

SLCMA Catchment News 2025



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SLCMA Community

Volunteer Program,

Wednesday, 9-12 noon.

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SLCMA News!

It has been a wonderfully busy month for the SLCMA team. Through the *Sarina Koala Habitat Restoration Project* and *Reef Assist Program*, we're seeing an abundance of native plants thriving in the SLCMA Community Nursery and being planted out by our dedicated Field Team. Alongside this, we've also had the pleasure of facilitating a range of activities and events, bringing people together to care for our environment and community.

• **Native bee workshop**– This was an amazing event with Dean and Helen Bryant from Brymac Native Bees; learning about our Australian native bees and a practical demonstration on how to safely rescue of *Austroplebeia australis* (AA's) from a salvaged old log into a specific box designed for AA's.

• **Helping YUWI at Cape Hillsborough**– Connecting with country and working alongside the Yuwi and QPWS rangers is always a great experience. We enjoyed helping prepare the site for a controlled burn when conditions are right, in the future.

• **National Tree Day** at Louisa Creek Reserve was a great success with over 25 volunteers from Mackay Regional Council, Daly Bay, NQBP, Yuwi Rangers and the community; planted 150 native coastal plants—to continue the restoration of the reserve.

• **Works at Notch Point for Isaac Regional Council**– This rewarding project has had the team install cattle fencing, bollards to protect the turtle nesting areas, information signs and planted over 1,800 coastal plants to protect the foreshore and the endangered beach scrub.

• **Cape Palmerston Marine Debris Community Clean-up**– What a wonderful two days over 15 & 16th August, at Cape Palmerston National Park with 27 enthusiastic community members and project partners! 106 bags of rubbish collected, 441.55kg of waste removed. And an added bonus, whale sightings, sunshine and time in nature together! A huge thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and made positive impact for our coastlines including the following organisations: QPWS, Yuwi Rangers, Mackay and Isaac Regional Council, Tangaroa Blue and Aurecon. *The Cape Palmerston Clean-Up Initiative: Community Marine Debris Collection and Monitoring Project* is proudly funded through the Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action Grant Program.

**** National Landcare Week 2025 Survey reveals volunteering helps find friendships and social connections **** [Click here to find out more](#)



Photo: R Fraser



Photo: YUWI



Photo: contributed



Photo: D Jooste



Photos: S von Fahland



85% of respondents

saying they had a positive connection to nature where they live.



78% agreed

after participating in landcare activities they had a more positive social connection to people in my community.



56% of respondents

reported improved overall physical and mental wellbeing.



80% have made friends

or new social connections through volunteering with a landcare or other environmental group.



SLCMA 'Plant of the Month'

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is: *Cryptocarya triplinervis* (Brown Laurel)
Family: Lauraceae

What is in a name? *Cryptocarya* is from the Greek κρυπτω (krypto), to hide, and κaryon (karyon), a nut – the seed being hidden in the perianth tube; *triplinervis* is from τριπλous (triplos), threefold, and νευρον (neuron), a sinew, referring to the three leaf-veins.

Form: Small to medium-sized tree, up to 20m with a trunk that is sometimes buttressed.

Bark: Grey brown, mostly smooth with lines of vertical bumps running up the trunk.

Leaves: Alternate, egg-shaped or lance-shaped, dark glossy green above, paler and hairy below, three veined with an easily seen mid vein, which is depressed on the upper side and raised on the lower side of the leaf.

Flower: Cream to pale green, tube-shaped flowers.

Fruit: Black fleshy drupe, 8–14mm x 6.5–12mm.

Distribution: North Queensland to New South Wales in Beach scrub, gallery (riverine or riparian) forest, littoral rainforest, open forest, rainforest, woodland.

Notes: Fruit consumed by the Topknot pigeon, Wompoo fruit-dove, Australian king parrot, Crimson rosella, Lewin's honey eater and Figbird. Also it is an important plant for the larval stage of the Bronze flat, Macleay's swallowtail, Blue triangle, Banded dusk flat and Orange emperor butterflies.

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. Visit our [website](#) for latest plant order form. All plants are grown from locally sourced seed in the SLCMA Community Nursery by SLCMA staff and the SLCMA Volunteer team.



Photo: S von Fahland

Brown Laurel leaves & flowers (above) ripe fruit (below)



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SLCMA Community Nursery Volunteer Program

In the lead-up to the Green Up Sarina— Free Plant Giveaway our dedicated volunteers have been hard at work alongside our Nursery Officer, Susie. Their efforts have ensured that all tubestock plants are looking their best—healthy, weed-free, and clearly labelled—ready for this fantastic event. This is the second year we have worked with Mackay Regional Council to bring the Free Plant Giveaway to Sarina.

This month's seed collecting excursion took us to the grounds of The Kickstart Saloon, where we explored the native bushland along Running Creek in search of native seed. A big thank you to landholder Des for granting us permission to visit your beautiful property—we truly appreciated the opportunity to explore such lovely grounds. We successfully collected seed from *Chionanthus ramiflorus* -Native Olive and identified several other promising species to return to later in the season.

We then headed to Oakenden, where we met up with our Landcare Coordinator and another enthusiastic volunteer. Just a short walk revealed even more Native Olives, which appear to be thriving this season. We also collected seed from *Geijera salicifolia*-Brush Wilga, which was in great abundance. As always, the morning wrapped up with a much-loved morning tea—this time graciously hosted by our Coordinator. A big thank you to all who participated and continue to contribute to ensuring our local native plants continue to grow into the future.



Photos: S Tamlinson

Volunteers enjoying getting out & about seed collecting

If you would like to volunteer in your local community and meet new people while learning about local native plants and their propagation, come along to the SLCMA Community Volunteer days, every Wednesday, 9am to 12noon and, Thursday, 2pm to 5pm. For more details contact SLCMA on 4956 1388. The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program is proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council, Natural Environment Levy.



Sarina Community Native Gardens

The Sarina Community Native Gardens is a hidden gem ready to be explored! Discover our region's unique native flora on a self-guided stroll. Want more insight? Book a group guided walk with our friendly Landcare staff. Whether you're a plant lover or a curious wanderer, there's something for everyone. Contact us at 4956 1388 or admin@sarinalandcare.org.au to plan your visit today!



Photos: D Jooste

Propagation Workshop with Sarina State High School



SSHS students joining in Propagation workshop

On August 26th, we were very pleased to welcome 13 students from Sarina State High School for a hands-on Propagation Workshop to compliment their studies in Certificate I in Agriculture.

The day began with a guided walk, with Susie our Nursery Officer, through the Sarina Community Native Gardens and the Plane Creek Revegetation site, where students participated in native plant identification and seed collection activities. The students learnt how to identify viable seed sources and understand the ecological value of native species.

Back at the SLCMA Community Nursery, the seed was cleaned and prepared for sowing, giving students practical experience in plant propagation. Students then

joined in a planting sessions, learning how to transplant young seedlings into individual pots and about their ongoing care and maintenance.

This workshop was a valuable opportunity to collaborate with Sarina State High School and support the next generation of land stewards and agricultural professionals. We're proud to be part of their learning journey and look forward to future partnerships!



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Snap, Send, Solve – An Easy Way to Report Community Issues

Have you ever noticed a broken sign, overflowing bin, pothole, or damaged footpath and wondered how to report it? Thanks to Snap, Send, Solve, it's now easier than ever to help keep our community safe, clean, and well-maintained. This free app allows you to quickly report local issues straight to the responsible authority, right from your phone.

Here's how it works:

1. Download the app

Available for free on the App Store (iPhone) and Google Play (Android).

2. Snap a photo

Spot an issue? Simply take a clear photo using your phone's camera.

3. Send the details

Open the app, attach your photo, and select the type of issue (e.g., litter, graffiti, damaged roads, illegal dumping). The app will automatically detect your location using GPS.

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Why Use It?

- Saves you time – no need to search for the right phone number or office.
- Helps Councils and service providers respond quickly and efficiently.
- Empowers the community to take part in caring for our shared spaces.

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See something, Snap something



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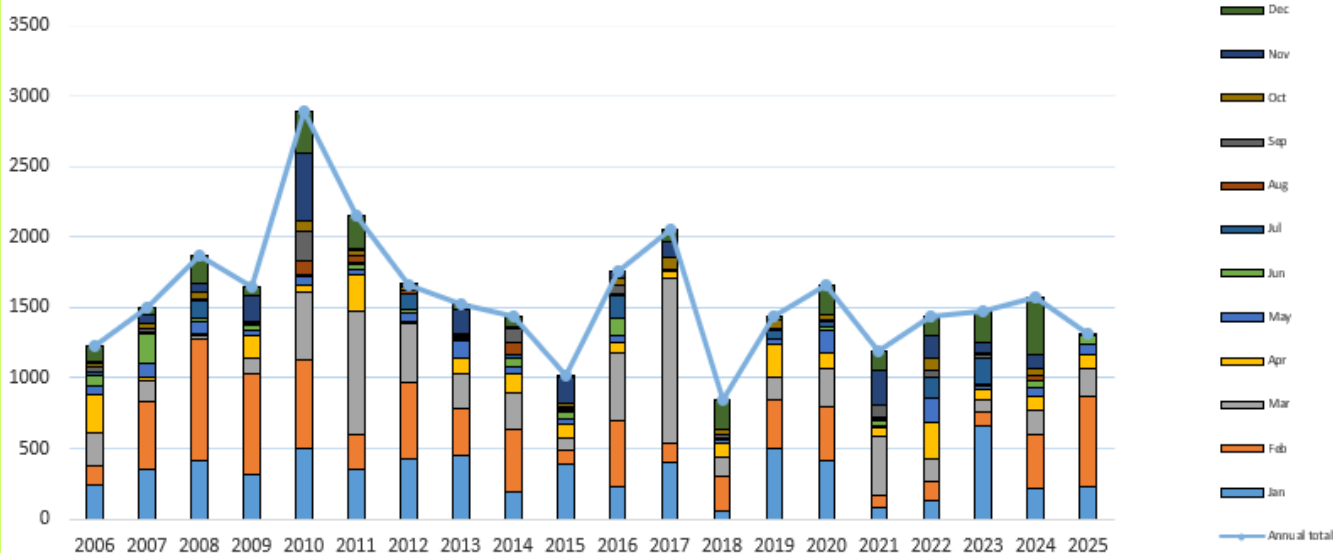
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What SLCMA Membership does for you!

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 -2025 (inc. annual total)



Please consider donating your Containers for Change to SLCMA. You can quote SLCMA's Scheme ID#C10002138 when you deposit your eligible containers **or**, you can drop your containers to us. It is a great way to help the environment and the community. You can reduce waste, save energy, and contribute to local environment projects and programs.



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

Just for fun!

- ◆ A dung beetle walks into a bar and asks: "Is this stool taken?"
- ◆ For a fungi to grow, you must give it as mushroom as possible.
- ◆ I couldn't marry the gardener. He was too rough around the hedges.



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