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## **Media Release**

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### **Residents participate in National Tree Day for a healthy community**

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) and Mackay Regional Council partnered with Sarina Athletics and Sarina Junior Rugby League clubs to hold a National Tree Day event in Sarina on Sunday 29 July.

This year the Sarina National Tree Day event took place at Brewers Park Sporting Precinct, Sarina. Activities started at 9am with 17 volunteers participating, and concluded at 1pm. Participants worked tirelessly throughout the morning, planting 136 native plants and spreading copious amounts of mulch, which was kindly donated by Complete Tree Management.

During morning tea, volunteers took a much needed break and enjoyed light refreshments and discussions over the future growth and development of the local Sarina athletics club.

SLCMA Project Officer, Margaret Meng, said "National tree day is always a fun family day out and is a small investment of time for great environmental, community and health benefits"

"Every year SLCMA partners with other groups to help organise National Tree Day events within the Sarina Catchment."

"This year we partnered with the Sarina Athletics club to assist with planting native plants at Brewers Park. Trees and shrubs planted at the local sporting precinct will benefit all of the community, from Sarina's young aspiring athletes to the elderly who frequent the park for their daily exercise."

"The trees planted on Sunday will make the park a much more pleasurable place to exercise and provide a windbreak for athletes, shade for spectators and at the same time, increase the biodiversity in the local area." The planting of shade trees throughout Brewers Park has been identified as one of the priority projects in the Brewers Park Sporting Precinct Master Plan 2012 – 2022.

This National Tree Day event was supported by the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy. If you would like more information please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388.

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**Photos:**

1. Tiffany and Jazmine Meng enjoying a day out planting trees at Brewer's Park for National Tree Day 2012.

