



Inspiring a multi-
generational approach to
lowland rainforest
restoration –

Wilsons River Schools

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Widjabal Wiabal Jugun by Uncle Gilbert Laurie


Bundjalung Jugun Acknowledgement of Water and Country



Aunty Thelma at a Wilsons River Schools planting



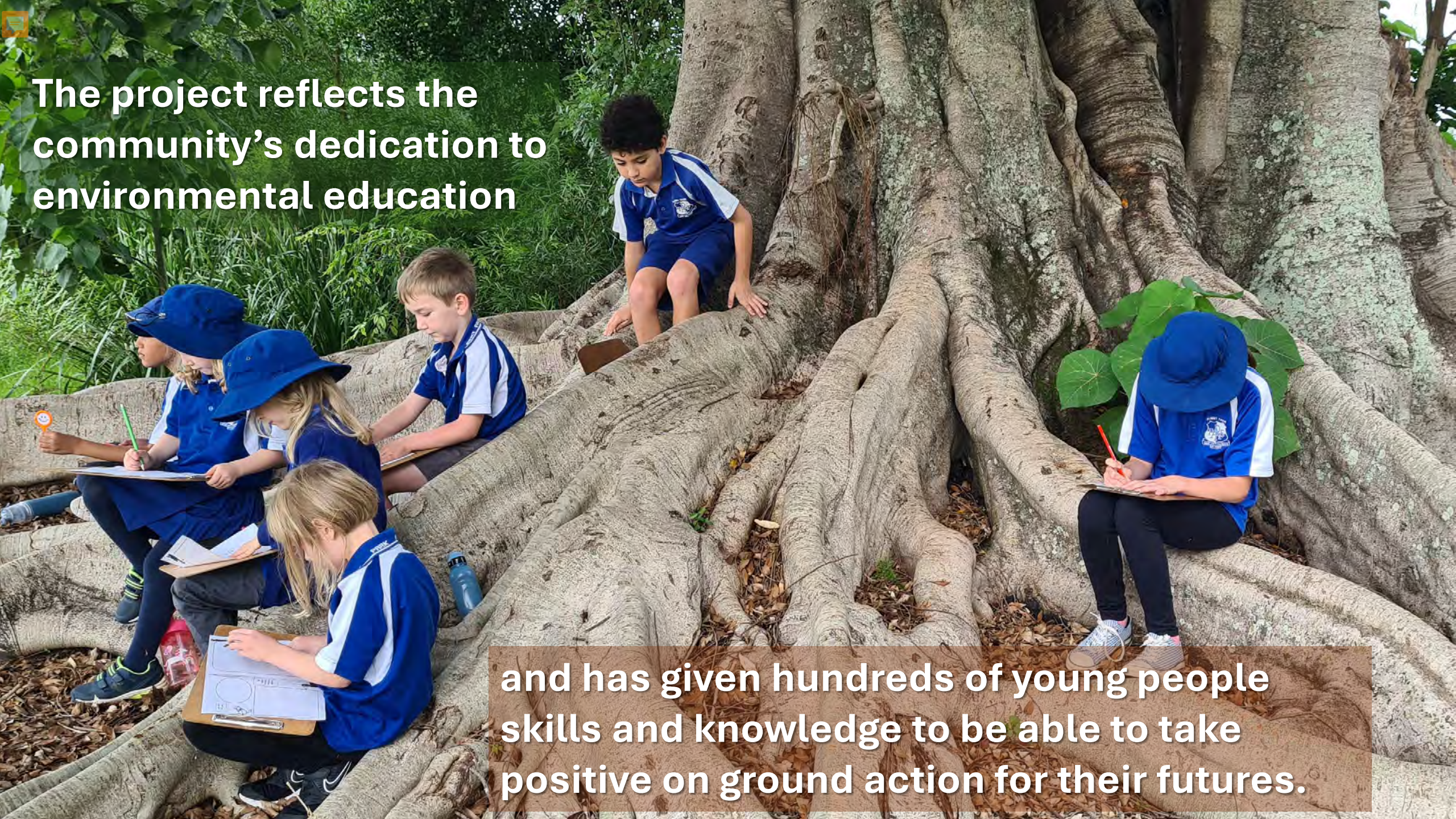
**For the past 11 years,
school students of
all ages have been
helping restore
Lismore's riverbanks
planting tens of
thousand of trees.**

A high-angle photograph of two children, likely Year 7 students, participating in a tree-planting activity. They are both wearing blue bucket hats and blue and white school uniforms. The child on the left is wearing yellow and green gardening gloves, while the child on the right is wearing white gloves with pink palms and fingers. They are both reaching towards a small green sapling that is being planted in a hole in the ground. A large, light-colored tree stump is visible in the background. The ground is covered with dry grass and soil.

***“If you plant a
tree in Year 7,
you will stand in
the shade of that
tree in Year 12”.***



**The project reflects the
community's dedication to
environmental education**



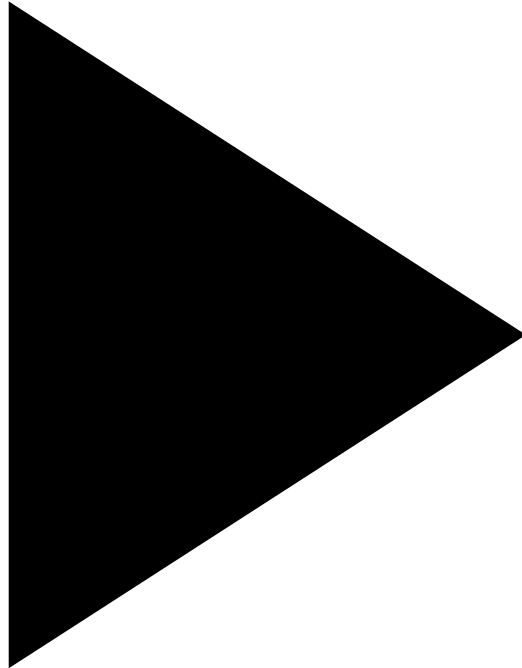
**and has given hundreds of young people
skills and knowledge to be able to take
positive on ground action for their futures.**












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**Wilson's River Schools Project, Lismore NSW
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Despite the catastrophic floods of 2022 the project has been able to recommence engagement, events and tree planting with schools even though some schools are relocating off the floodplain, connection to their place is still strong.





A group of approximately 15 school children, mostly boys, are standing in a line in a grassy field. They are all wearing blue school uniforms with yellow accents and blue bucket hats. They are holding a long, dark wooden pole high above their heads with both hands. The background shows a line of trees and a blue sky with some clouds. The overall scene suggests a school activity or a community project.

The legacy of this project will be a tipping point in the restoration of the Wilsons River in Lismore.

and the seeds sown in minds and hearts of the hundreds of students who have participated.

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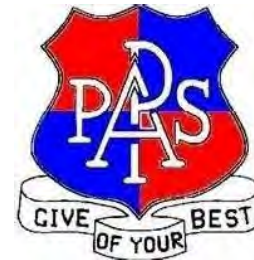
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