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The Sarina and wider community celebrated Coastcare Week in style recently, with Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) organising a free bus tour to showcase the ongoing work and commitment by the Sarina community to protect our coasts.

The 25 participants enjoyed the day, visiting four of Sarina's best coastal rehabilitation sites. It was a great opportunity to see the diversity of new and more established project sites, as well as listening to a variety of guest speakers and project partners.

The day included visiting the Conservation Volunteers Australia team at Hay Point, for a guided tour through the coastal dunes to see their ongoing weed control and revegetation activities.

Louisa Creek Reserve was the next stop, the Land for Wildlife registered site is a great example of what many years of dedicated rehabilitation activities by community volunteers can achieve. The site has been transformed from a weed infested, fire hazard to an area of regenerating native coastal plants and a visitor friendly walking track.

At Grasstree Beach, we had an informative discussion with the Mackay Regional Council Environmental Ranger on how we can work together to tackle illegal activities within the coastal areas such as motorbikes on beaches and dumping of rubbish. It was also a great opportunity to see current projects being undertaken along the foreshore, by the Mackay Regional Council beach crew, these projects range in age from one month to 4 years.

The highlight of the day (along with a refreshing lunch at Sarina Beach) was a talk from Fran Lloyd of Mackay and District Turtlewatch about the marine turtles that utilise our local beaches. We were equally impressed to be able to see first hand where a flatback turtle had nested the night before.

SLCMA continues to work with the Sarina Community to deliver priority coastal rehabilitation projects within the Sarina Catchment and raise community awareness about the importance of protecting our coastal zones. This is being achieved in partnership with our project partners and residents through the Sarina Community Coastcare Project, funded through BMA – Community Partnership Program. The Sarina Coastal Field Trip was proudly supported by the BMA Community Partnerships Program.

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Community members enjoying the Sarina coastal field trip

