

SLCMA Catchment News 2023



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Please phone ahead to confirm availability, just in case we are out on a project or meeting.

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 purchase \$3.30 each.

SLCMA Executive 22/23

Chair: Lachlan McBride

Vice-chair: Karen May

Treasurer: Susan Andrews

Secretary (acting):

Carol Norris

Executive members:

Kath Redmond



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**VOLUNTEER NEEDED,
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

- Do you have a passion for Landcare?
- Would like to work with other volunteers to make a difference in our community?

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic volunteer for our **Secretary** position on the SLCMA Management Committee.

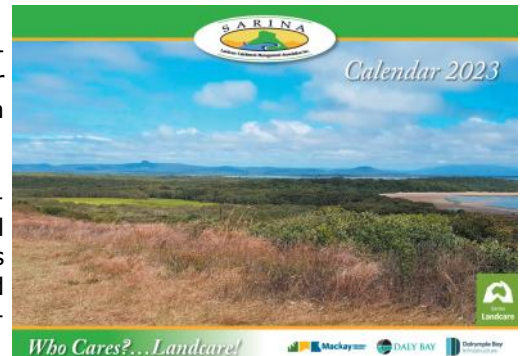
To express your interest in the position or for more information, phone 4956 1388 or email: admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

Wait no longer...the 2023 SLCMA Calendar is here!

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.

Our members, volunteers and project partners are able to receive one free calendar each, so drop in to the office and pick up a copy today.

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.



Community members are able to purchase our native plants a number of ways:

- ◆ **'Click & Collect' Plant Order Form** – The latest plant order form is available from our website www.sarinalandcare.org.au and is also emailed to our members, when it is updated. Submit your plant order form anytime and we will put the plant order together for you.
- ◆ **By appointment only** – Contact our office by phone on 4956 1388 or email your query to nursery@sarinalandcare.org.au

Or, come along to our next **Plant sale** which will be held on the **11th March 2023, 8am-11am**. We will have a range of native plants available to purchase for \$3.30 each. Other items for sale include:

- ◆ Mackay Whitsunday Regional Weedbook
- ◆ Native plant books
- ◆ Plant guard kits
- ◆ SLCMA caps & broadbrimmed hats

Cash and eftpos facilities will be available. *Please note eftpos incurs a 1.9% surcharge.*



SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is the ***Diploglottis obovata*** Wild Tamarind Family: Sapindaceae

Name: *Diploglottis* from *diplo* (double), *glottis* (throat), refers to 2 tongue-like scales at the base of the petals; *obovata* from *obovatus* (egg-shaped), refers to the leaflet shape.

Form & height: Tree to 8m, often spreading canopy.

Leaves: Alternate, pinnate leaves; 4-6 leaflets; prominent raised mid-rib on underside of leaflet; buds and young stems densely hairy with rusty-brown simple hairs.

Flowers: White-cream sprays of flowers, 4-5mm diameter; Oct—Nov.

Fruit: Yellow or orange capsule, velvety hairy, 2-3 lobed, one brown seed per lobe, almost fully enclosed by an orange-red aril; Dec.

Habitat: Rainforest from Proserpine to Carmila

Notes: Arils are edible, plant in full sun to part shade.



Fruit & leaves of Wild Tamarind

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

Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens



Vitex melicope in fruit in the gardens

It has been so good to see the garden's seasonal wetlands filled to the brim and the wildlife taking advantage of the temporary habitat. The frogs filled the air with their tunes and frogspawns were seen floating near the surface of the water hatching tadpoles. The resident ducks have flocked in and hung out on the ponds and puddles.

The gardens are green and lush and.... a little overgrown. The weeds seem to grow ten times as fast this time of year. So, weeding and pruning are priorities now. It's hot and humid work now, but it's rewarding to see the end results. We are looking forward to the cooler months when gardening is not so challenging.

If you would like to help out in the Sarina Community Native Gardens, let us know as we are currently re-scheduling how and when we undertake the 'friends of the gardens' volunteer events.



Susie & Larissa keeping the weeds in check

Sarina Community Nursery Volunteer Program

It is lovely to see some of our awesome volunteers back in the nursery after the Christmas break. The nursery is loaded with plants ready to grow and our volunteers have been helping to keep them looking great by weeding, trimming, and fertilising. We have also been cleaning and sowing some freshly collected seed provided by some local landowners.

We are very excited to be granted permission from council to extend the nursery! Our propagation space will be expanded which will greatly benefit our volunteer mornings which are well supported and continue to grow. Our plant sale days have been popular, and the expansion will provide a space to better accommodate these and on a more regular basis. Watch this space for updates!

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.



SLCMA Volunteers potting-on seedlings

Junior Landcarers—an important part of the Landcare

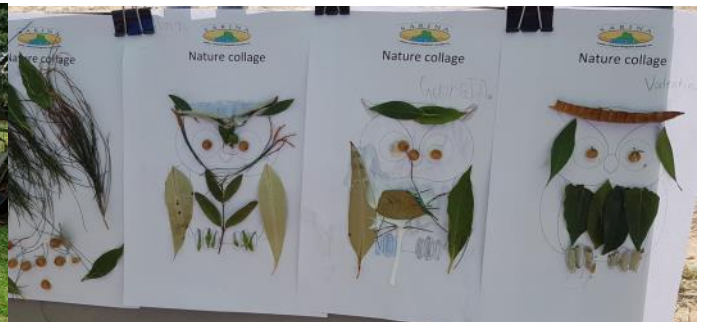
Do you have some keen Junior Landcarers in your household, school or youth group?



Did you know that thanks to the support of Mackay Regional Council, we are able to support you or your group in a number of ways:

- ◆ Become a Junior Landcare member with SLCMA for free
- ◆ Participate in community Landcare events such as workshops, tree planting, marine debris clean-ups
- ◆ Join us for our School Activity Day held throughout the year—an interactive, outdoor educational activity program for local primary schools
- ◆ Sign up with the [Junior Landcare Program](https://juniorlandcare.org.au/)—be inspired by Ambassador Costa Georgiadis, receive regular Junior Landcare Newsletter from Landcare Australia—showcasing great ideas, activities, funding and training opportunities. For more information visit: <https://juniorlandcare.org.au/>
- ◆ Take a self-guided tour (or organise a guided tour) in the Sarina Community Native Gardens
- ◆ Join us in the SLCMA Community Nursery to learn about how to propagate native plants.
- ◆ We are also happy to design a talk, excursion or activity to suit your youth audience and topic

Contact us to find out more. Proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.



Land for Wildlife Program

The Land for Wildlife (LfW) program is a free, voluntary program that aims to support, encourage, and recognise landholders who integrate wildlife conservation with their land management activities. By protecting the natural biodiversity of your land, you can provide a wide variety of habitats for native wildlife within the landscape.



The program offers a variety of benefits including a property visit, plant identification and advice, personalised land management plan, 20 free native plants annually, quarterly newsletter and invitation to field days and workshop. If you are interested, please complete and return the [Expression of Interest Form](#) (found on our website www.sarinalandcare.org.au) to admin@sarinalandcare.org.au, or call the SLCMA Office on 4956 1388. *The Land for Wildlife Program is supported by Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.*

Free composting and worm farm workshop

We are grateful to have the opportunity to host the Mackay Regional Council—Free Composting and worm farm workshop in Sarina.



Compost bins and worm farms are two great ways to recycle your fruit and vegetable scraps at home and turn organic material into rich nutrients for the garden. Composting and worm farming at home is simple, and good for the environment by reducing the amount of organic waste that goes to landfill and creating a more natural and healthier place to live. Worm farms produce great natural fertiliser for your garden, take up very little space and are easy-to-use. For more information on composting, worm farms and Bokashi Buckets [click here](#).

There are six free Composting and worm farm workshop being held across the region this year, with the Sarina event being held on **Saturday 1st April, 9am-11am at the SLCMA Office**. To make a booking [click here](#) (or visit the [Mackay Regional Council website](#)). These events are proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council.

Come along and support this local event, so we can keep them in Sarina ...if you don't use it, we might lose it!

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.





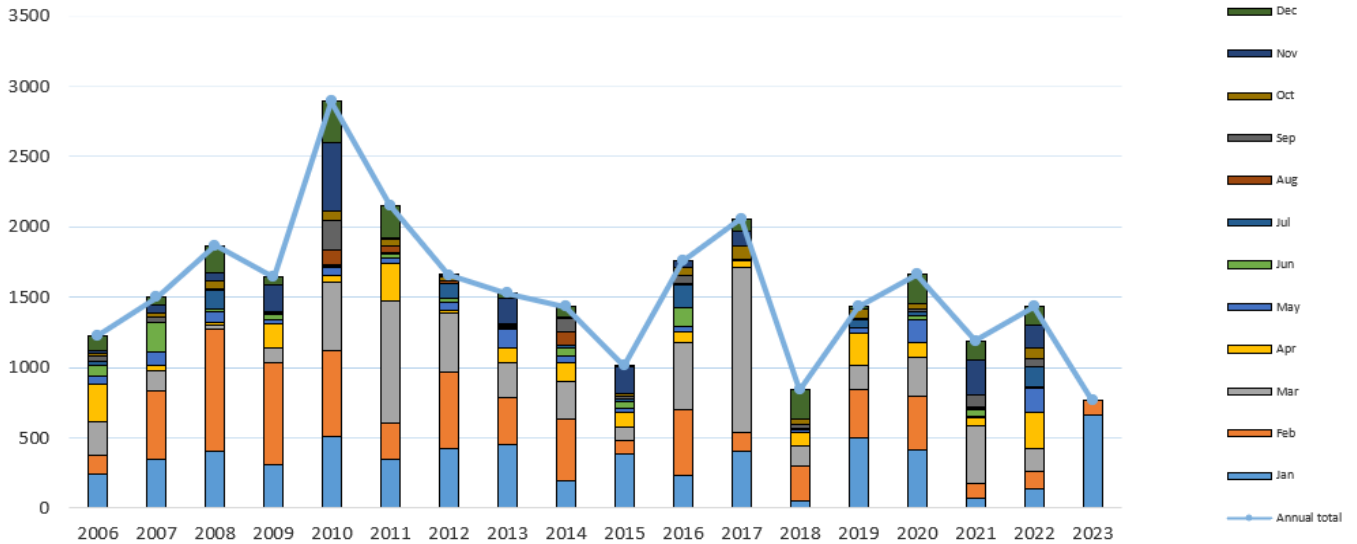
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What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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 happens when a flower blushes? *It turns rosy.*

What did the flower tell the taxi driver so he'd go faster? *Floret!*

How does a flower whistle? *By using its tulips.*

What do you do after you take a picture of a flower? *You wait for it to photosynthesize.*

Why couldn't the flower ride its bicycle to school? *It lost its petals.*

Where do flowers go when they need to recharge after a long day? *The power plant.*



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