



Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Assoc.

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Sarina Landcare celebrates 10 years!

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc (SLCMA) recently celebrated its 10th birthday. To celebrate the milestone, Chairman Rod McFadzen welcomed members, volunteers, project partners and staff to a birthday dinner held at the Sarina Motor Inn.

During Rod's welcoming speech he acknowledged that the current and past success of SLCMA was only possible due to the ongoing support and partnerships formed with many organisations such as Mackay Regional Council, DBCT Management, BMA, Conservation Volunteers Australia, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Sarina Rural Skills Centre, Progress Associations and other community groups.

Rod noted that "Landcare and catchment management has been alive and well in the Sarina catchment since the mid 1990's. However, SLCMA as an organisation was formed in 2001 through the amalgamation of the Sarina and District Landcare Group Inc. and Sarina Integrated Catchment Management Association Inc".

Following a delicious smorgasbord meal, founding member Jack Langdon took guests on an historical journey of the development of Landcare within the Sarina Catchment.

Guest speaker, Councillor Karen May recollected the partnership between SLCMA and the previous Sarina Shire Council. Karen noted the importance of how that partnership had continued and strengthened through the amalgamation of the Mackay Regional Council.

Karen reiterated the importance of SLCMA as a host to past and present Green Corp teams and the important work being done through this partnership between SLCMA, BMA, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Mackay Regional Council to restore and rehabilitate local coastal habitats.

At the close of the evening, Councillor Karen May had the honour of cutting the birthday cake alongside Rod McFadzen and Regional Landcare Facilitator, Saskia von Fahland. Glasses were raised with everyone wishing SLCMA a long and prosperous future.

Written by: Margaret Meng, Project Officer

Photo/s & names of people in photo:

L-R: Rod McFadzen (SLCMA Chairperson), Cr Karen May (Mackay Regional Council), Saskia von Fahland (Regional Landcare Facilitator)



L-R: Saskia von Fahland (Regional Landcare Facilitator), Margaret Meng (SLCMA Project Officer), Nadine Hamill (SLCMA Administration Officer)



Members, volunteers and project partners celebrate 10 years of Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association

