

SLCMA Catchment News



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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

SLCMA Executive 18/19

Chair: Mark Evans

Vice-chair: Karen May

Treasurer: Jeff Burt

Secretary: Grace Tipping

Executive members:

Sandy Evans
Lachlan McBride

Welcome to our new Management Committee Members and Staff



L-R (Back): Jeff Burt, Mark Evans, Grace Tipping, Sandra Evans.

Absent from photo: Karen May & Lachlan McBride

Image: S von Fahland

We would like to welcome our new SLCMA Management Committee Members: Mark Evans (Chair), Karen May (Vice-Chair), Jeff Burt (Treasurer), Grace Tipping (Secretary), Sandra Evans (Executive Member) and Lachlan McBride (Executive Member) who were voted in at our Annual General Meeting on 1 October.

Also thank you to our outgoing Management Committee Members: Gloria Murray, Greg Melvin, Jennifer Price and Chris Brown.

Hi, my name is Kristy Thomsett and I started part time here at SLCMA in September as the Administration Officer.

I have ample experience in the area of administration and I am sure I will be a valuable addition to the team. I completed a Diploma of Management in 2013, and administer for multiple entities within my families businesses over the last 15 years.

I was honourably awarded Koumala Community Person of the Year for 2017 in recognition for all my volunteering within multiple Koumala Community groups. Until now I have been a busy mum of two and keeping our own businesses running smoothly and I felt like it was time to re-enter the work force on a part time basis. I look forward to getting to know our local land holders, local community groups, volunteers and land carers.



Adam Eaton & Kristy Thomsett

Hi, My name is Adam Eaton and I commenced at SLCMA as the Project Officer in October 2018.

I am a local Koumala resident and have lived in the area for 22 years. I have a keen interest in sustainable living and achieving an eco conscious lifestyle, from raising my own livestock to growing my own produce.

I have extensive knowledge in the environmental field. I started my environmental career over 10 years ago with local Council working in coastal management then moved to a subcontract basis with Reef to Ranges delivering environmental projects.

I have a genuine interest in the environment and look forward to making a difference and working with the team and the local community.





Join us for a tour of Mackay Regional Council's — Materials Recovery Facility, Paget.

Come along on Wednesday 14 November for a **free** guided tour of the Mackay Regional Council Material Recovery Facility. SLCMA is partnering with Mackay Regional Council to provide an opportunity for Landcare members and the wider Sarina Community to see first hand how our waste is being sorted and recycled, locally.

- When:** 9am– 12.30pm, 14 November
- Meet:** SLCMA Office, 101 Beach Rd (*parking available next to Sarina Community Native Gardens or Cemetery Road*)
- Travel:** by bus to Materials Recovery Facility, Paget
- RSVP:** Numbers are limited. Light lunch will be provided. Please register your attendance by calling 4956 1388 or email admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

The Mackay & wider community has embraced recycling and is helping to ensure that millions of cans, bottles, jars and newspapers are recycled each fortnight. Recycling is important, not only for reducing waste that goes to landfill, but also conserving the environment by saving the amount of natural resources such as trees, sand, oil, iron ore and bauxite being used to make new products.

National Recycling Week: 12-18 November

Planet Ark's National Recycling Week is an annual opportunity for councils, workplaces, schools and individuals to brush up on their knowledge and become successful recyclers. Australians are willing recyclers, with 90% of us agreeing that it is the right thing to do.

SLCMA welcomes the Container Refund Scheme

Queensland's container refund scheme, known as Containers for Change comes into effect on 1 November.

Queenslanders use close to 3 billion beverage containers every year. These containers are the second most littered item in the state, despite the fact they can be easily recycled. Beverage container litter is largely associated with drink consumption in open air settings such as parks, beaches, shopping centres and car parks.

The introduction of a state-wide container refund scheme gives people an incentive to collect and return containers for recycling, in exchange for a 10 cent refund payment. This will help to:

- reduce the amount of drink containers that are littered and,
- increase Queensland's recycling rate.

The scheme also provides benefits to social enterprises, communities, and regional and remote areas by creating new job, recycling and fundraising opportunities.

Bring your eligible containers to SLCMA, 101 Beach Road Sarina or make a virtual donation using our scheme ID number: **C10002138**

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150mL and 3L.

Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more



SLCMA Community Volunteer Program *by Adam Eaton*

October has been a reminder that summer is upon us with warm days and high humidity.

As this is my first month in the role, it was good to see such an enthusiastic and keen turnout and it was great to meet everybody. The volunteers have been busy cleaning up existing stock in the nursery in preparation for future revegetation projects. This has included weeding, top dressing with potting mix and fertilising.

A big thanks to Neil and Burt who came prepared with the necessary gear to modify the rain garden to achieve its potential. The sustainable food garden has now been replanted with summer fruits and vegetables such as cucumbers, chillies, tomatoes, celery, eggplants and beans etc. Thanks to those volunteers who provided seeds and Peter for maintaining the garden.

The worm farm and compost tumbler are now operational in the nursery. Scraps and shredded paper are now going towards the worm farm and weeds removed from the nursery are going to the compost tumbler.

We have two new volunteer members. Welcome Phyllis and Calvin. Both are valuable members who bring a wealth of knowledge to the team. Calvin has a keen interest in permaculture and Phyllis has previously worked with SLCMA on various projects.

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.



L: Volunteers enjoying a well deserved morning tea; R: Neil & Burt doing some modifications on the rain garden

SLCMA Community Nursery “Plant of the Month”

This month’s ‘Plant of the Month’ is ***Alstonia scholaris* Milky Pine**

Family: Apocynaceae

What is in a name? *Alstonia* after Dr Charles Alston, professor of medicine and botany; *scholaris* referring to the wood used for school boards in Burma.

Form: Tall tree to 20m in cultivation, up to 40m in natural areas, distinctive layered form.

Leaves: Broad, round-ended, glossy dark green above, whitish below, arranged in whorls of 4-8.

Flowers: Fragrant, small cream, in small terminal clusters

Fruit: Two-lobed, pendulous to 30cm long, thin seeds with a hairy tuft at each end for wind dispersal.

Habitat: Rainforest

Distribution: North QLD, from Cape York to Sarina. Extends through to SE Asia, India & China.

Notes: Fast growing pioneer species, suitable for parks. Propagate from fresh seed or cuttings.

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: Townsend (1994) *Across the Top: Gardening with Australian Plants in the Tropics*; Beasley (2008) *Plants of Tropical North Queensland the Compact Guide*.



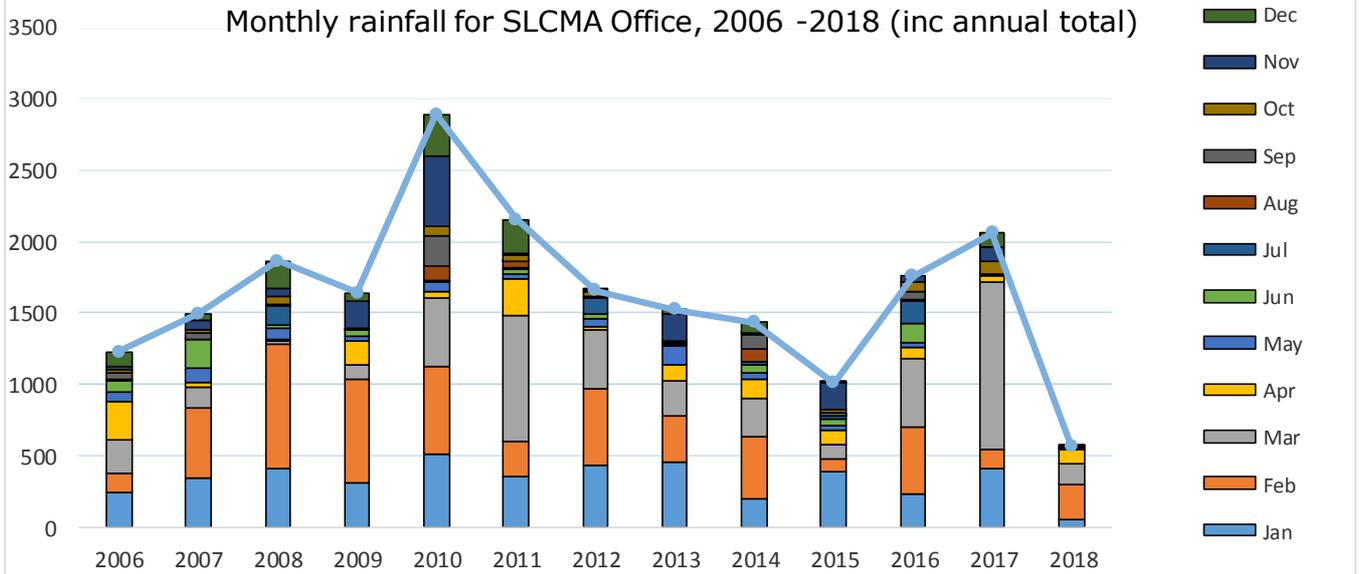


What SLCMA Membership does for you !

A membership with SLCMA has many rewards:

- ◇ 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

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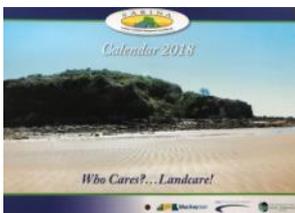


Photos wanted :)

It is that time of the year for SLCMA to start preparing a collection of photos and important dates for the 2019 calendar.

So we are asking all our members who would like to submit photo's for consideration for the calendar to please do so by Friday 9th November, if possible.

Photos can be of landscapes, plants, wildlife, natural scenes or similar within our Sarina Catchment area.



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Just for fun!

When do you go at red and stop at green?
 When you're eating a watermelon

What happens when you throw a green rock into the Red Sea?
 It gets wet.

Why did the man love his barbecue?
 Because it was the grill of his dreams.

Why did the gymnast put extra salt on her food?
 So she could do summer salts.

What do you call a French man who wears beach sandals?
 Phillipe Phloppe

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