

SLCMA Catchment News



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

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SLCMA Community
Volunteer Program,
Wednesday 9-12noon

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SLCMA News!

SLCMA Annual General Meeting coming soon—The Annual General Meeting is coming up in September. Consequently, we would like to put the word out there, for any interested Landcare members, volunteers or community members who would like to nominate to be on the SLCMA Management Committee. In particular, if you are interested in the Treasurer position—which is well supported by Kristy, our Administration Officer. The SLCMA Management Committee provides direction for the organisation and liaises closely with the staff. If you would like to know more about volunteering on the SLCMA Management Committee please contact us.

Positions vacant: SLCMA is seeking enthusiastic, skilled people to join the SLCMA team. We currently have the following positions vacant:

- ◆ Nursery Officer (part-time, 25 hrs/week)
- ◆ Project Officer (part-time, 25 hrs/week)
- ◆ Revegetation Officer/Supervisor (Casual)

We will be advertising these positions shortly. Please contact us if you are interested in any of the above positions and we can send you a position description.

First Aid Training for staff and volunteers

Ten staff and volunteers from SLCMA and Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group (PCL) became First Aid certified recently. Many thanks to Mackay Regional Council Community Grants Program for providing funding for us to undertake the "Provide First Aid" course (previously known as Senior First Aid).

First Aid knowledge is invaluable for each of us as individuals, within our Landcare groups and for our community. As a first aider, we are able to assist persons who become injured in the event of an accident or emergency situation until help arrives. First Aid skills can be applied in the home, the workplace or in public locations, therefore the more First Aid certified people there are in a community the safer that community becomes.

A big thankyou to Mick Jones from FirstAid Advantage for the informative day; as well as for showing us some mobile phone apps that are useful in an emergency situation. All of which are free and do not require mobile service coverage! These are:

- **Emergency+** - provides instant gps location and links to emergency services
- **Australian Red Cross First Aid**—provides basic steps for first aid for a variety of injuries and emergencies



Photo: contributed

Mick Jones along with staff & volunteers of SLCMA & PCL at First Aid training

SLCMA's native bees ...

We are fortunate to have our own native bee hive that we utilise for educational purposes as well as the added benefit of pollination of surrounding plants, particularly in our sustainable food garden and Sarina Community Native Gardens. *The purchase of which was funded through Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd Community Grant program.*



SLCMA's native bees are *Tetragonula hockingsi*. This is a commonly kept species in Queensland, which has a more tropical distribution than their close relative *T. carbonaria*. *T. hockingsi* are slightly larger than *T. carbonaria* and slightly more defensive, although both are capable of giving a nip (slightly more ferocious than a green ant bite), if disturbed such as when their hives are opened. *Photo: S von Fahland*

T. hockingsi can form larger colonies, store more food and a larger quantity of brood, compared to *T. carbonaria*. The brood of *T. hockingsi* is in a semi-comb arrangement. The brood cells are constructed in groups at the same height and new groups are built slightly above or below, giving a slightly adhoc appearance. The entrance of *T. hockingsi* usually lacks resin deposits around the entrance of the hive, while *T. carbonaria* has obvious resin deposits.

At the Native Bee workshop earlier this year Dean Bryant re-homed our bees to a timber OATH box. During this process, we discovered quite a lot of Cadaghi tree (*Eucalyptus torelliana*) resin inside the hive. Researchers are still questioning whether the resin in the seed of Cadaghi trees are detrimental to native bees. In northern QLD, within the natural range of Cadaghi, they possibly provide co-benefits to both plant and bee however; outside Cadaghi's natural distribution, they may cause problems with the integrity and resilience of the hive.

Information sourced from The Australian Native Bee Book: Keeping stingless bee hives for pets, pollination and sugarbag honey (2016) T. Heard

Join us for the Great Northern Clean Up!

The Great Northern Clean Up is on again. Join us for this family event, at Sarina Beach on 31 August 2019 and help keep our local environment clean.

Timing is critical - while it is still dry, but after the peak of the tourist season. The aim is to make sure we get as much rubbish out of our precious environment before the onset of the monsoon and cyclone season.

SLCMA is proud to support this initiative with Mackay Regional Council and we are looking forward to working alongside the local community at Sarina Beach. Please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388 for more information.



When: Saturday 31 August, 8am – 10am

Where to meet: Sarina Beach park area, Owen Jenkins Drive next to Surf Lifesaving Club

What to bring: Please wear closed shoes and sun smart clothes; and bring a hat, gloves & water bottle.

What we will provide: Gloves, tools, rubbish collection bags and light refreshments!

In response to local community and government feedback that the cooler months of August-October are the best time for a Clean Up north of the Tropic of Capricorn, the Great Northern Clean Up was launched in 2009. Over the last decade, more than 33,000 volunteers have removed around 2,270 ute loads of rubbish from 1,021 registered locations. Come along and be a part of the clean up :)

Supporting local Schools *Alligator Creek School students look at waterbugs*



SLCMA is able to provide support to our local schools (both primary & secondary) through funding we receive from the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Program. This enables us to assist with activities such as:

- Interactive Landcare displays at school events
- Environmental awareness days such as National Tree Day, Weedbuster week
- Support individual class learnings such as coastal, biodiversity, waterway, catchment management
- Advice on native plants for school grounds and linking to Mackay Regional Council Free Plant Program for Schools and Community Groups.

We also facilitate the annual School Activity Day/s for local primary schools. This is a great opportunity to get students out in the environment doing hands on activities with Landcare and other local groups. This year's School Activity Day will be scheduled in Term 4—schools will hear from us soon :)

To date, this financial year, we have been able to assist Alligator Creek School for National Tree Day and provide advice for their bushland area. In coming weeks we will be working with Homebush School students for National Tree Day and the Sarina State High School Environmental Group to undertake a rubbish clean up of the Plane Creek Revegetation Site and discuss opportunities to minimise waste that ends up in the local environment. We look forward to working alongside our local schools throughout this coming year.

SLCMA Community Nursery “Plant of the Month”

This month’s ‘Plant of the Month’ is ***Scolopia braunii***, Flintwood **Family:** Salicaceae

What is in a name? **Scolos;** – Greek, meaning thorn, referring to thorny trunks / branches; **braunii;** after Scotsman Robert Brown (1773-1858).

Form: Small to medium tree to 6m.

Leaves: Simple, alternate, elliptic to rhomboid in shape, 3-10cm long, glossy green above, paler below, 3 veins; attractive pink, almost translucent new growth.

Inflorescences: Small white—cream fragrant flowers, occur spring to autumn.

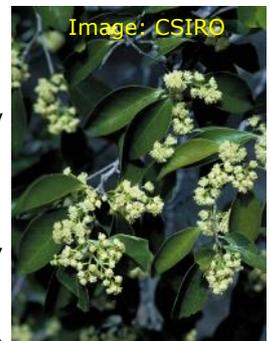
Fruit: Round berries, 1cm across with an obvious hook on the end, change from yellow to red to dark black on maturity.

Habitat: Stream banks, littoral rainforests and rainforests of Queensland.

Distribution: QLD and NSW

Other notes: Attractive orange-brown thin, scaly bark with numerous lenticels. Grow from fresh seed or cuttings. Fruit eaten by Lewin’s Honeyeaters, Rose crowned Fruit-doves, Topknot pigeons, King Parrots and Regent and Satin Bowerbirds.

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. This and other native plant species are also available for purchase at \$3 each. All plants are grown from locally sourced seed in the SLCMA Community Nursery by SLCMA staff and the SLCMA Volunteer team. Please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388 for more information. *Information was sourced from: PCL plant notes, Cooper & Cooper (2004) Fruits of the Australian Tropical Rainforest and Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants Web page: http://keys.trin.org.au/key-server/data/0e0f0504-0103-430d-8004-060d07080d04/media/Html/taxon/Scolopia_braunii.htm*



Above: Flowers & leaves
Below: Attractive new growth of leaves



Your invited to ‘De Moylens Lagoon Walk & Talk’

Come along to our Land for Wildlife field funded event at De Moleyns Lagoons, a 60 acre reserve and wetland, registered with the Land for Wildlife Program.



When: Saturday 17 August, 8.30-11.30am

Where: De Moylens Lagoon, Brand Rd, Mirani

What’s on: Join guest speakers to find out about:

- History, values and rehabilitation of the site
- Restoration techniques used and trialled
- Resident birdlife—bring your camera & binoculars!

What to bring: Covered shoes, long pants, long-sleeve shirt, hat and water bottle. It is advisable to utilise public toilets in Marian or Mirani on the way as there are no toilet facilities onsite (*we do have access to toilets nearby for emergencies only*).

RSVP: Please phone SLCMA on 4956 1388 or email admin@sarinalandcare.org.au by Thursday 15 August. Morning tea will be provided, please advise of any dietary requirements. Transport via car pooling can be arranged from Sarina, please contact SLCMA to register your interest. *Please see event flyer for more details.*



SLCMA Community Volunteer Program

Thankyou to our volunteers for your smiling faces and enthusiasm to help out in the SLCMA Community Nursery. It is a pleasure to work alongside you all and be able to offer a variety of tasks and activities that you can enjoy each week; from weeding, fertilising, mixing soil, washing pots, seed cleaning, seed raising, potting on seedlings, just to name a few.

It was also great to spend a bit of time in our food garden—adding new soil and seedlings. Thankyou Ankie for donating some of your edible treasures. We will be working on the rain garden next, so if you have any small herbs or edible plants you would like to contribute—let us know. The produce is their to be shared amongst our Landcare family & friends, so keep an eye out as they mature.

Thankyou to Neil for keeping the Water Treatment train running and maintained and some problem solving and plumbing for the rain garden. Also, welcome to our new volunteers, Laurie and Ray who are a joy to have around.

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 enjoying time in the SLCMA Community Nursery



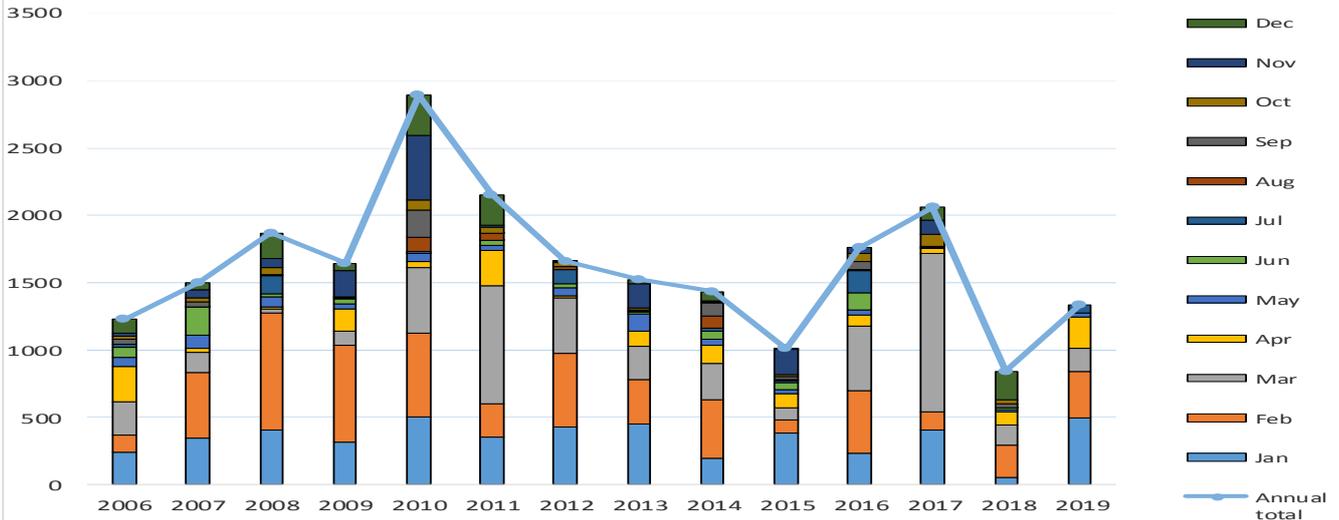
What SLCMA Membership does for you !

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

Monthly rainfall for SLCMA Office, 2006 -2019 (inc annual total)



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
- ⇒ 40 local native plants to assist in the rehabilitation of a waterway/creebank on your property

Spaces are limited, to express interest in participating please contact us on 4956 1388 or admin@sarinalandcare.org.au For those of you who have submitted your EOI, we will be organising property visits shortly and we look forward to seeing you. *This project is supported by Queensland Government's Community Sustainability Action Grant Program.*

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 Whatever the weather, We'll weather the weather, Whether we like it or not.

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