

# Annual Report 2006/2007



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## Chairman's Annual Report

This is a chance to reflect on & remember just what has happened, when one writes an annual report on activities, achievements & challenges. Keeping SLCMA involved in, & relevant to the community is a continuous process & so many of our activities demonstrate this.



Chairman, Rod McFadzen

### School & Education

- SLCMA's assistance in the design & installation of the Sarina High Schools sediment basin at the Agricultural & Skills Centre project, through Sustainable Landscapes Program.
- The community nursery provided native plants for National Tree Day planting in gardens at Sarina State Primary School & co-ordinated Sarina Green Corps for assistance.
- Sarina State High School work experience student, Ben Flynn spent an interesting week working alongside SLCMA staff & participating in water quality, site assessments and nursery work.
- Central Qld TAFE students gained practical nursery training & plant identification through participation in the SLCMA Community Volunteer Program
- Conservation Volunteers Australia were organized to assist projects at Armstrongs Beach, CSR Oonooie & Plane Creek Revegetation site.
- Sarina Green corps team led by Joanne Thompson started in February 07 & graduated in August 07 with very successful results, including Carmila Beach bollard fencing to the coastal boardwalk at Hay Point. The next Green Corps team leader is Gary Lacey starting in late August 07 & we look forward to another good result.

### Weeds

Something that costs Australia an estimated \$4 billion per year is frequently on most landowners' problem list. A Weed buster BBQ held in the office garden was well patronized & informative. The MWNRM's new Pest Education trailer was on show at the Rogers Rural field day and Sarina Show. The life sized laminated photography gives excellent identification criteria.

A Weedsotters course was held in Sarina and covered identification, collecting pressing & preserving samples. A representative from the Qld Herbarium conducted the course.

### Other achievements

- The SLCMA vehicle again displayed our logo in the Discover Sarina Festival.
- The Sarina Show stall was popular with home gardeners & farmers alike, with access to information about land management issues & free native seedlings available.
- National Tree Day was recognised with a working bee & sausage sizzle at the Plane Creek Revegetation site.
- Steps have been taken to have an environmentally friendly office operation.
- The 2007 SLCMA calendar was very well presented & received and 2008s' is now in preparation.
- The Christmas party with 60 people in attendance was the social highlight of the year, and the nursery volunteers especially contributed: they are a great team & an asset to our organization.
- Membership has risen to an all time high with a good response to our letter included with the Sarina Shire Council rate notices.

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## Chairman's Annual Report continued...

- SLCMA Staff changes: Jon Graftdyk left to work for MWNRM & Joel Rawlins took on the Project Officer position till July. Thanks to them both for their contribution. SLP has done much for this area & there is still much more to do & opportunity's to realize.
- A specially funded Feral Pig Control Program is now starting in the "Rocky Dam Creek Area" – we are working with stakeholders such as Sarina Shire Council, QPWS and Landowners to operate a coordinated control program. The program is funded through Conservation Volunteers Australia, MWNRM & Wetlandcare Australia.
- *Sarina Shire Beaches Management Guidelines for Coastal Zones* was launched in March. This is an initiative of SLCMA & Sarina Shire Council and has involved much time in community consultation & this will need to continue to ensure on ground implementation.
- 2007 QLD Landcare Conference held in Mackay was well attended by a noticeable Sarina contingent. Sarina hosted one of the many bus tours for the region, the Sarina High School Agricultural site, Carmila Beach, Oonooie wetland, & Hay Point boardwalk was a good chance for visitors to see some of the reasons for SLCMA receiving the **2007 Australian Government Coastcare Award**. The Award presented at the Conference dinner was SLCMA's highlight of a great Conference. Special thanks to Saskia von Fahland, to all the projects & then submitting the entry.



Thanks to Sarina Shire Council for their ongoing support. Maybe the last time say such things, but they have really made our operation so much easier & effective by their co-operation & consideration. Thanks to the office team Saskia, Jon, Joel & Nadine for their contribution to our progress, to the executive Royce Bishop (Deputy Chair & MWNRM representative), Ray Greaves (Secretary & Forestry Advisor), Nick Kenyon (Treasurer), John Airoidi & Glenn McFadzen (executive members) thanks for your support. Its good to work with constructive people.

Rod McFadzen, SLCMA Chair



Coordinator, Saskia von Fahland

## Coordinator's Report

There has been many highlights for 2006/2007, all of which would not have been possible without the involvement from the Broadsound and Sarina Communities. It has been a pleasure to work alongside our many project partners such as Sarina and Broadsound Shire Councils, local businesses such as CSR and BMA/Hay Point Services, other organisations such as Conservation Volunteers Australia, Local Schools, the Sarina beaches Progress Associations and State Government departments and of course our Members and other Land Managers ..(I apologise if I have missed anyone).

I believe it is only through these strong partnerships that collectively we have been able to deliver many onground activities, provide support to the community on natural resource management issues and work towards sustainable outcomes within the Sarina Catchment.

Once again throughout the year, SLCMA has received the support of an ever increasing number of volunteers, all of whom dedicate their time towards SLCMA's programs and projects. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their input throughout the year, these include:

- The SLCMA Executive Committee (Rod McFadzen, Glenn McFadzen, Royce Bishop, Nick Kenyon, Ray Greaves, John Airoidi) who keeps us heading in the right direction and provides ongoing support to SLCMA and staff.
- The SLCMA Community Volunteers who attend weekly volunteer mornings and keep our Community Nursery functioning to its full capacity. It is always lots of fun working with the community volunteers.
- The Healthy Waterways Volunteers who undertake monthly sampling & brave the rising waters to collect samples during flood events.

We have been lucky to have had 2 consecutive Green Corps teams in the last year. The first team commenced in February and graduated in August 07 and worked on the *Broadsound and Sarina Coastal Catchment Project*. A big thankyou to the Team Leader Joanne Thompson and the participants—they were a great team who worked well with the project partners and achieved some great results. The more recent team, led by Gary Lacey began at the end of August 07 and will work through to February 2008. I wish the team all the best and look forward to the next 6 months working together.

Thankyou to our staff (both past & present) for working together as a team and keeping all our projects & programs running smoothly. The 2006/2007 year finished nicely with SLCMA receiving first prize in the *Australian Government Coastcare Award Category*—this award would not have been possible without our many project partners, volunteers, Green Corps who continue to undertake onground projects to protect and enhance our coastlines and educate visitors & residents of the value & sensitivity of coastal environment.

Cheers, Saskia von Fahland, SLCMA Coordinator

## Organisational Objectives

The objectives of Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Incorporated are:

- To promote a strategic and integrated approach to natural resource management and biodiversity conservation in the Sarina Catchment area.
- To foster coordination and cooperation between land managers, community groups, industry and government agencies in their natural resource management activities.
- To promote understanding and awareness of the interactions and relationships between the natural systems and resources of the catchment.
- To identify and prioritise natural resource management issues within the Sarina Catchment Area.
- To prepare, coordinate and implement priority action plans identified in the Sarina ICM Strategy.
- To promote sustainable solutions and actions through strong community, industry and government partnerships in catchment management strategies.
- To provide a forum for community and government discussion on natural resource and catchment management issues.



Land Managers undertaking pasture-stocktake monitoring

## SLCMA's Vision and Goals

### Vision for the Sarina Catchment

*The Sarina Catchment Area is an economically viable region, which is ecologically sustainable and well regarded as a healthy place to live and work*

### Goals

**Land Use Planning:** The land resources of the Catchment are managed in an ecologically sustainable manner.

**Land Management:** The most appropriate ecologically and economically sustainable land management practices are adopted throughout the catchment.

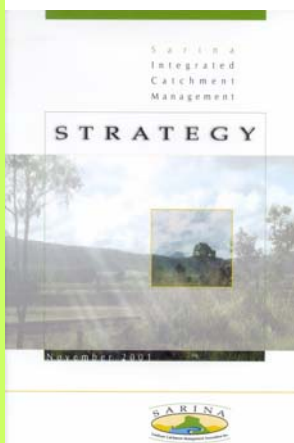
**River/Creek Management:** The creek systems are managed in such a way as to enhance and maintain their natural values while providing for the needs of the catchment community.

**Water Management:** The integrity of the natural systems within the catchment are enhanced and maintained while providing water of a suitable quality and quantity to meet the needs of the community.

**Coastal Management:** Management of the coastal area in a way that will ensure the sustainable use of the natural resources

**Vegetation/Biodiversity:** The native vegetation and biodiversity values of the catchment are enhanced and maintained and the natural systems are not further degraded.

**Community Awareness and Involvement:** A community that is aware of the need to maintain and improve the natural resources of the catchment and is actively involved in doing so.



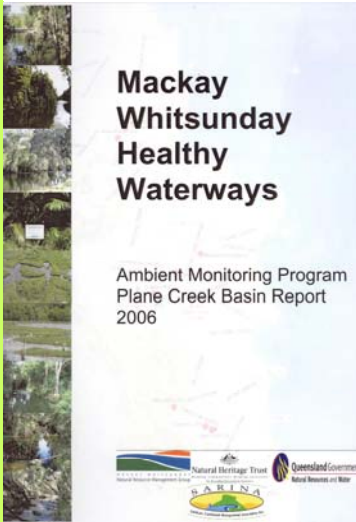
## SLCMA Membership and Members

Class of Membership	Is membership of the class to be limited or unlimited in number?	If the class of membership is to be limited in number, how?	Limitations relating to the class of membership	Entry requirements for class of membership	Current members
Government Organisation Member	Unlimited	N/A	1. Full voting rights	Open to nominated Councilors of local authorities within the Association's catchment area, and nominated officers of State Government departments or authorities, or divisions or branches within them.	Broadsound Shire Council Department of Main Roads Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Natural Resources Mines & Water Ports Corporation of Queensland Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service Sarina Shire Council

## SLCMA Membership and Members ..Continued ..

Class of Membership	Is membership of the class to be limited or unlimited in number?	If the class of membership is to be limited in number, how?	Limitations relating to the class of membership	Entry requirements for class of membership	Current members
<b>Ordinary Landcare Member</b>	Unlimited	N/A	1. Open to any adult owners or occupiers of land. 2. Full voting rights	1. Must be over 18 years of age 2. Annual fee for membership, the amount to be decided at an annual general meeting	<p>K Ackroyd I Champion L Greenhill R Pollock K&amp;L Street K&amp;S MacDonald  P Alden J Clements J Gunn J Lawn D&amp;G Wray G&amp;L Stonehouse  G Amos R Cliffe F Gunthorpe T Lewis D&amp;J Peterson C, R&amp;C Loeskow  C Guy D Clifton J Swan T&amp;C Liddell A&amp;C Trembath R&amp;M Botterell  K Argus R&amp;J Corbett V&amp;A Haines W Spark M Pickworth S&amp;K Kendall  L Armitage J Corkill J Halat M&amp;L Thomas J&amp;L Rawlins R&amp;A Langdon  F&amp;J Axiak G&amp;I Smith B Plate S Parks D&amp;C Edwards H Hemsworth  G Low N Wolfe C Hamilton L Patroni F&amp;C Langfield H, M&amp;S Trindorfer  R Bailey P Creber V Hansen C Maclean D Robinson WR&amp;M Horne  A&amp;C Bella S Scott A Hauwert T Madden R&amp;M Sluggett N Huddleston  H Bienke G&amp;J Long K Plumb E Malcolm R&amp;C English J Vella  L Bird P Dempsey K Hill T Malone M&amp;E Ryan A Russell  R&amp;J Bishop J Senini E&amp;G Hoare K Schmidtke T&amp;G Reed J Frederickson  B Bishop B Weisse I Holmes M Matton L Regeling M&amp;M Wongsee  M Booth J Dunbar T&amp;P Plath B McCarthy R&amp;B Reid B&amp;P Drinkwater  J Borg K Vella D Howland G McFadzen J Richards R Donovan  J Weir G Tucker R Pratt R McFadzen S&amp;D Meredith L Stevens  S Bradford P Taylor P Joel M Reed C Westhead S English  J Ross M Ewart S Johnson L Mifsud J Whitaker S Lorberg  C&amp;C Brady E Fenney B Jones D Mifsud S Wiblen A&amp;D Dunnett  I&amp;M Brazier B Fielder K Jorgensen R Mills C Backhouse J Corrie  M Brown D&amp;M Flynn P Julien R Mills W Wallace N&amp;Y Cunningham  D Brown M Ross J Mitchell L&amp;C Milne N Walpole R Martin  M Burkett A Gardner A Kenny J&amp;H Ryder R&amp;H Webb J Seehusen  P Schulte R&amp;K George N Kenyon C Phillips M&amp;T Walker A Moore  M Cameron A Gibbs J Kippen M Schwarz N&amp;G Bradley V Healey  S Cameron N Giles P Kruse G&amp;M Murray P&amp;J Caldwell B&amp;J Monement  S Campbell D Gleghorn A Lagaluga H&amp;C Nella B&amp;S Anderson E&amp;J Richardson  J&amp;J Canning J Graftlyk J Langdon R&amp;L Norris WJ&amp;V Cowen B&amp;K Robinson  G Canning M Gray B Langdon A&amp;G O'Hara A&amp;P deKnock  B Canning R Greaves R Richards J Pantlitz N&amp;M Hamill</p>
<b>Junior Member</b>	Limited	There are to be no more than 50 junior members at any time	1. May not vote 2. Not eligible for election to management committee positions	1. Must be under 18yrs of age. 2. Must be a registered junior Landcare member	<p>S Clark  B Flynn  T Hamill  K Hamill  J Hamill  B Kendall  L McNicol  A Snedden</p>
<b>Associate Members</b>	Unlimited	N/A	1. Full voting rights	Shall be opened to nominees of: Companies and Co-operatives carrying out activities within the Catchment area.  Local organisations and institutions  Local groups with a direct interest in land use	<p>Armstrong Beach Progress Association Inc.  BMA/Hay Point Services  Coalport Community &amp; Recreation Association  Conservation Volunteers Australia  CSR Ethanol  Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd  Grasstree Beach Progress Association Inc.  Koala Research Centre  Mackay and District Turtlewatch  Mackay &amp; Whitsunday Branch Bird Observers Club of Australia  MWNRM Group  Pioneer Catchment &amp; Landcare Group Inc.  Sarina Beach Progress Association Inc.  Sarina State High School  Society for Growing Australian Plants  Swaynesville State School  The Association for the Improvement of Campwin Beach  Whitsunday Catchment Landcare</p>

## • Healthy Waterways Integrated Monitoring Program



**Ambient & Event Water Quality Monitoring** - Volunteers Gail & Neil Bradley & Richard Mills have continued to monitor Plane, Rocky Dam and Carmila Creeks, collecting important information that will help build our knowledge of the health of our catchment. The water quality parameters collected include: ph (acidity), temperature, dissolved oxygen (vital for aquatic life), turbidity (suspended solids—a measure of erosion), electrical conductivity (dissolved salts) and phosphate (fertilisers).

The data collected since 2003 (for most of the sites) were used by Natural Resources & Water, to compile three reports: *Ambient Monitoring Program Regional Report 2006*, *Ambient Monitoring Plan 2006* & *Plane Creek Basin Report 2006* and fact sheets, which provide a summary of the results for each creek.

A **Volunteer training** day was attend by the volunteers to enhance their understanding of catchment processes such as groundwater infiltration, runoff, surface water movement, dissolved particles, riparian filtering, fate of contaminants, changes in flow and sediment deposition and the role of organic matter and nutrients. The training day also involved a demonstration of fish sampling techniques such as electro fishing, fish netting and identification and a hands on component on identifying macrophyte, aquatic weeds as well as macroinvertebrate

sampling and identification techniques.

**Event Monitoring Program** – volunteers were able to participate in the event monitoring program again this year. This program aims to capture water samples from the rise, peak and fall of flow events in streams across the region. The samples are then analysed for total suspended solids, nitrogen, phosphorus and pesticide concentrations. These concentrations along with flow volume information recorded at the Natural Resources and Water gauging stations is used to calculate the amount of diffuse pollution discharging to the Great Barrier Reef lagoon. Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group (MWNRM) and SLCMA use this information to prioritise on ground works designed to limit the movement of these contaminants from the land into the waterways.



*Plane Creek in flood*

Without the commitment of our volunteers, it would be impossible to gather this water quality information. Many volunteers live on or very close to the stream they sample. This allows volunteers to use their local knowledge of how the stream react during a flow event to help ensure the samples are collected at the most appropriate times. The volunteers are all trained in how to collect and store water samples without contaminating them.



*Richard Mills (volunteer) & Jon Graftdyk (previous SLCMA Project Officer) undertake WQ monitoring*

**Baseline Monitoring Program** - has been running for 1 year now throughout freshwater streams in the Mackay Whitsunday region. The aim is to provide information to allow locally relevant water quality guidelines to be set and provide a benchmark to measure progress toward water quality targets. It is being delivered as part of the Mackay Whitsunday Water Quality Improvement Plan. The Baseline program was designed to compliment other programs in the Healthy Waterways Integrated Monitoring Program and through this meets many of the regions current water quality information gaps.

Concentrations of nutrients such as Nitrogen and Phosphorous have not been monitored extensively during ambient or low flow conditions. As nutrient levels have been identified as one of the main water quality issues there is a need to monitor for these. Similarly there is limited information on pesticide levels available. These parameters are being monitored as part of the program.

The program involves the SLCMA Project Officer, to collect samples with high quality control and quality assurance for laboratory analysis on a monthly basis. There are 4 sites within the Sarina Catchment involved in the monitoring which have been selected to represent the condition of major streams in the region. This program involves a significant investment from MWNRM for the provision of water quality information for the region.

**Water Quality Improvement Plan** - Throughout the last year, staff from MWNRM have been developing the Regional Water Quality Improvement Plan. As a part of the planning process, local Catchment Reference Panel meetings were conducted in each catchment. The meetings involved representatives of the community discussing attributes such as environmental, agricultural, recreational, drinking, industrial and cultural water uses on a catchment by catchment basis. The information collected was used to improve understanding of the water requirements of all water users which were then matched against a scientifically determined set of environmental values and ultimately set the level of targets of water quality improvement in the waterways under consideration. The Water Quality Improvement Plan is still in development and will involve further community consultation in the near future.

## Sustainable Landscapes Program

The Sustainable Landscapes Program is a regional program which offers incentives for land managers to implement a range of activities that aim to improve the condition of the natural resources in the Mackay Whitsunday Region. The program has been operating for approximately 2 years now, with some projects already complete and others underway. All projects are due to be finalised by April 2008.

Two rounds of Sustainable Landscapes were assessed throughout the year which involved new land managers joining in as well as existing land managers applying for further funding. There were some new activities developed for the program which included Species protection, Innovation, Horticulture & Forestry Activities (soil, nutrient, herbicide & irrigation management), modifications to Stormwater activities, as well as 4 focus projects within the Mackay Whitsunday Region: *Bakers Creek, Sarina Coastal, O'Connell and Broken River.*



Sustainable Landscapes Program – 06/07 Projects (NLP3, RIS3) Summary			
Activity	Scale	Incentive \$ (inc. training)	# of subprojects
<b>Grazing</b>			
Strategic Fencing	2.4 km	5 484	3
Pasture & Stocktake Monitoring	18 sites	15 020	11
Nutrient Management	19 sites	1 900	9
Watering Points	-	48 708	18
Stock Fencing (land types)	25.2 km	36 928	23
<b>Cane</b>			
Controlled Traffic/Zero Till Plant Cane	24.5 ha	1 960	2
Cane Land Management	-	3184	2
<b>Native Vegetation</b>			
Revegetation	7.1 ha	19 831	15
Coastal Fencing	1135 m	8 950	4
Weed Control	330.2 ha	105 595	21
Species Protection	-	28 425	12
<b>Stormwater</b>			
Constructed Wetland (>10mL)	-	62 934	4
Sediment Basin (<10mL)	-	69 603	5
<b>Innovation</b>	-	5 604	1
<b>Sarina Coastal SLP (focus project)</b>	-	330 316	26
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$744 442</b>	<b>146</b>

## SLCMA Community Nursery & Volunteer Program



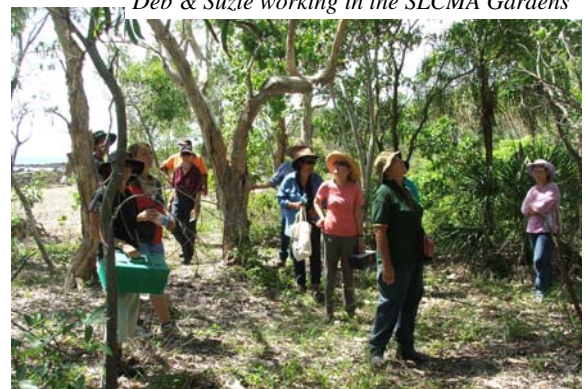
The SLCMA Community Nursery has been a useful training facility for Green Corps, CQ Tafe students, Work Experience Students and volunteers. Through this facility we have been able to provide 1500 seedlings for community projects & Environmental Awareness Days and approximately 2000 seedlings to Landcare Members (max 40 seedlings per member per year). The Seedbank Establishment Project, through MWNRM enabled us to build on and improve our seedbank. An integral part of the successfulness of the SLCMA Community



Nursery, is the support from the SLCMA Community Volunteer team.

The SLCMA Community Volunteer team have put in a tremendous effort to assist with the operation of the Community Nursery and hence deserve a big thankyou. The volunteers have undertaken activities including workplace health & safety inductions, plant propagation, seed collection, plant identification, ongoing development of the seed bank as well as general nursery activities. The volunteers have also helped to establish native gardens for the SLCMA Office.

Thankyou to the land managers that have allowed the SLCMA volunteer team to collect seed on their property throughout the year. It is a great opportunity to get out and about, identify a variety of local native plants and add to SLCMA's seedbank.



*Volunteers enjoying some seed collecting and plant identification*

## Sarina Green Corps

The Green Corps Program is one that is highly regarded within the Sarina Catchment Area, not only because it has enabled a large number of high priority conservation projects to be undertaken but also provides training and employment opportunities for the local youth.



Coastal Fencing at Yarrowonga Point



Sarina Green Corps team launch, Feb to Aug 07

We have been fortunate to have had 2 successful Green Corps applications through Conservation Volunteers Australia, in the last year.

The latest team began in August 07 under new team leader, Gary Lacey and we wish them all the best over the next 6 months. The previous team worked on the "Broadsound and Sarina Coastal Catchment Project" (Feb to Aug 07) with Team Leader, Joanne Thompson.

The project focused on coastal activities within the Sarina Catchment and assisted Local Councils, Community Groups and local businesses to undertake onground activities such as installing bollard fencing and sand ladders, revegetation and weed control,

Installing boardwalk at Hay Point

Revegetation at Louisa Creek

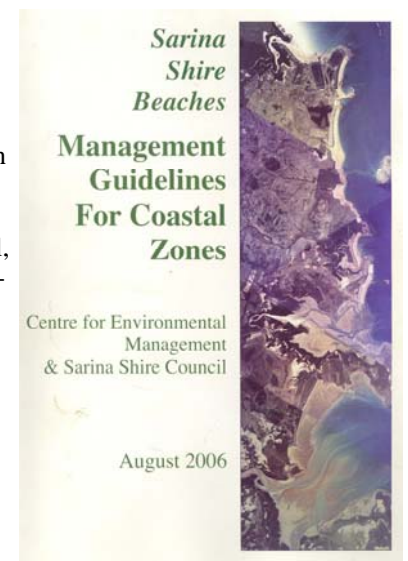


installing a boardwalk, monitoring of the beaches as well as undertake plant propagation and nursery activities. The project also assisted with the activities towards the implementation of the "Sarina Shire Beaches Management Guidelines for Coastal Zones". SLCMA would like to extend their thanks and well wishes to the team and Team Leader Joanne, for their valuable contribution to the Sarina Catchment's environment and community. SLCMA is very proud to be associated with the Green Corps Program.

## Coastal Management

One of the highlights for SLCMA in 2006/2007 was receiving first prize in the *Australian Government Coastcare Award Category* for the *2007 QLD Landcare Awards*. The award recognizes the strategic effort that SLCMA has directed towards coastal management, within the Sarina Catchment. SLCMA has worked in partnership alongside many community groups and organizations to develop and implement a variety of high priority coastal projects. Projects such as Carmila Beach Rehabilitation Project with Broadsound Shire Council, boardwalk project with BMA – Hay Point Services and other community demonstration projects with land managers, Progress Associations, Conservation Volunteers Australia and Sarina Green Corps teams.

Another achievement in coastal management was the launch of the "Sarina Shire Beaches Management Guidelines for Coastal Zones" in early 2007 which was attended by approximately 40 people. The guidelines are an initiative of Sarina Shire Council and SLCMA in response to community concerns for the condition of developed foreshores & esplanades in the Sarina region. The project, funded through Envirofund and Sarina Shire Council, contracted Centre for Environmental Management (CQU) to undertake a monitoring study and produce a monitoring report and management guidelines. The project included community consultation at each of the beach communities, Local Council and state departments. The final copy of the guidelines incorporated the feedback and responses the community consultation.



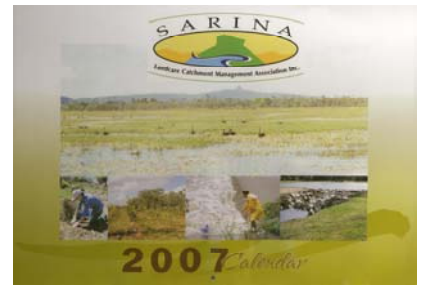
The next phase, the implementation phase, has seen the development of the Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Project (with funding of approximately \$450k over 3 year committed through the Sustainable Landscapes Program and BMA Community Partnerships Grant), the establishment of a coastal steering group, enhanced partnerships with the community through further community consultation and the development of a strategic plan for onground work and community education strategies.



Armstrong Beach Community Demonstration Site: Weed infested (Nov 05), lantana removed (Aug 06), area mulched & revegetated (Dec06), plants growing (Jun 07), bollarding installed (Jul 07)

## Presentations & Communication

- SLCMA's monthly Catchment Newsletter provides regular updates on programs, highlighting up & coming events and other information such as rainfall data and of course who could forget those jokes.
- SLCMA Calendar for 2007—starring local sites, important dates and much much more
- Regular media articles in the local newspaper including "Envirochat Articles" in the Bush Telegraph
- Vegetation Land Management Plan Workshop for SLP Land Managers
- Sustainable Landscapes Program training days
- A Weedspotters training day—provided training on how to collect, press & preserve weed specimens for identification



## Supporting Community Events

- **Sarina Show & BSES Field Day** — SLCMA assisted with an interactive display providing information about natural resource management, including native plant giveaway
- **National Tree Day**— Participants gathered at Plane Creek Revegetation Site for some tree planting, weed control & a BBQ
- **Schools' National Tree Day**— Sarina State Primary & High Schools both received native seedlings for their school grounds. Sarina Green Corps worked alongside the Primary School to establish native gardens outside a new classroom.
- **Discover Sarina Week Celebrations** — Mt Funnel was once again dusted off for the Discover Sarina Week March from Anzac street car park to the Field of Dreams.
- **Local Schools**—SLCMA often provides information relating to catchment and natural resource management to our local schools. This year we have been able to undertake specific activities with some of our local schools including:
  - Assisting the Sarina State High Schools' Agriculture & Skills Centre students to undertake water quality monitoring in their sediment basin and revegetation.
  - Undertook water quality monitoring at Plane Creek, with Year 8&9 students from Sarina State High School prior to the release of 80 barramundi fingerlings. The juvenile fish were reared in the school's aquaculture tanks
  - Working with BMA/Hay Point Services to develop a native plant nursery at Alligator Creek Primary School
  - Assisting Sarina State Primary School to install a native plant garden & donation of seedlings for their school fair
- **2007 QLD Landcare Conference—Sarina & Coastal Projects Field Trip**  
SLCMA had the privilege of coordinating one of the field trips for the QLD Landcare Conference. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate to delegates from throughout QLD, some of the onground work that the community, Green Corps and other project partners have been undertaking.
- **Weedbuster Information Session & BBQ** was held in conjunction with **Weedbuster Week**. The workshop was well attended and gave the opportunity for landmanagers to bring in suspect plants and discuss weed issues with technical staff from the Regional Pest Management Group and Local Council.



*Delegates at Carmila Beach, Sarina Field Trip for the 2007 QLD Landcare Conference - Photo by G Wray*

### 2006/2007

#### SLCMA Management Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Rod McFadzen
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Royce Bishop
<b>Secretary</b>	Ray Greaves
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nick Kenyon
<b>Other</b>	Glenn McFadzen John Aioldi

#### SLCMA Staff

<b>Coordinator</b>	Saskia von Fahland
<b>Administration Officer</b>	Nadine Hamill
<b>Project Officer</b>	Jon Graftdyk (previous) Joel Rawlins (previous)

## Working Groups supported

- Mackay Whitsunday Regional Pest Management Group
- Healthy Waterways Working Group
- Broadsound & Sarina Coastal Advisory Group
- Regional & Local Assessment Panels for the Sustainable Landscapes Program
- Water Quality Improvement Plan Focus Group—Sarina
- Sustainable Landscapes Team
- Rocky Dam Coordinated Feral Pig Management Group
- Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Steering Group



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