North Coast Region Native Seed Bank Project



**North Coast Local Land Services is working in partnership with the Friends of the Coffs Harbour Regional Botanic Garden and the North Coast Regional Landcare Network to develop a native seed bank for the North Coast region.**

The pilot project aims to improve the capacity of key community and industry stakeholders to collect, store, exchange, and supply native plant seed according to recognised 'best practice' methods and standards. This will result in an increase in the supply of native plant stock to satisfy emerging biodiversity, revegetation, and carbon sequestration programs across the North Coast region.

The project will produce a discussion paper to review seed banks operating in other regions and guide the development of the North Coast

seed bank in a co-design process. This will assist the project partners to develop and apply 'best practice' standards to support a regional seed bank network.

The involvement of Landcare will build on existing expertise and capacity and provide the geographic spread for seed collection activities. Seed Collection activities will take place in five sub regional hubs based at Coffs Harbour Regional Landcare, Macleay Landcare, Clarence Landcare, Tweed Landcare, and Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare.



**"Landcare groups need to work together to build resilience and increase our capacity to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters,"**

Clarence Landcare  
spokesperson Debbie  
Repschlager.

## The project is delivering several key outputs to support the development of a regional seed bank network.

- A list of native species to target for seed collection based on revegetation needs in the region.
- A project discussion paper will review, evaluate, and recommend seed bank policies and procedures for local partners to adopt.
- A seed bank survey and project workshop will obtain feedback from community and industry stakeholders to facilitate co-design into the development of the seed bank.
- Landcare groups and community organisations will be supported to obtain expertise from professionals to collect seed from across the region.
- The Coffs Harbour Regional Botanic Garden will host the regional seed bank facility and improve its capacity to store and supply seed to the network partners.

Supported by funding from Local Land Services, the seed bank network will bring together partners from across the region to share not only seed, but also their knowledge and skills in seed collection and work practices. This will lift the capacity of the native plant production sector to satisfy the increasing demand for native plant stock in response to a variety of environmental and landscape recovery programs.



“ Native seed has proved to be a critical remediation strategy for land impacted by landslides following the February 2022 flood event. Our ability to respond to this disaster could have been improved if we had easy access to large amounts of native seed to disperse before weed recruitment occurred. ”

Border Ranges Richmond Valley  
Landcare spokesperson Tamar Cohen.



## How can you get involved?

Contact your Local Landcare Network



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[tweedlandcare.org.au](http://tweedlandcare.org.au)



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