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## **Media Release**

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### **Community comes together for the Sarina Community Native Gardens**

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) is currently working in partnership with Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association to hold community days at the Sarina Community Native Gardens, Beach Road, Sarina. During the community days, CVA & SLCMA staff and volunteers concentrated on planting 120 indigenous plants within the 'themed' gardens. Volunteers also carried out much needed garden maintenance doing weeding, mulching & watering.

The Sarina Community Native Gardens are being established to showcase native plants from local ecosystems including coastal, wetland and rainforest habitats. The gardens will be a long term educational resource and recreational garden for locals, visitors and schools. They provide a family friendly place with a walking trail, interpretive signage and an opportunity to learn about local native plants, their benefits & uses in various garden situations.

SLCMA together with Conservation Volunteers Australia is inviting the Sarina community to come along and experience the wonders of the Sarina Community Native Gardens during the next Community Day on 15 December; from 9am – 12am. Morning tea and cold drinks will be supplied.

For catering purposes, volunteers wishing to attend should call the SLCMA office on 4956 1388 to register. Volunteers will need to bring along a hat, sturdy footwear, sunscreen, gloves and a water bottle. The community days are being funded by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA)—Hay Point Services.

The Sarina Community Native Gardens Project is supported by the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.

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

**Photo 1 (L-R):** Margaret Meng (SLCMA Project Officer), with CVA Team Leader Ray Hartich (2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and CVA volunteers Peter Bruce, Tony Elgar and Chris Stevenson during the community day on 10 November 2012.



**Photo 2 (L-R):** Lynette Keir (SLCMA volunteer) with Jameson and Aaliyah Keir attending the community planting day on Saturday 17 November 2012.

