

# SLCMA Catchment News



## September 2018

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**Office  
opening times:**

**Monday to Wednesday  
9-12noon**

**(other times,  
by appointment only)**

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### Call us for information:

- ◇ Weed management
- ◇ Plant identification
- ◇ Land management
- ◇ Local projects
- ◇ FREE property visits
- ◇ Land for Wildlife

### Volunteer opportunities:

SLCMA Community  
Volunteer Program:

- ◇ Wednesday 9-12noon:  
Seed collecting, native  
plant propagation at the  
SLCMA Community  
Nursery

### SLCMA Executive 17/18

#### Chair:

Gloria Murray

#### Vice-chair:

Greg Melvin

#### Treasurer:

Jenny Price

#### Secretary:

Chris Brown



## You are invited to our Annual General Meeting

Come along on Monday 1 October, 5.30-6pm; for our **Annual General Meeting**. All positions will become vacant at our Annual General Meeting and **we are now accepting nominations**. If you wish to nominate or would like to know more, please contact us.



The SLCMA Management Committee is an integral part of our organisation (and required by law under the Incorporated Associations Act). The committee is well supported by the SLCMA staff and provides input into the strategic direction of the organisation.

The event will be held at the SLCMA Office, 101 Beach Road. All attendees are welcome to stay afterward for a general meeting.

## SLCMA & Mackay Rotary Club join landholders to enhance koala habitat



Image: S von Fahland

SLCMA enjoyed the opportunity to join members of Mackay Rotary Club and Landholders Marjorie & Anthony Ross recently, to undertake a special revegetation project aimed to enhance koala habitat. Participants

enjoyed the morning with planting-guarding-mulching and watering 45 local native plants as well as a deserved delicious morning tea.

The project was developed last year, after an injured koala was discovered on the family property. The koala was treated by a local vet and taken into care by a local wildlife carer, where she received much needed medical care, rest and rehabilitation. After almost 3 months, the koala was successfully released close to where she was originally found – which was the site chosen for the revegetation project.

The native plants selected for the project included a variety of koala fodder trees mainly *Eucalyptus species* as well as habitat trees suited to the local 'riparian' (creekbank) environment. Overtime, the Landholders plan to extend the project site with the aim to enhance the habitat for koalas and other wildlife using the area.

The project is a part of the Rotary 'plant a million trees' initiative being implemented across Australia. And was supported by Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.



Image: contributed

# SLCMA Community Volunteer Program

The SLCMA Community Volunteer team have been busy over the last month; in the nursery sorting through tubestock, sowing seeds and potting seedlings on as well as, out & about seed collecting. A recent visit to the Plane creek Revegetation site provided a spectacular show of flowers from the snow wood (*Pararchidendron pruinosum*). A big thankyou to our volunteers and temporary supervisor, Nadine for keeping the nursery plants in tip top shape.



If you would like to volunteer in your local community and meet new people while learning about local native plants and their propagation, come along to the SLCMA Community Volunteer morning, every Wednesday, 9am to 12noon. The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program is proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council, Natural Environment Levy. For more details contact SLCMA on 4956 1388.



Images: N. Hamill

## Our Regional Wildlife Gallery

Just over 12 months ago Whitsunday, Pioneer & Sarina Landcare Groups launched a joint project to populate their Websites' Wildlife Gallery with at least one photo of every type of terrestrial vertebrate wildlife found within our region. The photographs must be taken within the region roughly from around Carmila to Bowen on the eastern side of the coastal ranges and from Nebo to Collinsville on the western side.

Due to a fantastic response to the call for photographs I am happy to report that, with 430 species depicted, the Gallery is largely complete. The photo gallery can be located on the websites of each of the Landcare groups or directly via <http://www.cqclandcarenetwork.org.au/wildlife/>.

Examples of species which are known to occur in our region and for which a photograph is still needed is attached below for those wildlife photographers who may wish to chase up the remaining ones. Indeed, you may already have a picture we could use.

The latest wildlife additions have been of:

Eastern Horseshoe Bat,  
Strathdickie  
(Graham Armstrong)



Spotted Tree Goanna, Campwin  
Beach (Angus Emott)



Red Warbler, Mackay  
(Marlis Schoeb)



Jacky Winter, Homevale  
National Park (Marlis Schoeb)



So, to date the photographic catalogue contains the following diversity, all with a snip-it of information about the species - 29 mammals; 289 birds; 100 reptiles and 22 frogs. It is hoped the Gallery will act as an introductory reference base for anyone with an interest in and appreciation of our region's wildlife diversity. We will continue to improve and populate the gallery with additional photos as they become available.

Some of the animals for which local Photos are still required are—

Sugar Glider

Feather-tailed Glider

Ring-tail Possum

Little Red Flying Fox

Mangrove Mouse

Water Python

Yellow-spotted Goanna

Gould's Goanna

White-cheeked Honeyeater

Black Honeyeater

Brown Treecreeper

Spotted Pardalote

Weebill

Buff-rumped Thornbill

Brown Gerygone

Little Woodswallow

Spotted Crake

Spotless Crake

European Sparrow

White-browed Woodswallow

Little Lorikeet

Square-tailed Kite

Little Eagle

Large-billed Heron

## Great Northern Clean Up

On 1 September, volunteers came together at the Plane Creek Revegetation Site – to be a part of the Great Northern Clean Up – and make a difference in our local community.

A big Thankyou to the volunteers who joined SLCMA for the morning. Together we collected 5 bags of rubbish, with the majority of items being drink containers and plastic bags. The hotspots throughout the site were around stormwater outlets and along the roadside.

The Great Northern Clean Up is an initiative of Clean Up Australia day. Since 2008, more than 33,000 volunteers have removed around 2004 ute loads of rubbish from parks, roadways, beaches, rivers and town centres, across Australia.

The event was supported by Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action Grant Program.



## SLCMA Community Nursery "Plant of the Month"

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is ***Crotalaria mitchellii* subsp. *Mitchellii*** (Yellow rattlepod)  
**Family: Fabaceae**

**What is in a name?** *Crotalaria* Greek crotalon rattle—referring to mature seed pods that 'rattle'; *mitchellii* after early Australian explorer, Major Thomas Livingstone Mitchell (1792-1855).

**Form:** Prostrate to erect perennial shrub up to 1m, pubescent (short, soft hairs) stems.

**Leaves:** Simple, alternate, obovate-elliptic; scattered short hairs on lower surface; 3-13 x 1-6cm.

**Flower:** Dense upright racemes of yellow pea flowers, sometimes with darker red streaks.

**Fruit:** Pods, greyish brown when ripe, contains 12 heart shaped seeds.

**Habitat:** Coastal dunes, sandy soils in eucalypt woodland

**Distribution:** QLD & NSW

**Notes:** Larval food plant for the long-tailed pea-blue butterfly. Drought-hardy, suited to sunny flower gardens. Easy to propagate from seed.



The "Plant of the Month" is currently available from the SLCMA Community Nursery. Landcare members are eligible to receive 1 free "Plant of the Month" throughout that month. Please contact SLCMA for more information.

**Information sourced from:** Melzer & Plumb (2007) *Plants of Capricornia*

## Students explore our coasts

Alligator Creek State School year 1 & 2's joined SLCMA, Mackay & District Turtlewatch and the Mackay Regional Council, at Sarina Beach recently for a morning of learning about marine turtles, the importance of the coastal dunes and ways our community are protecting the coastal environment and wildlife. The students participated in the event as part of their class learnings in Science & Humanities and Social Sciences. The students also had the chance to let their imaginations run free—creating sand images & sculptures of what they had learnt.

A big thankyou to Lynette & Lee Gallagher, from Mackay & District Turtlewatch and the Mackay Regional Council Revegetation Team for assisting with the activities and sharing your knowledge with the students.



## Is Phosphorus nutrition a problem for your cattle?

Graziers may be interested in an upcoming FutureBeef workshop: Phosphorus management in Central Queensland. This workshop is touring CQ and will support graziers to put together a plan to manage Phosphorus nutrition heading into the next wet season. The workshop will be in Mackay Friday 19 October - Shamrock Hotel, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. This event is free to attend, supported by the Queensland Government (DAF), Northern Territory Government, MLA and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (WA).

Please click on [here](#) for event flyer and registration link. For more details contact Kylie 4843 2615 or [kylie.hopkns@daf.qld.gov.au](mailto:kylie.hopkns@daf.qld.gov.au)

*Graziers must register to attend by Friday 12th October.*

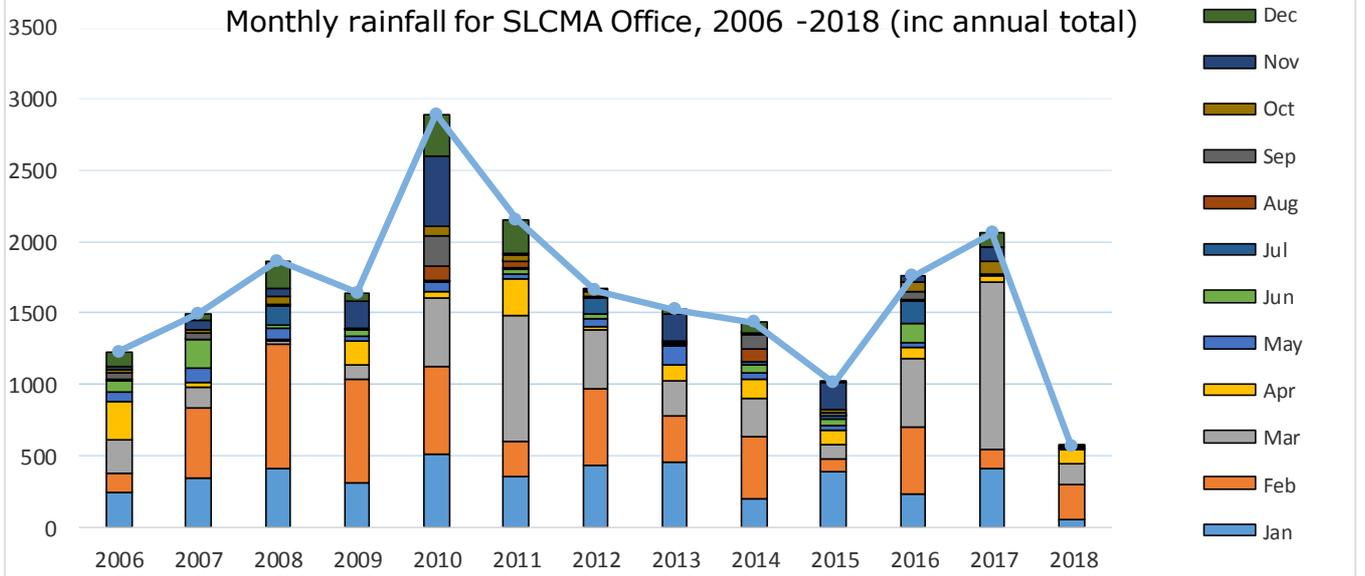


# What SLCMA Membership does for you !

A membership with SLCMA has many rewards:

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- ◇ Easy access to Natural Resource Management information and extension
- ◇ Monthly newsletter, meeting minutes, progress and project reports
- ◇ A vote on issues in your catchment
- ◇ A say in the types of projects applied for
- ◇ Up to 10 free local native seedlings/year from the SLCMA Community Nursery
- ◇ Invitations to Natural Resource Management field days and workshops
- ◇ Copy of the SLCMA Annual Report
- ◇ Discounts on purchases of books for sale



## SLCMA Office gardens receive some TLC!



A big thank you to volunteer, Peter who has been busy in the SLCMA Office gardens of late. Giving the plants some much needed pruning, replacing and mulching. The office gardens are an extension of the Sarina Community Native Gardens and provide an opportunity

for visitors to see the range of native plants used in a garden situation.

## Just for fun!

What kind of tree can fit into your hand? A palm tree!

How do trees get on the internet? They log in.

What do you call a tree with lots of friends? Poplar.

Why didn't the tree answer your question? It was stumped!



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