

Annual Report 2008/2009



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Chairman's Annual Report



Chair, Rod McFadzen

Thank you for this opportunity to present my 5th annual report of SLCMA activities. Many of our regular actions have continued, but there have been many new ventures taking us into un-chartered waters.

Membership has continued to grow, and the exposure at the monthly Sarina showground markets has contributed: and this also gives us a more active interface operation with our community, also being a sale point for some native species.

The Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Project which began in conjunction with Sarina Shire Council has been taken a step further with Mackay Regional Council using it as a model for similar community – Council action, further north on the coast line.

The Green Corps team led by Steven Geddes finished with a lot of runs on the board with work on some 10 – 15 sites and a graduation in December. Organizing Sarina's first Environmental Fair was a highlight, which received a whirlwind visit by the Irwin Family. Regina Barnard led the 2nd team which graduated in August. School Environmental activities have continued to be supported.

A field day on Lantana Control was very well attended reflecting land managers concerns; like wise a Horse Workshop was also well attended, and both are expected to continue to bear fruit.

The helicopter pig control program on Rocky Dam Creek was a sharp learning curve for those involved but was worth the venture.

Our Gumnut team of nearly 20 walkers participated in the Sarina Relay for Life 18hr Cancer Walk, with a good costume & the winning Baton. Thanks too all who participated.

The monthly newsletter is full of activities, both past & those coming attractions. The native plants or trees suitable for forestry was a very useful guide thanks to Ray Greaves. Other lists of weeds & their control is also valuable information.

The annual calendar was again produced with considerable information & a distinctive professional result.

Changes during the year, Vice chair Glen McFadzen retired and was replaced by Duane Brown, & Project Officer Adam Folkers moved to new horizons and has been replaced by Lauren Murphy who has settled in very well.

Seagrass Monitoring, Clean Up Australia, Water Quality Samplers & the Nursery Volunteers are all examples of the Community's support. In many ways we get back in proportion to what we give to our community so I trust that some of you will have rich rewards.

New ventures include the Fibre Arts banner, a true work of art by Mary Whitaker & Dulcie Christensen. The native garden category in the Sarina Garden Competition was won by Mr & Mrs Patroni.

The new community native garden – beside the office on Beach Road has work started & should be a great information source.

The DBCT sponsorship of our new Marquee is much appreciated & has had considerable use already.

To our corporate sponsors, Mackay Regional Council, State & Federal Government thanks again.

A special heartfelt thanks to our staff your conscientious effort is appreciated especially by the executive, who I would also thank for their time, thought & effort.

A.R. McFadzen, Chair



Dulcie, Nadine & Mary with the SLCMA banner

Coordinator's Report

It is with great pleasure that I am able to provide my 5th Coordinator's report to SLCMA members, volunteers and project partners.

It has been an eventful year beginning with representing SLCMA as a finalist in the Coastcare category, for National Landcare Awards in Canberra. A part from the major difference in temperature (many layers of clothing are required down there!) it was a great opportunity to present at the finalist's forum & a pleasure to join other local finalists (Dave & Janet Hunter) for the Awards ceremony at Parliament house. While, we were not winners of our category I believe it is a credit to the Sarina coastal community & our project partners for leading the way in caring for our coasts.



Coordinator, Saskia von Fahland

Another highlight (due to the credit of the Sarina Green Corps team with Team Leader, Steven Geddes) was holding the first Environmental Fair for Sarina. The Green Corps team organised a fun, educational experience for the community as well as raised the most amount of funds nationally towards the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors. In recognition of the teams' efforts, the Irwin family made a quick surprise visit to Sarina, the morning of the team's graduation—where we were fortunate to enjoy a chat & morning tea with the Irwin's.

We have also achieved some great on-ground outcomes throughout the year including enhancing and protecting our coastal areas and extension of wildlife corridors along riparian zones, through activities such as revegetation, weed control, installing walking tracks and strategic fencing. These achievements were only possible due to the support of our project partners; Mackay Regional Council, Isaac Regional Council, CSR Distillery, Pioneer & Whitsunday Catchment/Landcare Groups, BHP/BMA—Hay Point Services, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal, Conservation Volunteers Australia, the community Progress Associations and Department of Natural Resources. We are proud to have such effective partnerships within our region, and look forward to continuing them into the future.

It has been a pleasure as always to work along side our SLCMA Community Volunteer team. I would like to thank our volunteers for their dedication and support for our community nursery, assisting with displays at the markets and for their lots of good ideas in how to keep Landcare strong in the Sarina Catchment.

I would like to thank the SLCMA management committee, who volunteer their time to provide support and direction for the organisation and to our other SLCMA staff who keep everything running smoothly.

A special mention is essential to Mackay Regional Council for their continued support towards our organisation – it is only with their support that we can continue to operate at the capacity we do and hence, be able to deliver effective natural resource management within our catchment.

In summary, as you will see in the following pages, we have been able to deliver a diversity of projects and programs which has encouraged community involvement and participation in Landcare/Catchment Management – from working with the Sarina youth through Green Corps and local schools, to assisting land holders to implement improved land management practices and supporting other local community events such as the Sarina Markets and Relay for Life – all of which has been a pleasure to be a part of.

Thank you, Saskia von Fahland, Coordinator



National Landcare Awards, 2008



Project Officer, Lauren Murphy

Project Officer's Report

I am pleased to present my first annual report since I have gained the position as Project Officer in June 2009. It has been a short period since I have been employed with Sarina Landcare, but it has been an extremely busy and productive period firstly adapting to the new role, providing the diverse range of support SLCMA provides to the Sarina Catchment, taking on existing projects and beginning a number of new and exciting projects.

The Healthy Waterways program is an existing project that remains to be a very successful and valuable resource for our catchment, providing a wealth of data through our magnificent healthy waterways volunteers who play a vital role in the programs success. The baseline water quality monitoring program has also proved its value and will be an important component of the success of the 'Monitoring and remediation of Blue

Green Algae Outbreaks in Coastal Aquatic ecosystems'

The Blue Green Algae project is now up and running and is based at Middle Creek Dam. It is an innovative research project that uses aquaponic units supporting native vegetation to absorb nutrients from the water that have the potential to cause Blue Green Algae. The aquaponic units are currently being built by the Agricultural Skills Centre, making use of the excellent facilities available and the skills of the students.

Another project that is new and exciting to the Sarina community is the Sarina Native Community Gardens. The primary purpose of the gardens is to demonstrate the use of native species in smaller urban gardens. Our volunteers and our current Green corps team have been an integral part of the project doing all the preparatory work.

I am enjoying my time working at SLCMA and look forward to working with the people of the Sarina catchment area well into the future.

Lauren Murphy, Project Officer

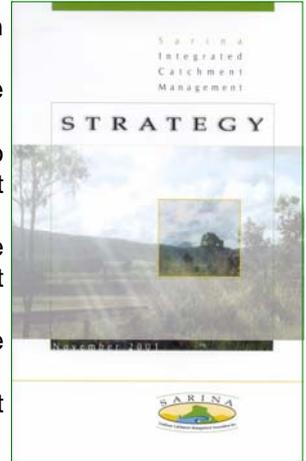
SLCMA's Vision and Goals

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.



Organisational Objectives

The objectives of Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Incorporated are:

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

SLCMA Membership & Members 08/09

Government Organisation Member

(Unlimited number, Full voting rights, Open to nominated Councillors of local authorities within the Association's catchment area, and nominated officers of State Government departments or authorities, or divisions or branches within them). Current 08/09 members include:

Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries
Isaac Regional Council
Mackay Regional Council
QLD Parks & Wildlife Service

Ports Cooperation QLD
Department of Main Roads
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Associate Member

(Unlimited number, 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). Current 08/09 members include:

BHP BMA—Hay Point Services
Coalport Community & Recreation Association Inc.
Conservation Volunteers Australia
CSR Ethanol
Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal
Ergon Energy
Grasstree Beach Progress Association Inc.
Half-Tide & Salonika Progress Association
Koala Research Centre
Mackay & District Turtlewatch
Mackay & Whitsunday Branch Bird Observers Club of

Australia
Pioneer Catchment & Landcare Group
Sarina Beach Progress Association
Sarina State High School
Sarina State School
Society for Growing Australian Plants
Swayneville State School
The Association for the Improvement of Campwin Beach
Whitsunday Catchment Landcare

Ordinary Landcare Member

(Unlimited number, Full voting rights, Open to any adult owners or occupiers of land, Must be over 18 years of age, Annual fee for membership (the amount to be decided at an annual general meeting).

Current 08/09 members include:

Scanlan K	McWaters	Horne W&M	deKnock A&P	Andrews L&R
Schwarz M	Melvin G	Howland D&D	Dempsey P	Abela T
Schembri C	Micallef J	Howell Z	Devine R&D	Airoidi J
Scoble D&K	Mifsud T&V	Hunter W	Donnelly S	Amos G
Selombe G	Mifsud D	Hunter N	Donovan R	Anderson B&S
Senini J	Milne C&L	Hunter B	Dorrstein M&S	Argus K
Seehusen J	Mitchell J	Hutton C	Drinkwater B&P	Armitage L
Sluggett R&M	Moncrieff K	Kippen J	Dunbar J	Bahr T&L
Smith G&I	Morton K	Johnson S	Dunnett D	Bailey R
Smith D&K	Murray G&M	Jones S	Edwards D&C	Bailey J
Smith M	Neale B	Jones M	Edwards N	Ball C
Smythe L	Nielsen J	Jones G	Elliman K	Belfrage M
Stevens L	Norris R&L	Kane B&K	English R&C	Bella A&C
Swan J	Olsen T	Keating S	Ferrington E&N	Benson D&J
Tendam E	Patroni L&M	Kendall S&K	Fielding J	Bezzina T
Terrance K	Peterson J	Kenyon N	Flynn Family	Bishop R&J
Thomas M&L	Peterson D&J	King W	Folkers A	Booth M
Thompson K	Phillips C	Kruse P	Frederickson J	Borg J
Thomsett D	Pickworth M	Langdon B	Fulmer L	Bowley A
Thomsett D	Pitt B	Langdon J	Gallagher L	Bradley N&G
Tompkins K&R	Plath T&P	Langfield F&C	Gardner A	Brady C&C
Tindorfer H,S,M	Plumb K	Leeson J	Gearing J	Brazier I&M
Tuckett S	Pollock R	Liddell T&C	George R&K	Brown J
Van de Haterd A&M	Quigley J	Loeskow C,R,C	Gleghorn D	Brown D
Van de Heuvel R	Rawlins J&L	Long G&J	Graftdyk J	Brown M
Vella K	Reed M	MacDonald K&S	Gray M	Burkett M
Walpole N	Reed T&G	Macleon C	Gray B	Cameron S
Wier J	Richards J	Madden T	Greaves R	Cameron C
West C	Richardson E&J	Malcolm E	Greenhill L	Camilleri A&J
Westhead C	Robins G&J	Malone T	Gunn J	Canning G
Wheeler J&B	Robinson B&K	Mansfield G&G	Haines V&A	Cliffe R
Whitaker J	Robinson T	Marteene W	Halat J	Clifton D
Wiblen S&M	Ross M	Martin R	Hamill N&M	Cooke I&C
Wisley K	Ross J	Matthews L&J	Hamilton B	Corby R&A
Woodford M	Rowe M	Matton M	Hill K	Corcoran A
Wotton G&L	Russell A	McCarthy B	Hoare E&G	Corrie J
Wray D&G	Ryder J&H	McFadzen G	Hodgetts	Cowen V
Zimmerman B	Sandra C&G	McFadzen R	Hokins C	Creber P
	Sands C	McNicol L	Horne J	Cunningham N&Y

Junior Landcare Member

(Limited to no more than 50 junior members at any time, May not vote, Not eligible for election to management committee positions, Must be under 18 yrs of age, Must be a registered Junior Landcare Member).

Current 08/09 members include:

Ball C	Hunter B
Bowley A	Morton K
Flynn B	McLeod B
Hamill T	Ross E
Hamill J	Ross P
Hamill K	Ross L
Hokins C	

- 1) Sarina Catchment Schools Program activity day
- 2) National Tree Day planting
- 3) Looking at aquatic critters from Plane Creek



Programs & Projects

• Healthy Waterways Integrated Monitoring Program

Program Update

The *Water Quality Improvement Plan* was completed in 2008, which utilised many years of water quality data, collected by SLCMA staff & volunteers (through the *Healthy Waterways Integrated Monitoring Program*) and, has provided a base for understanding the health of waterways within the local catchment and wider Mackay Whitsunday region. This, along with a change in direction by funding providers, has led to a re-focus of the Healthy Waterways Integrated Monitoring Program to a more issue-based targeted research and remediation program.

A community working group meeting was held, involving local monitoring volunteers, Landcare members, technical experts and other organisations assisted with the re-focus. The group analysed the current water quality information and highlighted & prioritised water quality issues for the catchment. One of the priority issues highlighted was the blue-green algae outbreaks in local waterways.

SLCMA was successful in applying for funding through the Caring For Our Country—Coastcare Grants for the “*Monitoring & Remediation of Blue Green Algae Outbreaks within Coastal Aquatic Ecosystems*” project, that is now underway at Middle Creek Dam, the first project of its kind in Sarina.

It is an innovative research project that uses aquaponic units supporting native vegetation to limit &/or reduce the available nutrients and trace elements within the water that have the potential to cause blue green algae blooms. Water testing will be conducted periodically to ascertain whether the aquaponic units are making a significant difference towards the reduction of blue green algae blooms occurring at Middle Creek Dam. The project is still in its early stages with onground works due to commence in late 2009 and is due for completion by Oct 2010.



Lauren & Frank Langfield (SSHS) discuss the prototype for the aquaponic units

This project is a partnership between Mackay Regional Council, Central QLD University, Sarina State High School—Rural Skills Centre, Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday, volunteers and local residents. The knowledge gained from this project has great potential to assist with the remediation of blue-green algae outbreaks in other local waterways such as small farm dams and other hot spots.



Middle Ck Dam: ambient monitoring site May 2009

Ambient water quality monitoring

With the change in focus, the ambient water quality monitoring has been reduced to monitoring 3 sites at Plane Creek. Plane Creek is the longest standing monitoring site which is a credit to our dedicated volunteers Gail & Neil Bradley who have undertaken monthly sampling since November 2003. 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 ambient monitoring program will continue for the Plane Ck sites, with the data complimenting the current blue-green algae project and building on an already extensive data set, to ensure an understanding of the health of the waterway is maintained.

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• SLCMA Community Volunteer Program



Volunteers seed collecting field trip along Bells Creek

The number of volunteers seems to be growing as we speak! Each week there are new faces at our volunteer mornings who are keen to learn new skills and what better place than our community nursery!

Our volunteers take part in the whole process from plant identification & seed collection to seed cleaning, propagation and general nursery practices. Our volunteers are an essential part of the successfulness of the SLCMA Community Nursery.



Gail, Stuart & Mick potting on seedlings

The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program provides an opportunity for community members to gain knowledge about our local native plants and skills in plant propagation. It is also a great opportunity to meet other like-minded people.

Over the past year, seed collection trips have been enjoyed by the volunteers through open woodlands, coastal beach scrubs and riparian rainforests and more recently the volunteers have been planning what species will be used in our Native Community Garden and organising seed collection trips to appropriate areas.

• Coastcare projects & programs

Sarina Green Corps, Kim & Chris planting,
Armstrong Beach

SLCMA has continued to work with our project partners on a number of existing and new projects and programs within the coastal areas of the catchment, achieving a variety of on-ground works including revegetation, weed control, installing designated access points and delivering a range of awareness raising opportunities for the community such as National Tree day and a Smith Family Planting day.



Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Program is a partnership program between SLCMA, Mackay Regional Council and Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday Inc. and is proudly sponsored by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance. The project has now completed its second year out of three years of funding and is supported by the Sarina Coastal Steering Group.

Some achievements for the project include:

- Ongoing commitment from Mackay Regional Council to fund & support a permanent beach crew
- Extension of the project into the Mackay region's beaches
- Completion of the majority of bollard fencing, revegetation for the project—continued maintenance of the coastal esplanades including weed control, revegetation, upgrading of bollard fencing and access points
- Continued support for community rehabilitation projects at Grasstree, Campwin, Sarina, Armstrong Beaches
- Development of new community projects at Louisa Creek Reserve and Grendon Park
- Technical support for individual land managers to rehabilitate areas of coastal esplanade
- Campwin Beach won Highly Commended in the Cleanest Beach Challenge

Improving biodiversity and visitor interaction at Louisa Creek Reserve is a new project that was developed under the Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Program and has since received implementation funding through *Barefoot Radler Coastcare Grants*.

SLCMA is working in partnership with the Coalport Community & Recreation Association to rehabilitate a section of the Louisa Creek Reserve and install an educational walking trail for locals and visitors. The project is supported by Mackay Regional Council, Sarina Green Corps, Conservation Volunteers Australia, the local community and compliments the *Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscapes Program*.



Walking trail, revegetation & weed control at Louisa Creek Reserve

A variety of activities and on-ground works have taken place on site including; weed control (mainly lantana, guinea grass & prickly pear), revegetation, allowing natural regeneration and track preparation and installation. All of which has only been possible due to the support of the community and project partners.

Other coastal projects

SLCMA has continued to work on coastal areas within the Isaac Regional Council including, Yarrowonga Reserve, Carmila Beach & Greenhill.

• Sarina Community Native Gardens

Lots of work is already underway to transform the site into the Community Native Gardens—thanks to our volunteers!



Another project that is new and exciting is the Sarina Community Native Gardens. The primary purpose of the gardens is to demonstrate and promote the use of native species in smaller urban gardens. SLCMA was successful in applying for funding through the *QLD Government Natural Resource Awareness Grants* and Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal for the project and, with the in-kind support from Mackay Regional Council, our volunteers and latest Green Corps team, we have been able to complete lots of the preparatory work.

The project will involve many aspects of the community such as schools, other community groups, local residents, and volunteers in the design, implementation & maintenance of the project site. The project aims to provide an opportunity for locals & visitors to learn about local native plants, their benefits & uses in various situations.



• SLCMA Community Nursery-Training Facility

Some of our volunteers!



The SLCMA Community Nursery is an excellent training facility for schools, scouts, Green Corps participants and volunteers and is a vital resource for the community. The facility provides training in the care & propagation of local native plants as well as making local native plants available within the Sarina Catchment. The seedlings are utilized in community revegetation sites, at environmental awareness days and given to Landcare members (through an annual seedling allocation). This year, SLCMA obtained the necessary permits to be able to sell our seedlings, which was necessary to support the operations of the facility. Approximately 2,700 seedlings have been provided by SLCMA for schools, environmental awareness days, community projects and Landcare Members this year alone.

SLCMA would like to thank our dedicated volunteers who make the nursery operate and, to the land managers that allow us to collect native seed on their property. Without their support we would not have the diverse range of seed that we have that makes our nursery so viable. Thank you to both the Sarina Green Corps teams we have hosted this year, who have undertaken maintenance works to the facility including re-surfacing the ground with granite, lifting the benches up & securing the shade cloth.

Supporting Sarina Youth

• Green Corps Program

SLCMA was successful in applying to host 2 Green Corps teams over the last year, these being the 13th & 14th teams we have hosted since the program began. The first team with Team Leader, Steven Geddes went from strength to strength working on a variety of projects including helping Carmila school students establish a rainforest plot, stock fencing at Yarrowonga Reserve and CSR Oonooie and, assisting



Sarina Green Corps #1, are congratulated by the Irwin Family, with a surprise morning tea, the day of their graduation!

many community rehabilitation sites. The team went above & beyond their project, to organise Sarina's first Environmental Fair—the fair was a great success with the lots of displays, interactive games & activities. The team also raised the most amount of money nationally towards Australia zoo Wildlife Warriors and were congratulated accordingly with a visit from the Irwin Family.

The second team with Team Leader, Regina Bernard achieved some great on-ground results at sites such as the Plane Creek Revegetation Site, Louisa Creek Reserve and Cape Palmerston.

A big thank you to our project partners, who continue to show their support for our Green Corps teams. The current Green Corps Program as a youth training program, is now currently under review and it is suggested that the program will be continue into the future but will have a different focus.



Sarina Green Corps #2, helped out at Captain Blackwood Drive

• Local schools & other youth groups

- **Carmila State School** enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside SLCMA in the design and preparations for a rainforest plot on their school grounds. SLCMA was able to donate plants for the site and the students, together with the Sarina Green Corps team, were able to mulch the area, plant and install a walking track.
- **Sarina State School** classes received a helping hand from SLCMA on Schools Tree Day. SLCMA provided information about the importance of native plants, donated native plants and taught the students how to plant & look after their gardens.
- **St Annes Primary School**—grade 5 class learnt about the Sarina catchment and some of the macroinvertebrates that live in our local waterways.
- **Sarina State High School**—**Rural Skills Centre** students are involved in the construction of the aquaponic units for the *Monitoring & Remediation of Blue Green Algae Outbreaks within Coastal Aquatic Ecosystems* project.
- **Sarina Scouts**—a group of 6 Sarina Scouts are currently achieving their Landcare badge, the group have utilised the SLCMA Community Nursery Facility to learn about the propagation of local native plants including seed cleaning, cuttings and nursery hygiene.

Sarina Green Corps help out Carmila School to create an educational rainforest area



Support & projects for landholders

Participants at the *Managing horses on small properties* workshop

- **Lantana Field Day:** 50 landholders joined in the day which demonstrated 6 different control methods (foliage spray, cut/stump, basal bark, splatter gun, lantana fork & lantana mulcher)
- **Coordinated Feral Pig Control Program:** coordinated aerial shooting program with land managers within lower Rocky Dam Creek, offering of a pig bounty for pigs not accepted at the box (under 21 kg), provision of pig traps for landholders to loan
- Landholder **property visits** & technical advice for land management issues
- **Lantana splatter gun** hire option to land holders
- **Managing horses on small properties** workshop delivered by Jane Myers. 30 Landholders participated in the Sarina Workshop.



Supporting Community Events

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Relay For Life
- Sarina Markets
- BSES Field Day
- QLD Landcare Conference, Monto
- Landcare Day in the Gardens
- National Tree Day
- Relay for Life—Sarina
- Sarina Environmental Fair
- Sarina Native Garden Competition



Some of our Relay for Life "Sarina Gum-nuts" 2009, Peter Creber, Anne & Vic Haines

Successful project funding for 2008/09

- **Sarina Coastal Sustainable Landscape Project Year 2**
BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance Community Partnerships Program (\$50,000)
Mackay Regional Council (in-kind)
- **Sarina Community Native Gardens Stage 1**
QLD Government Community Natural Resource Awareness Grant (\$5,555), Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (\$1,000), Mackay Regional Council (in-kind)
- **Monitoring & Remediation of Blue-Green Algae in Coastal Aquatic ecosystem**
Caring for Our Country Community Coastcare (\$42,926.82), Mackay Regional Council (in-kind), Central QLD University (in-kind), Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday (in-kind), Sarina State High School Rural Skills Centre (in-kind)
- **Administration & operating support**
Federal Government: Grants for Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations Program 08-09 (\$3,600), Mackay Regional Council (in-kind)
- **Sarina Catchment Schools Program**
Hail Creek Mine Community Development Fund (\$3,780), Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (in-kind), Mackay Regional Council (in-kind)
- **SLCMA quikshade/marquee** *Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (\$3,300), SLCMA (\$762)*
- **Pest management in peri urban sector** *via Mackay Regional Pest Management Group successful Blue Print for the Bush Project project (\$10,500)*
- **Improving biodiversity and visitor interaction at Louisa Creek Reserve**—*Barefoot Radler Coastcare Project (\$10,000), Mackay Regional Council (in-kind), Conservation Volunteers Australia (in-kind)*

2008/2009

SLCMA Management Committee

Chair	Rod McFadzen
Vice Chair	Duane Brown Glenn McFadzen (previous)
Secretary	Ray Greaves
Treasurer	Nick Kenyon John Airoidi Cath Hutton

SLCMA Staff

Coordinator	Saskia von Fahland
Administration Officer	Nadine Hamill
Project Officer	Lauren Murphy Adam Folkers (previous)

- **Catchment Capacity Building 0809**—*via Reef Catchments Mackay Whitsunday through Natural Heritage Trust Funding (\$40,909.09)*

Working Groups supported

MRPMG meeting looking at new washdown facility at Nebo



- Mackay Regional Pest Management Group (MRPMG)
- Natural Environment Committee
- Sarina Coastal Steering Group

SLCMA is supported by:

