

SLCMA Catchment News 2023



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Call us for information:

- ◇ Weed management
- ◇ Plant identification
- ◇ Land management
- ◇ Land for Wildlife

Volunteer opportunities:

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

* Friends of the Sarina
Community Native Gardens—
recommencing in the cooler
months

Native plants available for
purchase \$3.30 each.

SLCMA Executive 22/23

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Carol Norris

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Kath Redmond



SLCMA News!

We have a couple 2023 SLCMA Calendars left, so pop in to the office and get your copy. The SLCMA calendar is

a handy resource for environmental and cattle sale dates and, once again showcases many special places, plants, animals and landcare projects from across the Sarina Catchment.

Thank you to our members, staff & volunteers for contributing their wonderful photos; and thank you to our sponsors Mackay Regional Council, Daly Bay and Dalrymple Bay Infrastructure for their ongoing support to our annual calendar.



Photo: S von Fahland

Larissa—welcome!

Welcome to our newest staff member, Larissa Lee-Burgess as Revegetation Team Leader. We are excited to have Larissa join the SLCMA team.

Larissa is originally from Proserpine and has recently moved to Sarina with her family, after living in SEQ for a few years. She has hit the ground running, working alongside Susie, our Nursery Officer — in the Sarina Community Native Gardens, nursery and on site and, is enjoying the challenge of learning about the native and weedy plants in our area. Larissa enjoys the outdoors and is looking forward to leading our revegetation team and making a difference in our community.

Emerging Threats (weeds & pests) and Biosecurity considerations WORKSHOP

Wanting to understand the future biosecurity risks and invasive species trends that could impact your property?

Join Reef Catchments and the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries for an informative workshop on the:

- ◆ Trends of emerging weed and pest species for the Mackay Whitsunday region
- ◆ Emerging biosecurity risks and legislation considerations for local properties
- ◆ Current biosecurity management and on-farm management options

At this workshop you will hear about the status of emerging biosecurity pressures and be provided with tools to mitigate against these risks. Including pre-emptive management and property planning options.

When: Thursday 13th April 2023, 8.30am-2pm

Where: Bloomsbury Soldiers Memorial Hall,
32 Dougherty Rd, Bloomsbury.

This project is funded by the Australian Governments Reef Trust and supported by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.



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SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is **Ivory Mahogany** *Dysoxylum gaudichaudianum*

Family: Meliaceae

Name: *Dysoxylum* from Greek *dysosmos* meaning stinking and *xylon* meaning wood refers to the onion like smell of some species *gaudichaudianum* after French botanist Charles Gaudichaud-Beaupre (1789-1854).

Form: Large spreading tree with drooping leaves

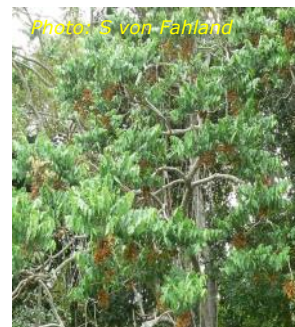
Leaves: Pinnate, 20cm x 6cm, oblong to sickle shaped, unequal at base with elongated tip

Flowers: White to cream flowers, outside of petals hairy; February to April

Fruit: Brown, yellow or orange oval capsules, covered in fine hairs.

Habitat: Riparian rainforest

Notes: Fast growing, attracts birds. Odour of stem sometimes faint, resembling shallots or beans.



Fruit & leaves of Ivory Mahogany



The "Plant of the Month" is currently available from the SLCMA Community Nursery. Landcare members are eligible to receive 1 free "Plant of the Month", throughout that month. This and other native plant species are also available for purchase at \$3.30 each. All plants are grown from locally sourced seed in the SLCMA Community Nursery by SLCMA staff and the SLCMA Volunteer team.

Information sourced: *Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants* www.lucidcentral.org; Townsend K (1994) *Across the top*.

Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens



Larissa planting 'Frogmouth'

A new garden bed has recently been added to our community garden. We have named it the Boomerang Garden due to its shape. This is quite a wet spot, so we are planting species that love these boggy conditions; Broad-leaved paperbark (*Melaleuca viridiflora*), Cabbage tree palm (*Livistona decora*), Frogmouth (*Philydrum anuginosum*) and Crinum lily (*Crinum pedunculata*); are some of the species recently added. While these

plants thrive in wetter conditions, they also cope well during the dryer months. We look forward to these plants growing and creating a new display for visitors to the gardens.



Male Eggfly butterfly (*Hypolimnys* sp.) in the gardens

Sarina Community Nursery Volunteer Program

We have had some busy days in the nursery, preparing tubestock plants for large revegetation projects, customer orders and our plant sale. The volunteers have assisted with weeding & trimming tubestock, and propagating seeds and cuttings to replenish stock going out for these orders. The support from our valued helpers is so appreciated.

As announced in our last newsletter, our nursery will be expanding, and phase 1 has begun! The water treatment train currently located at the rear of the nursery has been dismantled and set in a temporary location until a new setting is constructed on the proposed extended site. We will give you an update on phase 1 in the next newsletter.



SLCMA Volunteers seed collecting

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.

Left: Water Treatment train being dismantled

Right: Temporary home for wetland plants, until the new train is built



SLCMA receives small equipment grant :)

We are thankful to receive funding through the Mackay Regional Council—Small Equipment Grants Program, which allowed us to purchase the following, much needed equipment:

- ♦ a much needed plant label maker for the nursery— all plants purchased now come with a printed name label
- ♦ sturdy shelving to store our equipment and materials up off the ground
- ♦ a reciprocating saw to help make maintenance in the Sarina Community Native Gardens that little bit easier

L-R: plants displaying labels, label maker



Photos: S von Fahland

Sarina 4WD & Outdoor Centre—Birthday Bash!

We had a great time on 1st of April, celebrating Sarina 4WD & Outdoor's 1st Birthday Bash!

It was great to support a local event and be out and about amongst the community. We were able to share our tips for enjoying the outdoors while also looking after our beautiful natural areas for future generations.

Thanks to Susie and our nursery volunteers who prepared a great variety of edible native plants to have available for sale on the day. Also thanks to the Landcare team who all helped to put together our new 'fishing game' which was a great hit amongst the kids who attended.



Photos: S von Fahland

Top: SLCMA display at Sarina 4WD & Outdoor Birthday Bash

L-R:

** Display*

** Susie & Larissa preparing the fish for the 'fishing game'*

** Kids enjoying the fishing game.*

Free composting and worm farm workshop

1st of April was a busy, enjoyable day for the SLCMA team; we also hosted the FREE Composting and Worm farm workshop at the SLCMA Office. A big thank you to Luke Matthews of Pandurunga Permaculture Farm for sharing his wealth of knowledge with us and participants.



Photo: contributed

Luke sharing his knowledge of composting, with participants.

Participants gained knowledge and practical tips for successful composting and worm farming. Both of which are a fantastic way to reduce household organic waste and produce a wonderful resource for your garden.

We would like to thank Mackay Regional Council for the opportunity to host this free workshop in the Sarina community.

Grant available for landholders

Grants are available for eligible landholders to assist with stock management and pest animal control projects within riparian areas. These projects will aim to improve local resilience, maintain a healthy riparian zone and protect valuable agricultural land.

The *Preparing Australian Communities: Nature Based Solutions to Build Regional Resilience* project will offer a proactive approach in maintaining and enhancing the resilience of our streambanks and riparian areas. It aims to achieve this by supporting landholders in the installation of fencing and associated off-stream watering points to control stock access and exclude pest animals. For further information, and to register your interest, view the flyer [here](#). This project is being delivered by Reef Catchments and has received grant funding from the Australian Government.



Grants available

**Creek/stream bank
fencing and off-stream
watering points**



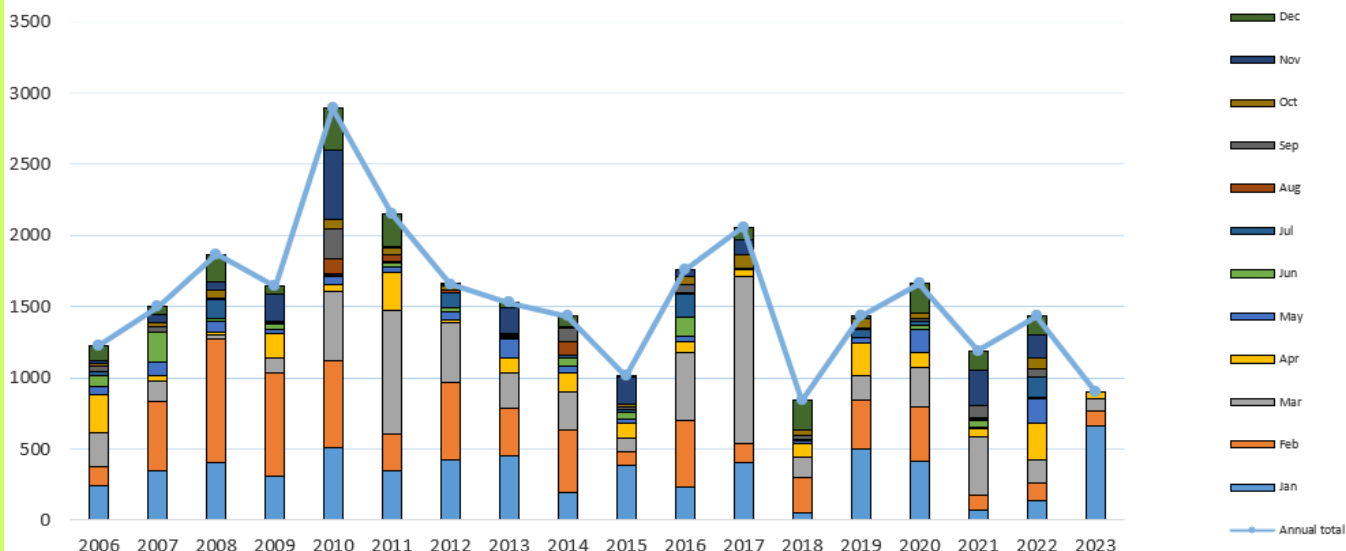
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What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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 -2023 (inc annual total)



Just for fun!

What do you call a sheep with no legs?
 A cloud.

What does a cloud do when it gets an itch?
 It finds the nearest skyscraper.

Why do clouds appear in different shapes and sizes?
 Because they're in de-skies.

One cloud says to another, "Oh no, we don't have enough water to make a rainstorm."
 The other cloud says, "Don't worry, we'll make dew."

I never knew how technologically advanced Moses was.
 But today I learned he had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.



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