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Calling all Green Thumbs!

How does your garden grow? This is your chance to let us know – by entering the Sarina Native Garden Competition.

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA) is organising the event to promote and encourage the use of Australian native plants within our local gardens.

Whether you live on a small suburban block or a larger property, the use of Australian native plants has many benefits. They look great, can encourage native wildlife, adding extra colour, movement and pleasant sounds. Other benefits include:

- water efficiency and reduced fertiliser requirements – local native plants have evolved in your area and can thrive in local climate and soil conditions.
- Conserving biodiversity – local native plants can contribute to the natural environment by maintaining species diversity, unlike many exotic plants that can have weed potential and invade natural bushland areas.

The Sarina Native Garden Competition will highlight the best use of native plants in a garden – a purposefully planted area where native plants have been used to enhance and improve the look and health of a garden.

So if you live in the Sarina Catchment area and have a garden that is partly or mostly native plants – then here is your chance to nominate your creation.

There are some great prizes up for grabs, with all entrants receiving 5 free native plants from the SLCMA Community Nursery. Thanks to our sponsors; Mitre 10, Mackay Regional Council and Farm HQ, the winning entrants will receive some fantastic prizes: 1st prize \$500 voucher (Woodmans Mitre 10), 2nd prize \$300 (Mackay Regional Council) and 3rd prize \$150 Wheelbarrow of garden products (Farm HQ). Winners will also receive one year Landcare membership (from SLCMA).

Entry forms and competition details are available from SLCMA by calling 4956 1388 or email: slcma@mcs.net.au. Entries close on 9 August 2013. Winners will be announced in early September, during the launch of the Sarina Community Native Gardens.

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

Photo/s:

Photo 1: Just some of the different colours and shapes you can see in the Sarina Community Native Gardens



Photo 2: Coastal banksia, *Banksia integrifolia* a spectacular local native seen commonly in our beach scrub – can make a lovely addition to your garden.

