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News Release > Spring into the Sarina Community Native Gardens

Sarina will come alive with all things flying, crawling and buzzing this weekend when the Sarina Community Native Gardens are officially launched at the Sarina Community Day.

The project is an initiative of Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA), which has been in development for approximately four years after a need was identified through volunteer and community feedback and support.

Through the Natural Environment Levy, Mackay Regional Council was able to provide the funding required by SLCMA to build the gardens and council worked with them closely throughout the design process.

The project also involved input from organisations including Society for Growing Australian Plants, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Sarina State High School as well as funding from Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and the Queensland Government, and showcases what can be achieved when organisations work together.

Parks and Environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan said, "The aim of the gardens is to promote the benefits, uses and values of growing native plants as an alternative to potentially weedy, non-native plants."

"The Sarina Community Native Gardens will be a place where residents can come and enjoy the great outdoors, take in the sights and sounds of the local environment and learn more about the plants native to our region.

"Those with a green thumb will also be able to participate in a number of working bees held regularly at the gardens, which include planting and weeding activities," she said.

The Sarina Community Native Gardens, located on the corner of Beach and Cemetery roads, Sarina, will be officially launched this Saturday (September 7) during the Sarina Community Day which runs from 10am to 1pm as part of Landcare Week.

The host of ABC's Gardening Australia, Costa Georgiadis, will be a special guest at the community day and will provide those that come along plenty of information on how to start their own native garden.

There will also be guided tours showcasing the benefits and uses of native plants, displays and stalls from local community groups, food and refreshments and the winners of the Sarina Native Garden Competition will be announced on the day.

For more information contact SLCMA on 4956 1388 or email slcma@mcs.net.au.

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