

SLCMA Catchment News 2023



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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 purchase \$3.30 each.

SLCMA Executive 22/23

Chair: Lachlan McBride

Vice-chair: Karen May

Treasurer: Susan Andrews

Secretary: Carol Norris (acting)

Executive members:

Kath Redmond



Sarina Landcare

SLCMA News!

~: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! :~

Our staff and management committee members have enjoyed a well deserved break over the Christmas and New Year period and are refreshed and back on deck from the 9th January 2023.

We hope that our members, volunteers, project partners and supporters had a very Merry Christmas and a good, safe start to the new year. We are looking forward to seeing you all and working with you throughout 2023 on existing and new landcare projects across the Sarina Catchment.

~: SLCMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :~

The SLCMA Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 18th November 2022, at the SLCMA Office. Attendees enjoyed a guided walk of the *Sarina Community Native Gardens* by Nursery Officer, Susie Tomlinson, followed by the AGM and nibbles :)

Thank you to our members who came along to celebrate SLCMA's achievements throughout the 21/22 year and support our volunteer management committee for their efforts. We would like to thank our outgoing management committee: Lachlan McBride, Cr Karen May, Shirley Sidey and Kevin Plumb for their support throughout the year.



Attendees of our recent AGM, enjoy a tour of the Sarina Community Native Gardens with Susie Tomlinson

We would also like to welcome, introduce and thank, the following management committee members for 22/23.

Chair:	Lachlan McBride
Vice-chair:	Cr Karen May
Treasurer:	Susan Andrews
Secretary:	Carol Norris (temporary)
Executive members:	Kath Redmond and Carol Norris

Your support, willingness to share your experience and knowledge and, to volunteer your time to SLCMA, is much appreciated—as it is an essential part of what keeps SLCMA going.

~: POSITIONS VACANT :~

We currently have the following positions vacant, please visit our [website](http://www.sarinalandcare.org.au) for more details:

- Project Officer (full-time)
- Revegetation—Leading Hand (full-time)
- Revegetation Officer (full-time and casual)



~: SLCMA CALENDAR 2023 :~

Good things come to those who wait...you will be glad to know that the **SLCMA Calendar for 2023** is on its way!

So, **watch this space and leave a special place on your wall**, as it is jam packed with beautiful images of the Sarina Catchment, showcasing local landcare activities and projects, our volunteers, staff and cute critters and, don't forget it is a handy guide to important environmental awareness and local cattle sale dates.

A big thank you to Mackay Regional Council, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal PL and Delly Bay Infrastructure for supporting the printing of this year's SLCMA Calendar. Our members and project partners are able to receive one free calendar each. We will let you know when it is ready for collection :)

SLCMA CALENDAR 2023

Coming soon :)

SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is the *Xerochrysum bracteatum*
Golden everlasting Family: Asteraceae

Name: *Xerochrysum* from Greek *xeros* dry and *chrysus* golden; *bracteatum* from Latin *bractea*, thin plate of shining metal—refers to the floral bracts.

Form & height: Perennial, daisy-like herb, 30-50cm.

Leaves: Soft, hairy, narrow, grey-green leaves, forming a basal rosette and/or occurs up stem.

Flowers: Bright yellow heads, surrounded by shiny, stiff, papery bracts, August to October.

Fruit: Small dry seed 3mm long, with yellow tuft of hairs (pappus) up to 8mm long.

Habitat: Woodlands, open areas.

Notes: Propagate from seed. Dried flower heads last a long time when cut.

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:** Melzer & Plumb (2007) *Plants of Capricornia*



Photo: M & S Evans
Flowers of Golden everlasting—paper daisy

Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens

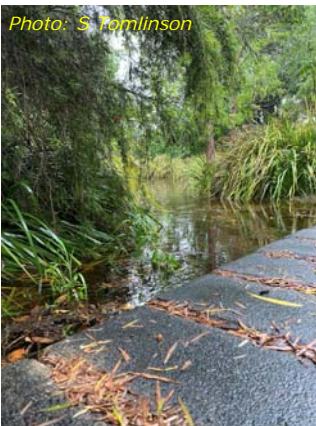


Photo: S Tomlinson

In consideration of the hot and now, wet weather, we have decided to postpone the *Friends of the Gardens* volunteer mornings, at this stage. We are also reviewing the *Friends of the Gardens* volunteer mornings, previously held Fridays 9-10am, and hence we may change the day, time and frequency of the program. If you are interested in being involved or would like to provide feedback, please contact us.

In the meantime, visitors are welcome anytime to take a self-guided stroll through the Sarina Community Native Gardens and please contact us if you have any questions about the plants in the gardens. There are a range of plants in flower and fruit at the moment and the seasonal wetland is full-to-the-brim with water (*the frogs are having a great time!*). You may even catch a glimpse of PK & Stooge ...who are they you

ask...pop in and find out ;)

Background: The Sarina Community Native Gardens was identified in 2008, by SLCMA and our volunteers as a way to involve the community and provide an opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits of using native plants as an alternative to non-native &/or weedy garden plants. Permission to install the gardens on the 0.25ha site, was approved by Mackay Regional Council in 2009. After consultation and planning with MRC and Native Plants QLD—Mackay Branch; onground works began in late 2009. The gardens were officially opened in 2013, by Gardening Australia guru, Costa Geordiadis. The gardens are managed by SLCMA staff with support from programs such as the *Friends of the Gardens*.

Lft: Seasonal wetland, Rht top: *Pandorea jasminoides*, Rht bottom: *Helichrysum lanuginosum*



Photos: S von Fahland



Sarina Community Nursery Volunteer Program

Before our Christmas break, our nursery volunteers enjoyed working in the SLCMA Community Nursery as well as heading out seed collecting and of course some lovely morning teas. We also enjoyed a bit of fun at our volunteer Christmas party...with a friendly game of secret santa, a few laughs and yummy treats to nibble. Over Christmas our volunteers took a well deserved holiday. We (& the plants) are looking forward to seeing you all soon, with our volunteer mornings starting back up again on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

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.



Photo: S Tomlinson
Volunteers enjoying our volunteer Christmas party!

Reef Assist 2.0 announced

The Queensland Government's Reef Assist program delivers priority environmental projects in the Great Barrier Reef catchment. Six new projects have been announced and are now being funded under Reef Assist 2.0, spanning the entire Reef catchment from Cape York to Bundaberg.

The **Mackay Whitsunday Streambank Stewardship Program** proposal submitted by Reef Catchments, will build on the success of works delivered under the initial stage of the Reef Assist program.

The project's primary focus is to improve water quality in the Mackay Whitsunday and Isaac (MWI) region and will deliver important remediation works along vulnerable riparian and coastal environments of ecological and social importance, while providing employment and engagement opportunities for Landcare groups and Traditional Owners.

We will work in partnership with Reef Catchments and the other two landcare groups: Whitsunday Catchment Landcare, Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group, to deliver our component of the program. Site selection for this project is underway, with sites expected to be located in the Proserpine, O'Connell, Pioneer and Plane catchments.

The [Reef Assist](#) 2.0 project is funded through the Queensland Reef Water Quality Program and delivered by Reef Catchments in partnership with local Landcare groups.

SLCMA Reef Assist team assisting a local landholder to revegetate creekbank under Reef Assist 1.0 Program.



Central QLD residents asked to take part in Koala survey

CQUniversity researchers are keen to learn more about koalas in the Central Queensland area, including how you feel about them!

Researchers want to determine the CQ community's attitudes towards, and knowledge of, koalas within the CQ region. This includes knowledge about koalas, where they live, and their significance to you, as well as knowledge and opinions about koala conservation efforts. Information gained from the survey will provide much needed information about CQ koalas and form a critical foundation for any future management strategies.

The link below will take you to an online, completely anonymous, survey that should take you no longer than 15 - 20 minutes to complete. It can be done on your mobile device or on your personal computer. At the end of the survey, you can opt-in for a chance to win one of five \$100 vouchers as a thank you for participating. For more details, or to begin the survey, please follow the link: <https://tinyurl.com/CQkoala>



Small acreage roadshow—a wealth of information!



Attendees learning about soil tests from Che Trendell

Attendees enjoyed our *Small Acreage Roadshow* workshop held in Sarina on 11 November 2022. A big thank you to our guest speakers who shared their wealth of knowledge, tips and information with us, including:

- Pasture management and seed mixes (Matt Lockwood, Agrimix)
- Parasites & vaccines (Leon Buchanan, Zoetis)
- Nutrition & feeding guides (Rob Sands, Nebo Rural Supplies)
- Groundcover & pasture condition (Mandy Jeppesen, Farmacist)
- Getting the most out of soils & soil testing (Che Trendell, Farmacist)
- Pest management (Shelley Molloy, Mackay Regional Council)
- Farm grants (Michael Boland, Reef Catchments)

The small acreage roadshow workshops were coordinated by SLCMA, Pioneer Catchment and Landcare (PCL) and Whitsunday Catchment Landcare (WCL) and held in Sarina, Mackay and Proserpine, respectively. This event was supported by Reef Catchments through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

School holiday — coastcare fun!

SLCMA and Reef Catchments joined forces on 16th December 2022, to deliver a school holiday coastcare event at Sarina Beach. Participants enjoyed hands-on activities including a beach clean up and 'seed bomb' making as well as a guided tour of the Sarina Inlet Trail to learn about our unique coastal environment. It was a good chance to see first hand, the great work that the SLCMA Revegetation Team have been doing to rehabilitate and enhance the Sarina Inlet Trail, funded through the Aurizon Community Giving Fund Grant. The event was supported by Reef Catchments through funding from the Australian Government's Reef Trust.



Top: seed bomb making; Bottom: Kellie, Morgan, Susie; Right: beach clean up



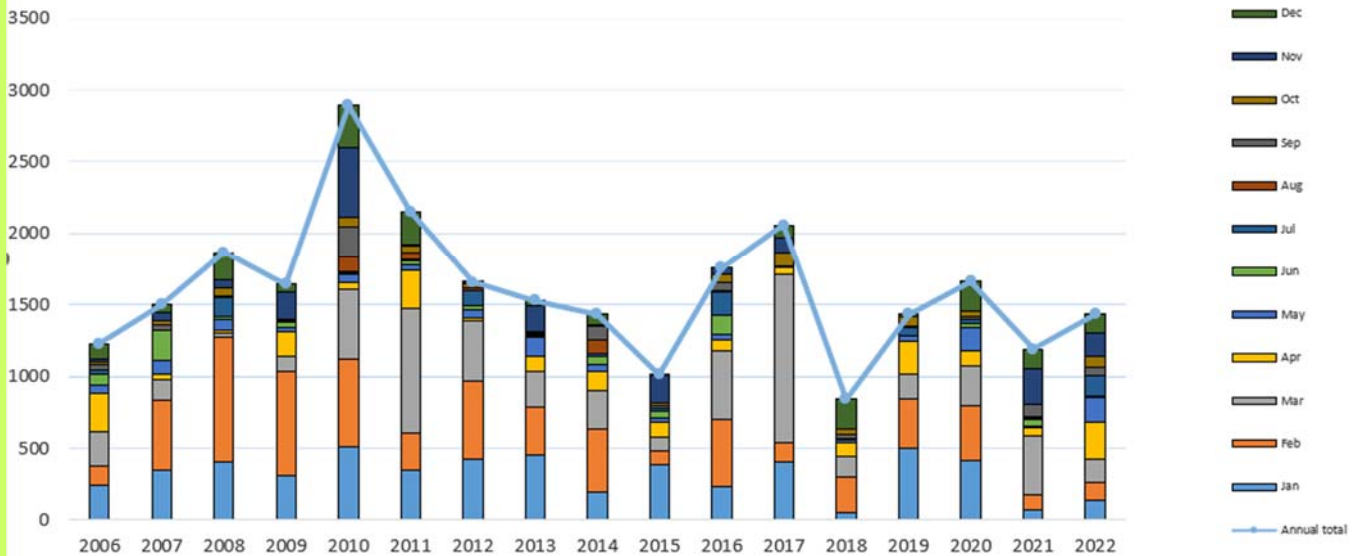
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What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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 does a raincloud wear under his raincoat? Thunder wear.

Why didn't the light rain hit the target? It just mists.

If a band is playing music and a thunderstorm hits, who is most likely to get hit by lightning? The conductor of course.

What's the difference between rain and climate?
 You can't rain a tree, but you can climate.

Why do you have to act quickly during a flood?
 Because it's an emergent sea.

What's rain's favourite accessory? A rainbow.

Why do raindrops like lightning at night? Because they can see where they are going.



A partnership for the natural resource management of catchments in the Central Queensland Coast Bioregion: Pioneer, Sarina & Whitsunday Catchments.



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