

SLCMA Catchment News 2022



September/October

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Staff

Coordinator

Saskia von Fahland

Administration Officer

Helen Dangerfield

Nursery Officer

Susie Tomlinson

Project Officer

vacant

Call us for information:

- ◇ Weed management
- ◇ Plant identification
- ◇ Land management
- ◇ FREE property visits
- ◇ Land for Wildlife

Volunteer opportunities:

* SLCMA Community Volunteer Program, Wednesday, 9-12 noon.

* Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens, Friday, 9-11am.

Native plants available for

SLCMA Executive 21/22

Chair: Lachlan McBride

Vice-chair: Karen May

Acting Treasurer:

Karen May

Secretary: Shirley Sidey

Executive members:

Rod McFadzen



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SLCMA News!

Date Claimer:

Annual General Meeting, 18 November 2022, 5pm at the SLCMA Office.

All members, volunteers and community members are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to celebrate our achievements over the last 12 months. Please join us for a guided tour of the Sarina Community Native Gardens, meet and greet our staff and enjoy a chat over light refreshments.

Management Committee positions: Please consider nominating for a volunteer position on the SLCMA Management Committee. The management committee helps guide the future direction of the organisation and is well-supported by paid staff.

As incorporated association, we are required to fill the following positions: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer. There is also the opportunity to have two more executive members—this helps support the management committee and bring more ideas and experience to the table :) Please contact us for an information pack, if you are interested in nominating.

Thank you to Kevin Plumb who has volunteered as the SLCMA Treasurer for the last three terms. Kevin stepped down recently as the Treasurer, we would like to thank Kevin for his support over the years.

We are hiring!—We are seeking our next enthusiastic, skilled Project Officer to join the SLCMA team and help deliver some of our landcare projects and programs across the catchment. For more information please visit our [website](http://www.sarinalandcare.org.au) or contact our office on 4956 1388 or admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

Welcome Nate Farnham to the SLCMA Revegetation Team. Nate has been working alongside our Leading Hand—Darrin Fuller for the last few weeks; becoming familiar with our rehabilitation projects and learning about the native and weedy plants in our Catchment. Nate is studying Certificate 3 in Horticulture and has a keen interest in protecting our



Nate Farnham

Native plant sale—well supported

Thank you to those members and community that came along and supported our native plant sale on 29th October. Susie and our volunteers have been working hard in the nursery, preparing the plants and making sure they are in tip top shape, ready for your garden.

There was some more mature potted plants on display—River She-oak Christmas tree, Jointed twigrush pot specimen and Bacopa hanging pot...these along with the plants in the Sarina Community Native Gardens—provided some inspiration to our visitors :)

We had a great variety of native plants, plant guard kits, plant identification books, hat & caps available on the day. If you missed the plant sale, you can still submit a [plant order form](#) or purchase other items by contacting us on 4956 1388.



Left: *Casuarina cunninghamiana* Christmas tree

Middle: *Bacopa monnieri* in hanging basket

Right: *Machaerina articulata* pot specimen



Photos: S von Fahland



Small Acreage Roadshow (Sarina)



Are you a small acreage farmer?

Would you like to find out more about maintaining the health & wellbeing of the animals and land in your care?

If so, come along to a workshop near you!



Friday 11th November, 9am to 1pm



Sarina Bowls Club, 1 Patroyce Court, Sarina

Register by 09/11/2022, via Eventbrite,
phone 4956 1388 or email: admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

Other workshops being held:

Proserpine, Wednesday 9th November, 9am to 1pm, ph. 0483 811 229

Habana, Thursday 10th November, 9am to 1pm, ph. 4944 1979

- Bring a weed sample (*in a sealed bag*) for identification and advice and; swap for a native plant
- Bring a soil sample from a poorly performing area of your property for basic soil tests including slaking, dispersion and pH

Small Livestock and Animal Health

Sustainable Land Management

Pest management and Biosecurity

This event is supported by Reef Catchments through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is the **Native raspberry** *Rubus probus*

Family: Rosaceae

Name: *Rubus* from the Latin **ruber** 'red', the Latin name for blackberry. *probus* from the Latin meaning 'virtuous, clever, good'.

Form & height: Scrambling or climbing shrub to 1.5m; mostly less than 1m

Leaves: Pinnate with three to five leaflets with a sparsely hairy upper surface and densely hairy lower surface. Prickles may be present.

Flowers: Panicles or red pink flowers; mainly spring to summer.

Fruit: Red aggregate, 1.2cm in diameter when fresh.

Distribution: Eucalypt woodland and open forest, Qld, NSW, Vic and Tas.

Notes: Fruit eaten by multiple bird species. Fruit edible and tasty. Propagate from fresh seed from which the flesh has been removed.



Photo by S Tomlinson

Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens

Have you been for a walk around our gardens? There has been a lot going on within the grounds lately. Weeding, mulching, planting, pruning and a new garden bed taking shape. Come for a look to see which trees, shrubs, and ground covers are flowering. Spring is spurring on new plant growth and is a great time to add more plants to the grounds. Darrin and Susie have been enjoying maintaining and improving the gardens on Friday's and invite you to drop in for a visit or if you are feeling energetic join our Friends of the Gardens morning.

For those interested, the **Friends of the Gardens** are held in the Sarina Community Native Gardens **every Friday, 9am-11am**. Please contact us, if you would like to volunteer or find out more about the program.

L-R) Tea tree orchid, Wheel of fire, volunteers weeding, pink nodding orchid, Cassia 'Paluma'



Photos by S Tomlinson

Sarina Community Nursery Volunteer Program

Photos: S von Fahland



Left & Right: Volunteers at Freshwater Point

Lovely to see the volunteers in the nursery every Wednesday morning, keen to assist with the nursery activities. A couple of seed collection outings were also well supported by the volunteers. We made our way to Freshwater Point on a couple of occasions exploring some different tracks and found a few species in seed that we could return to the nursery with, for cleaning and propagating.



If you would like to volunteer in your local community and meet new people while learning local native plants and their propagation, come along to the SLCMA Community Volunteer morning, every Wednesday, 9am to 12noon. For more details contact SLCMA on 4956 1388. SLCMA Community Volunteer Program is proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council, Natural Environment Levy.

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It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of long-time volunteer, Neil Bradley. Neil along with his wife Gail, volunteered with SLCMA for almost 15 years as Waterwatch and Nursery volunteers, contributing greatly to the data collection of our local waterways and the production of native plants. As well as sharing their many wonderful life stories and experiences with us. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Gail for her loss.

Right: Landcare volunteer, Neil Bradley



Fox, what fox? Community meet & greet, a success!

Our community meet & greet on 8th October 2022, was well attended with 30 attendees (*adults & kids*) enjoying the informative session about foxes and their impacts on local wildlife and what is being done in the region to monitor and control them.

The highlight of course was meeting Rocky & Cooper, Conservation Detection Dogs and handler Tom Garrett (SQ Landscapes) and seeing Rocky in action as he demonstrated his searching skills.

Attendees also enjoyed chatting with Susie Tomlinson and Saskia von Fahland (SLCMA), Maria Ferraro (Mackay Regional Council Pest Management Officer) and Morgan Thomas (Reef Catchments); while checking out the regional pest trailer and munching on a sausage sizzle.

Thank you to our guest speakers who shared their knowledge with us and to our volunteer James Heaphy for cooking up a storm with the sausage sizzle; team work makes dream work!

This event has received funding support from the Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action grant program.



Sarina Inlet Trail— rehabilitation works underway!



Before

Throughout the year our Revegetation team have been working hard on rehabilitation activities along the Sarina Inlet Trail. They have focused on controlling the Singapore daisy along the walking trail as well as revegetating the western end, near Johnsons Beach...and gee what a difference they have made!



Before



In progress

What was once guinea grass and lantana, has now been removed and replaced with natives. This has reduced the fire load threat and will overtime improve the biodiversity and health of the coastal corridor.

The Revegetation team will continue to maintain the area, undertaking watering and weed control, to assist the plants to grow. We will also hold a community guided tour



In progress

before the end of the year (watch this space!).

We are thankful to receive funding through the Aurizon Community Giving Fund Grant for this project, which will help to reduce weed invasion and enhance the biodiversity of the native coastal vegetation along the trail.

Photos ...photos ... needed for the SLCMA calendar 2023

We are in the process of compiling the SLCMA Calendar for 2023. If you have taken photos throughout the year that showcase some of Sarina Catchment's natural values and, you are happy for them to be considered for use in next years' calendar, please email them to admin@sarinalandcare.org.au as soon as possible.

Examples of images could be native wildlife, plants, natural environment, farming, revegetation projects and landcare-type activities.

Some lovely photos contributed by members & volunteers in previous years



11th Annual Healthy Soils Symposium, 22-24th November

Healthy Soils Symposium: Soils - Life's Foundation! Being held by Reef Catchments.

With a packed three day event, there will absolutely be something to grab your interest and hold your attention.

Day 1—Tue 22 Nov - Field Day @ Abundance Gully, Sarina

Day 2—Wed 23 Nov— Conference @ The Windmill Motel & Events Centre

Day 3—Thu 24 Nov - Field Day @ Jeppeson Farming Co, Taranga

The field days will provide local farm management examples and demonstrations, sharing issues, mitigations, and successes in creating vibrant, healthy soils. The Conference Day is packed with presentations for a full day of information sharing, including case study findings, research, and experiences in discovering soil health as we know it today:

Presenters include:

John Day (MRCCC) | Tim Marshall (NASAA) | Kym Kruse (RegenAG) | Carlos Bueno (RCL & NQ rought Hub) | Geoffrey Bahnisch (DAF) | Shireen Pisters (Growcom) | Che Trendell (Farmacist) | Lara Landsberg (DAF)

Available places are capped, so please be sure to reserve your place/s via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Did you hear the news?

A Bar-tailed Godwit just shattered a world record for non-stop flight! At just 5 months old, a juvenile Bar-tailed Godwit just flew a staggering 13,560 kilometres without stopping once – all the way from Alaska to Tasmania. This marathon flight took just over 11 days, beating the previous record of 13,000 km set by another adult bird. Scientists tracked the bird's journey using a satellite transmitter attached to its back.



Like most of the migratory shorebirds that we see in Australia, Bar-tailed Godwits migrate annually between their breeding grounds in the northern hemisphere (usually the tundra of Siberia or Alaska) to feed along Australia's coastlines. All the more reason to protect our coastal zones and leave them while they are feeding and recouping, after their long flight.

Taken from QLD Water and Landcarers

Grants for Riparian fencing and off stream watering points

Reef Catchments have commenced rolling out the grant component of their new Waterways Project - Preparing Australian Communities - Local Stream - Nature Based Solutions to Build Regional Resilience.

Grants are available for Riparian Fencing and associated Off Stream watering points to help maintain good vegetation coverage on stream banks and adjacent riparian land to provide greater resistance to the effects of severe events such as floods and cyclones.



The funding is for the installation of a new riparian fence only, it will not replace an existing riparian fence and you can't receive funding from another program for the same fence. Site inspections will be completed to assess the location and ensure there is no existing fence and then a final inspection to sign off on installation. GIS data will be captured in the field to mark fence locations and P2R data will be collected and reported.

Riparian fencing can be for stock control or pest exclusion. RCL is funding 40% of total cost, with the land holder providing the remaining 60% to maximum of:

- \$6,000/km for stock control fencing
- \$7,200/km for pest exclusion fencing
- \$7,000 for the first watering point (or \$11,000 if new bore required), \$2,000 for each additional watering point.

For an information guide, application form and more information please contact Michael Boland, Michael.boland@reefcatchments.com



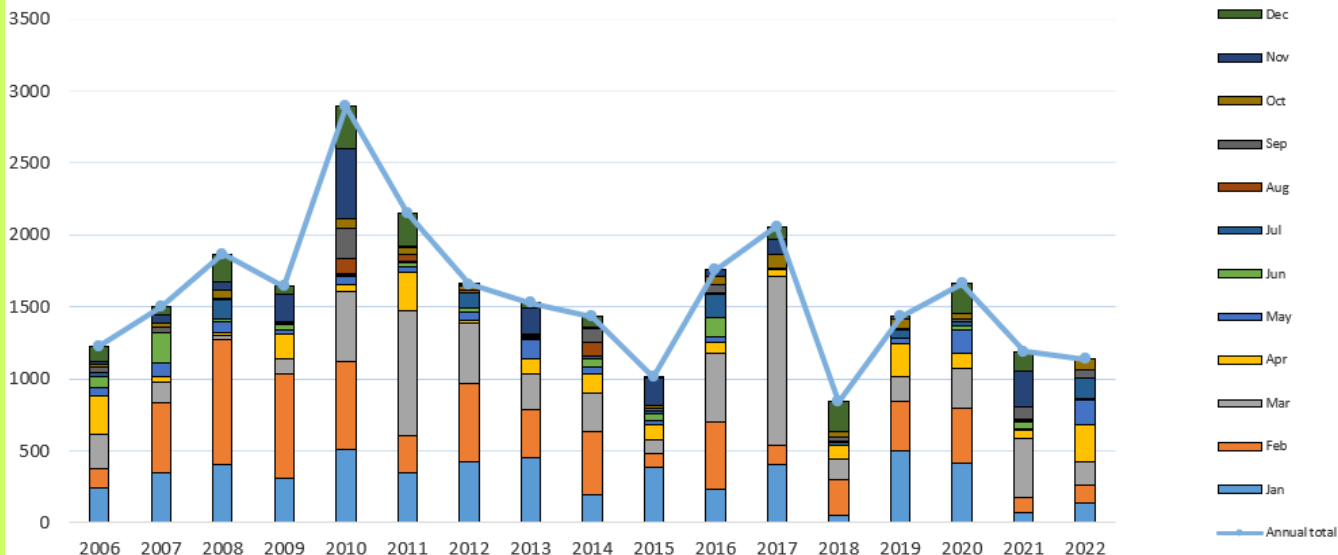
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What SLCMA Membership does for you !

A membership with SLCMA has many rewards:

- ◇ Easy access to Natural Resource Management information and extension
- ◇ Monthly newsletter, meeting minutes, progress and project reports
- ◇ A vote on issues in your catchment
- ◇ A say in the types of projects applied for
- ◇ Up to 10 free local native seedlings/year from the SLCMA Community Nursery
- ◇ Invitations to Natural Resource Management field days and workshops
- ◇ Copy of the SLCMA Annual Report

Monthly rainfall for SLCMA Office, 2006 -2022 (inc annual total)



Just for fun!

What do you call a spider with 20 eyes?

Spiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiider

When there are lots of spiders in your home, you will have a no-fly zone in no time at all.

What do you call two spiders who just got married?

Newly webs.

My wife told me to take a spider out instead of killing it. We went and had drinks. Cool guy, wants to be a web designer.

I've named the big spider in my bedroom "Cotton-eye Joe" since I need to know two things:

1. Where did he come from
2. Where did he go.....



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