

Media release

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Land for Wildlife Program

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) recently had the pleasure of welcoming Sarina resident, Irene Holmes into the Land for Wildlife Program. Irene's property contains important riparian vegetation which provides habitat for a variety of local birdlife, wallabies, possums, numerous amphibians, reptiles, butterflies and aquatic critters.

Irene's goal for the property is to maintain and enhance the existing creek bank vegetation, allowing natural regeneration of native species while taking on the challenge to successfully remove and control environmental weeds. Maintaining and encouraging native vegetation along the creek bank will enhance biodiversity, reduce the opportunity for erosion and improve water quality within the creek, both locally and downstream.

Irene will benefit through the Land for Wildlife program by having access to information on plant identification, weed control, conservation management and revegetation techniques.

SLCMA delivers the free voluntary program, ensuring the Land for Wildlife Program is tailored to meet each property owner's individual needs. The program offers support and recognition for private landholders with properties 1 hectare and over who manage part or all of their property as native plant and animal habitat with group registrations available for neighbouring properties. The Land for Wildlife Program is funded by the Mackay Regional Council's 'Natural Environment Levy'.

If you would like more information on the Land for Wildlife Program or are interested in becoming a Land for Wildlife member please contact SLCMA on 4956 1388 or call into our offices at 101 Beach Road, Sarina.

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*Photo: With their new LFW sign by the creek; Front L-R: Joey & Blake Holmes, Josh Lingley
Back L-R: Scott, Pheobe & Irene Holmes, Simon Nolan*

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