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Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) in partnership with Sarina Rural Skills Centre and Sarina State High School have been working together to bring aquaponics and sustainable food production to the Sarina Community.

Aquaponics is the integration of hydroponics and aquaculture to produce quality foods such as fish, vegetables and herbs. Sarina State High School teachers and students have been using and refining aquaponic systems at the Sarina Rural Skills Centre for a number of years.

More recently, the project partners have been working together, under the guidance of Mr Frank Langfield to construct a mobile aquaponic unit for use at community events, to promote sustainable food production, water re-use and efficiency. The interactive, transportable, self-sufficient unit demonstrates the ease and suitability of aquaponics for use on varying property sizes from urban backyards and hobby farms to bigger production based properties.

Community members are invited to a free Aquaponic Information Session on 7 October, 9-11am. The information session will introduce landholders to the 'ins and outs' of aquaponics and an opportunity to check out the variety of systems operating at the Sarina Rural Skills Centre. For more information please contact SLCMA on 49561388.

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For more information please contact Saskia von Fahland on 4956 1388.

1 Photo/s: L-R: Mr Frank Langfield (SSHS) and SSHS students Shaun McDowall, Tyrone Baulch assisting with the mobile aquaponic unit.



2 Photo/s: Mr Frank Langfield with the mobile aquaponic unit during construction.

