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### **Media Release**

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### **Find out about Dung beetles, a farmers friend**

Known as the farmers friend, dung beetles are the little treasurers working 24/7 in your paddocks, returning animal dung to the soil and recycling nutrients back into your pastures.

To find out more about these intriguing critters come along to a **free Dung beetle paddock walk** in Sarina, on Thursday 14 March, 9-10.30am; hosted by Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA).

Hear from visiting expert John Feehan about how dung beetles benefit production, aerate the soil and reduce the need for chemicals for pest control. John was a member of the CSIRO team tasked with introducing dung beetles to Australia and he continues to be committed to sharing information about dung beetles with landholders.

The paddock walk will be a great opportunity to learn about dung beetles in our area as well as an opportunity to bring your beetles for identification.

To register your interest in attending and find out more details, please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388. This event is supported by SLCMA, Reef Catchments and the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country – Regional Landcare Facilitator Program.

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For more information please contact Saskia von Fahland, Regional Landcare Facilitator on 4956 1388.

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