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Salonika Beach Gets A 'Great Northern Clean Up'

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) volunteers and local residents put on their hats, gloves and boots on Sunday 11 September to clean up Grendon Park and the Salonika Beach foreshore.

A total of 6 bags of rubbish and larger items were collected on the day from the popular park and its surrounding beaches. The most common rubbish was cigarette butts and the most ironic piece of rubbish was a metal rubbish bin. The younger volunteers got a quick lesson in kite flying as they battled strong winds while helping to remove large timber items from the beach.

Following the clean up, adult participants relaxed over morning tea and a cold drink while they enjoyed views over the Pacific Ocean and the younger volunteers got to play in the now rubbish free sands of Salonika Beach.

The Great Northern Clean Up was a first for our region and a chance for local communities north of the Tropic of Capricorn to take part in a Clean Up Event at a more suitable time for our northern climate. SLCMA Project Officer, Margaret Meng said 'the event created a great opportunity for local residents to become involved in their community and help protect their local coastline and its inhabitants'.

The 'Great Northern Clean Up' event was proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council and BMA Community Partnership Program through the "Sarina Community Coastcare" Program.

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Photo 1: L-R Jazmine Meng, Tiffany Meng and Gregg Meng

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