

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

Chair: Lachlan McBride

Vice-chair: Karen May

Treasurer: Susan Andrews

Secretary (acting):

Carol Norris

Executive members:

Kath Redmond



Sarina Landcare

SLCMA update

A big thank you to all of our volunteers, from our awesome volunteer Management Committee and Nursery volunteers to those who come along to our events and working bees throughout the year, to help learn about and lend a hand to protect our local environment.

National Volunteering Week 15 - 21 May 2023



Planting, Rubbish collection, Governance, Strategic direction, Learning

Seed collecting, Weed control, Gardening, Monitoring, Recording

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

LANDCARERS ARE CHANGE-MAKERS AND WE THANK YOU ALL!



Sandy and Mark - thank you both :)

All the best to Mark and Sandy Evans— Staff and volunteers came together recently to wish our long-standing Landcare members; Mark and Sandy Evans all the very best on their next adventure, as they are leaving the region soon.

Mark and Sandy became involved in SLCMA in 2009 as Landcare members and nursery volunteers and, between 2018 – 2021 on the SLCMA management committee. Throughout this period they have contributed their time, many stories and knowledge to Landcare — for which we are very grateful. Thank you Mark and Sandy!!



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

Friends of the Sarina Community Native Gardens



JOIN US FOR **WEED 'N' FEED IN THE GARDENS**

19th May 2023, 4.30-6pm

Where: Sarina Community Native Gardens,
(Corner Sarina Beach & Cemetery Roads)

Come along for some fun in the gardens with a guided tour, get your hands dirty with some gardening and as the sun goes down enjoy a chat and bite to eat.

Please wear closed shoes and bring a water bottle

RSVP by 18th May 2023, for catering purposes please phone 4956 1388 or email admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

Now that the weather is kinder, we are looking forward to the first 'Friends of the Gardens' for the year and thank Mackay Regional Council for their support for the event. We will schedule in more Friends of the Garden events in the coming weeks and look forward to creating a fun, social event for our community.



Photo: S. Tomlinson

As stated in the previous newsletter, the boomerang garden has recently been added to our community garden. A site suited to species which enjoy boggy conditions. We have added some *Hakea actites*-Wallum hakea, an erect multi-branched shrub to 3m, with 10cm long needle-like foliage and white to pink flowers, in axillary clusters, from May to September, followed by unusual attractive, sharp-pointed, woody seedpods to 3.5cm. An unusual and attractive addition to the garden providing good protection for small birds. *The Sarina Community Native*

Gardens (SCNG) are located on the corner of Cemetery & Beach Roads, Sarina and is open to the public for self-guided tours.

L: Larissa working in the gardens;

R: flowers of Hakea actites



Photo: S von Fahland

Land for Wildlife Program—update

We have recently welcomed the following new landholders to the Land for Wildlife (LFW) program:

- Stephan and Sharon Burt were excited to receive their Land for Wildlife (LFW) gate sign, land management plan and information booklet - demonstrating their commitment to the looking after the natural environment on their property.
- Marcus Rowe joined the program to receive plant identification and pest management advice so he can confidently identify and control weeds on his property and, maintain a healthy ecosystem. He has some big goals for his property in the future. We are very excited about his involvement in the program and wait in anticipation as his goals are met!

We have also conducted property revisits to catch up with existing LFW landholders and see how they are going towards their property goals. Wendy & Robert Scheers, who own Jaimons Boarding Kennels on the Bruce highway, has made a commendable effort in controlling Singapore daisy, *Sphagneticola trilobata*, which is categorized as a restricted invasive plant species. Wendy and Robert plan to target other problematic weeds around the property. We appreciate both of their continued commitment to the program and thank them for their hard work and efforts.

Calling all current LFW landholders – If it has been a while since we have visited your property and you would like to organise a revisit, please let us know. We are more than happy to catch up and discuss your progress, goals or provide advice to help you to continue to integrate nature conservation with other land management uses such as grazing or residential use; whether that be managing threats such as weeds and pest animals or, learning about native plants, animals or ecosystems on your property. Give us a call today!

Sarina Community Nursery Volunteer Program

Every month or so, we like to get out seed collecting in our beautiful local surrounds. Our last seed collecting adventure was along a trail in the Cabbage Tree Creek reserve at Grasstree Beach. We were very excited to find a couple of species that we had not come across before: *Dianella longifolia*-Smooth flax lily and *Tacca leontopetaloides*, Arrowroot. We look forward to returning to this unique and species diverse site soon for more seed collection.

Every now and then our nursery volunteers like to share some show and tell, and on this occasion, Sue has brought in a recently shed skin of a very large python that has been frequenting her veranda at Armstrong Beach. The volunteers were amazed by the size of the skin and were quite pleased that it was only the skin she was sharing with us. Thanks for sharing Sue!



Photo: S Tomlinson

Above: 'show & tell' snake skin...

Photo: S von Fahland



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.

L: *Tacca leontopetaloides* R: Volunteers at Grasstree

SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is the **Native buttercup** (*Ranunculus lappaceus*) Family: **Ranunculaceae**

What is in a name? *Ranunculus* Latin for 'little frog' as many species are found in wet places with frogs and *lappaceus* from the Latin *lappa* meaning 'bur', meaning bur-bearing.

Form: An erect, perennial, hairy herb up to 70cm tall with fibrous roots.

Leaves: Radical, 1-8 x 1-8cm blades, ternately or biternately dissected or lobed with dentate, usually acute segments, appressed hairs.

Flower: Golden flowers, 1.5-4cm in diameter with the outer of the sepals hairy. Early spring to summer.

Fruit: Brown, lenticular, obovate-cuneate achenes, 1.7-3.5mm long. Lateral surfaces smooth or dimpled, slender arched beak, receptacle with hairy achene zone but otherwise smooth.

Habitat: Common in wetlands.

Distribution: Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia.

Notes: Common in damp areas, roadsides, drainage ditches etc.



Flower of *Ranunculus lappaceus*

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 from: Atlas of Living Australia (2022) *Ranunculus lappaceus*. Stanley T.D. & Ross E.M. (1983) *Flora of south-eastern Queensland Volume 1*. Department of Primary Industries. Queensland.

Help celebrate Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens 20th birthday!



Head down to the **Botanic Gardens Open Day** on Saturday May 27th, 8am-12noon and join in the 20 year birthday celebrations. Meet Botanic Gardens Ambassador, Costa Georgiadis and Botanic Gardens Landscape Architect Lawrie Smith. Enjoy local community group displays and stalls, themed guided walks, family friendly activities, orchid sales, raffles and plant give-aways!

If you would like to find out more about what is happening in the Botanic Gardens you can follow their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/mackayregionalbotanicgardens>



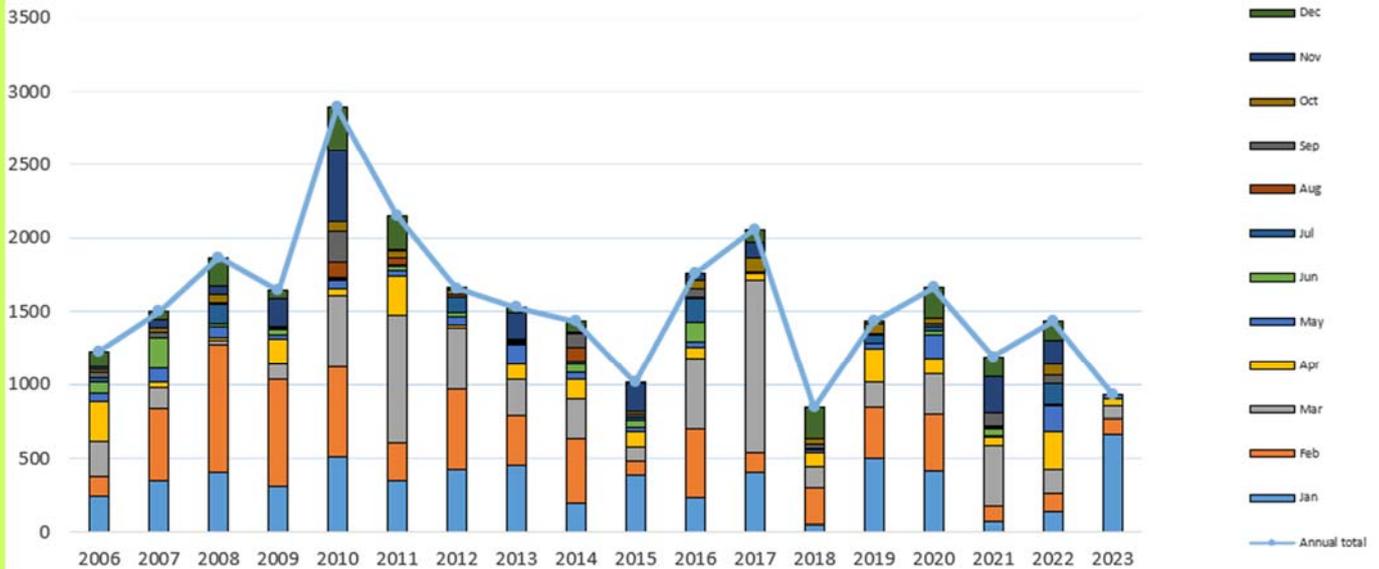
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What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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!

Q1. I have cities, but no houses. I have forests, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?



Q2. A cowgirl road into town on Friday. Three days later, she left on Friday. How is that possible?

Q3. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Q4. What jumps when it walks and sits when it stands?

Q5. First you throw away the outside, then you cook the inside, then you eat the outside and then you throw away the inside. What am I?

Answers: 1) A map 2) Friday is the name of her horse 3) A candle 4) A kangaroo 5) Corn



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