

SLCMA Catchment News



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- ◇ FREE property visits
- ◇ Land for Wildlife

Volunteer opportunities:

SLCMA Community
Volunteer Program,
Wednesday 9-12noon

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SLCMA volunteers join up for ReefBlitz!

Seventeen volunteers joined SLCMA recently for a 'ReefBlitz' coastal clean up at Grasstree Beach on 31 October. The morning patrol along the beach between the high tide mark and adjoining esplanade produced 6 full bags (about 4kg) of rubbish as well as some larger items including a timber pallet, crab pot and a tyre.

This series of coastal clean up events were a part of a wider Queensland ReefBlitz initiative that provides opportunity for hands-on conservation activities up and down the coast.

Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef Leanne Enoch said now in its 5th year, ReefBlitz had proven incredibly successful at engaging people. "(Both) in citizen science activities and building awareness of the connection between what we do on land and the health of the Great Barrier Reef," she said. "In this, the International Year of the Reef, every little action we take will help the Reef recover."

The event complimented other activities across the region including Shute Harbour, Cannonvale, Blacks Beach, Town Beach, Sandfly Creek, Half Tide Beach and Rabbit Island. The events were coordinated by Conservation Volunteers Australia and sponsored by the Mackay-Whitsunday Healthy Rivers to Reef Program and BMA.



Volunteers cleaning up Grasstree Beach for ReefBlitz

Sarina State High School receive native plants

Sarina State High School students were given a helping hand recently, through the donation of native plants for their school grounds.

The students have been busy throughout the year establishing and adding to the school's native plant plot. The new plants will add to the biodiversity of the plot as well as be used to create shade in other areas of the school.

The native plants were propagated at the SLCMA Community Nursery by our volunteer team from locally sourced seed.

A big thankyou to Sarina Community Branch Bank for sponsoring the native plants.



SSHS students working in native plant plot; Saskia von Fahland, SSHS students & Greg Melvin (Sarina Community Branch Bank)

Materials Recovery Facility—a real eye opener!

SLCMA volunteers and Landcare members made the most of *National Recycling Week* recently, with an informative guided tour of the Mackay Regional Council's Materials Recovery Facility.

Everyone who attended the event, enjoyed the opportunity to see first hand, the process of sorting and recycling waste from our yellow-lidded recycling bins.

It was an eye opener seeing the combination of high tech equipment as well as manual labour to separate out the various recyclable materials.

A big challenge to the facility is contamination with non-recyclable materials such as plastic bags, general rubbish and large objects (*such as the washing machine motor we saw come through the facility—which was taken out manually out of the system before it could damage equipment further along the line*), all of which increase the need for manual sorting and impacts on the efficiency of the facility.

A big thankyou to Fiona Patterson for sharing her wealth of 'recycling' knowledge and to Mackay Regional Council for sponsoring the bus transport from Sarina.

✓ RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:

Recycling tips: Remove lids, rinse containers and place items loosely in the yellow-lidded bin.



Aluminium cans,
steel cans & aerosols



Plastic bottles & containers
with numbers 1 - 6



Paper, cardboard
& magazines



Milk & juice cartons



Glass bottles & jars

✗ DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:

✗ Garden waste	✗ Light bulbs, mirrors & window glass
✗ Disposable nappies	✗ Clothing
✗ Plastic bags	✗ Pots, pans and large steel items
✗ Food scraps	✗ Garden hoses
✗ Ceramics and ovenware	



Left: Checking out a bottle preform (part of the bottle making process)
 Middle: SLCMA Volunteers and members enjoying the view of the Materials Recovery Facility.
 Right: Sometimes finding the recycle triangle can be tricky...but necessary, remember hard plastics with numbers 1-6 inside the recycle triangle can go into the yellow recycle bins.

FREE land management help for landholders

SLCMA is offering free land management assistance to eligible landholders. To be eligible, your property must be within the Sarina catchment and have a waterway/ creek that you would like to rehabilitate. Landholders will receive:

- ⇒ Site visit from your local Landcare Officer
- ⇒ Land management and technical advice
- ⇒ Personalised Land Management Action Plan
- ⇒ Land manager information pack with other relevant land management resources
- ⇒ 40 local native plants to assist in the rehabilitation of a waterway/ creekbank on your property

Spaces are limited, to express interest in participating please contact us on 4956 1388 or admin@sarinalandcare.org.au

This project is supported by Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action Grant Program.



Rehabilitating a local creekbank after Cyclone Debbie



A huge shout out to our local farmers, fire fighters and community members as well as those fire fighters who have travelled from far and wide; to band together and work tirelessly to help protect properties from the fires across our region.

To keep up to date with the latest information visit:

- Queensland Government Rural Fire Service: www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au
- Isaac Regional Council: www.isaac.qld.gov.au
- Mackay Regional Council: www.mackay.qld.gov.au

SLCMA Community Volunteer Program *by Adam Eaton*

This November has been hotter and dryer than I can ever recall and with the festive season just around the corner I think we will all be ready to enjoy a well deserved break.

This month has been an exciting and busy month for the volunteers with a couple of opportunities to get out of the nursery. Firstly the team participated in the reef blitz marine survey situated at Grasstree beach for the morning. The second trip out was to the new recycle waste facility in Paget where we all got the opportunity to see the facility in operation. The whole system was very impressive and we all learnt something new about recycling.

Back in the nursery the team have been so helpful in getting plants ready for revegetation projects which includes cleaning up, weeding, and choosing suitable plants. With around 3000 plants going out for the projects it has freed up room for the seedlings to be moved out to the sun hardening benches.

Even with this harsh weather the community sustainable food garden is booming. Vegetables such as cucumbers capsicums and leafy greens are being picked daily, along with lots fresh fruit and vegies being brought in by the team.

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.



Volunteers & members ready for our bus trip to the Materials Recovery Facility.

Containers for Change

Containers for Change provides an exciting opportunity for schools, community groups and charities to help raise funds. You can choose to donate your refunded payments to QLD community groups registered as Donation Points under the scheme. This may be done by using the Donation Point's unique identifier at any Container Refund Point or by returning eligible containers to the Donation Point's physical address.

To take part in the scheme and receive your refund by electronic funds transfer (EFT), you need to create a Scheme Account. Some Container Refund Points will offer cash refunds or vouchers and will not require a scheme ID. There are two types of donation points- physical and virtual. **Physical donation** are run by community and sporting groups and charities to raise funds. **Virtual donation** allows any community group, school or sporting group and charity to register with the scheme and receive a scheme ID. This process enables groups to share their scheme ID with their customers, supporters and network base, without physically operating a container refund point themselves. When you take your containers to an over-the counter depot, drop-off site, simply use the groups scheme account ID to donate your containers and the nominated group will receive the 10-cent refund.

SLCMA has registered with Containers for Change for virtual donations and we are hoping that you will consider using our identifier code—**C10002138**. We also welcome physical donations of eligible containers to our office, feel free to contact us on 4956 1388, to arrange drop-off.



SLCMA Community Nursery "Plant of the Month"

This month's 'Plant of the Month' is **Mackay Cedar** *Falcataria* (*syn. Paraserianthes*) *toona*

Family: Mimosaceae/Fabaceae

What is in a name? Paraserianthes from Greek *para* (close or near to) and the Malasian tree genus *Serianthes*. Toona—from toon or tun, an Indian name for this tree

Form: A bushy spreading, deciduous tree, 10-30m

Leaves: Bipinnate leaves, pinnae 5-22 pairs with a gland between many pairs, opposite narrow leaflets.

Flowers: Cream to greenish, 10-15cm long, five petals; January to April.

Fruit: Flat pods, 9-16 cm long, 3cm wide, 4-6 seeds in each pods.

Habitat: Rainforest and scrub

Distribution: Cape York to Mackay

Notes: Propagate from scarified seed. Needs well drained soils and a sunny position.



Mackay Cedar

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*, www.jcu.edu.au/discover-nature-at-jcu/plants/plants-by-scientific-name2/falcataria-syn.-paraserianthes-toona

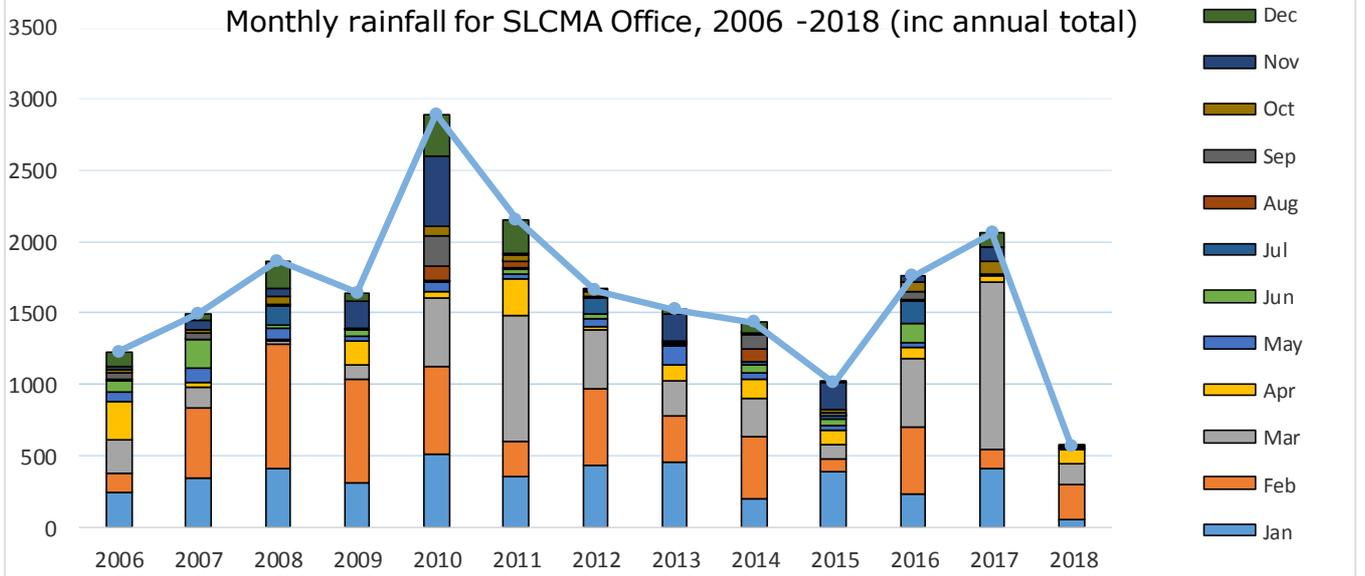


What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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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Just for fun!

A man was helping one of his cows give birth, when he noticed his 4 year old son standing wide-eyed at the fence, soaking in the whole event. The man thought, "Great...he's 4 and I'm gonna have to start explaining the birds and bees. No need to jump the gun—I'll just let him ask, and I'll answer.

After everything was over, the man walked over to his son and said, "Well son, do you have any questions?" Just one, gasped the still wide-eyed lad. "How fast was that calf going when he hit the back of that cow?"



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