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## **Sarina Community Newsletter Article**

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### **What's happening with Landcare in your catchment?**

2012 is proving to be a very busy year for staff and volunteers at Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA). The past few weeks have already seen the SLCMA staff welcome their ever keen volunteers back into the SLCMA Community Nursery with volunteers quickly getting straight back into activities like seed collecting, cleaning and propagating and undertaking some much needed nursery maintenance. The Community Volunteer program operates every Wednesday between 9—12 noon at the SLCMA Community Nursery, Cemetery Road.

SLCMA recently partnered with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) on Saturday 11 February for a community day at the Sarina Community Native Gardens. Volunteers helped with planting, mulching and general garden maintenance as well as enjoyed a sausage sizzle lunch. The gardens are being established to showcase and demonstrate the usefulness of Australian native plants in gardens and landscaping. This event was supported by Mackay Regional Council and BMA. The next community planting day with CVA will be held at Grasstree Beach on March 10<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

The Land for Wildlife program is being delivered by SLCMA on behalf of Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Program. The Land for Wildlife program is a free voluntary conservation program that assists landholders to protect and rehabilitate natural areas on their property. SLCMA delivers the program, ensuring it is tailored to meet each property owner's individual needs, offering support and recognition for private landholders with properties 1 hectare and over who manage part or all of their property as native plant and animal habitat. Group registrations are available for neighbouring properties.

The community is invited to come along to a Blue-Green Algae information session at Middle Creek Dam, 28 February, 9:00am to 11:00am. The information session will include guest speaker and blue-green algae expert, Professor Larelle Fabbro from CQ University to discuss the importance of monitoring and managing blue-green algae outbreaks in our local waterways. Other speakers on the day will include SLCMA and Mackay Regional Council staff. This will be a great opportunity to find out what is happening and how you can be involved.

If you would like more information on any of the above projects, or would like to become involved in SLCMA's Community Volunteer Program please contact us on 4956 1388 or drop into our office at 101 Beach Road, Sarina.

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For more information please contact Margaret Meng, Project Officer on 4956 1388.

**Photo/s:**



Photo 1: From Left: Gail Warrilow, Margaret Belfrage, Gail Bradley Enjoying their first day back for 2012 at the SLCMA Community Nursery



Photo 2: Nadine Hamill helping out at the Sarina Community Native Gardens Community Planting Day



Photo 3: From Left: Tom Curtis (CVA Team Leader) and volunteer Tony Elgar planting at the Sarina Community Native Gardens on Saturday 11 February.