

# Annual Report 2016/17



September 2017

## Chairperson's Annual Report



Gloria Murray

*'How proud do I feel to be standing delivering my 2016 Annual Report from the chair of Sarina Landcare Catchment Association Inc??'* This was my opening statement in 2016 and I am still the proudest Chairperson in all of Sarina. For the past 2 years I have had the honour of working with the most amazing team who along with their dedication, passion and hard work have achieved such huge milestones.

**Sarina Community Nursery:** Each Wednesday 9am til midday our Nursery Volunteer group along with Nursery Officer Sandy, dedicate their time to

either sorting and planting native seed (which have been collected by themselves from our Region), or planting-on seedlings or doing general nursery work. These volunteers always arrive and leave with happy smiling faces. The support and fellowship amongst this group is truly amazing.

**Government:** Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. is governed by a Management/Executive Committee who offer their support, commitment and friendship to all staff, volunteers and members.

### Milestones achieved 2016/17:

**SLCMA Community Nursery:** has and still is changing, more workspace has been made available by moving out old and bring in new stainless steel work tables, improving irrigation, streamlining specific workspaces (e.g. pot-washing area) and cementing of parts of the floor space for safer working.

**Office:** we recently had solar panels fitted (hopefully to cover the cost of running air-conditioners if a pending funding application s successful). Shortly shade sails will be fitted in the backyard for more comfort and shade whilst working on projects or entertaining visitors (meetings or sausage sizzles).

**Water Treatment Train:** in collaboration with Department of Agriculture and Fisheries we designed and constructed the 'Water Treatment Train' for it to be used as an educational tool for local landholders, stake holders and students to demonstrate how Wetlands (both natural and constructed) can be used to treat water. This Train also has the added benefit of providing a facility for Sarina Landcare to grow the mother stock of native wetland plant species.

**Community Sustainable Food Garden:** this garden will be used as an educational tool to teach the community and local youth about sustainable food production as well as an additional activity for Landcare volunteers and visiting school groups to participate in.

**Rain Garden:** funded by Sarina Bendigo Bank and DBCT P/L and constructed by the Skilling Workers Q'ld group. The rain garden will be finished off by students from Sarina State High School Conservation Club, later in the year. The rain garden will utilise water from the office roof to demonstrate a low maintenance garden option.

**Native Beehive:** has been purchased and installed with funding from DBCT P/L. The native beehive is specifically designed for visitors to view the native bees in action, with the added benefit of "free pollination" of the garden in our area.

Within the past months we entertained some important visitors. We had the honour of a visit from the Mayor and all of the Mackay Regional Councillors who supplied us with a beautiful morning tea which was shared with our Volunteers and Staff under shade at our Nursery.

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We also had a surprise visit from Jim Pearce, Local MP who was most interested in the progress at Sarina Landcare, being that he is 'off the land' himself. It was very fortunate for us with the timing of the visit because our seed storage fridge had just 'died' so, Jim very generously donated the money for a replacement fridge – Thank You Jim.

We were also honoured with a visit from Michelle Landry MP who was very impressed with all the positive changes that had been made both to the Community Nursery and SLCMA office. Michelle recognized that what we do is vitally important to the continued health of our community and environment and has offered to push for funding for Landcare when she returns to Parliament, Thank You Michelle.

Our monthly newsletter is a popular and informative read. If you would like to receive one or are interested in joining us please contact [admin@sarinalandcare.org.au](mailto:admin@sarinalandcare.org.au) Membership is only \$10 per person per year which includes 10 free native plants.

The Land for Wildlife Program is gaining strength. If you would like to come on board or just discuss the possibilities of what there is to gain by having this recognition, please email the office. They will be only too happy to help you out. We work in collaboration with Pioneer Catchment and Landcare group on behalf of Mackay Regional Council to deliver this great program.

Sarina Landcare is so grateful to so many organisations for their wonderful support over the past 12 months (and more). Without your help we definitely would not be as far advanced as we are today. Thank you:

- ⇒ Mackay Regional Council – we thank you for our workplace and support.
- ⇒ Sarina Community Bendigo Bank, Aurizon, BMA and Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Management, Dowden's plumbing – we thank you for your funding support.
- ⇒ Sarina Ag College (Staff and Students), Sarina Men's Shed, Sarina Schools and Scouts – we thank you for your generous support.
- ⇒ All sponsors and supporters – we thank you for your continuing active support.

In closing, I must give my heartfelt thanks to our incredible team of staff and volunteers. Without whom Sarina Landcare would not be as successful and recognized as it is today. We are all truly proud of what we have achieved thus far in such a negative financial environment. Each day is a struggle but we have not allowed this to stop us in any way we just keep punching forward with our positive thoughts and attitudes. I am so proud of you all!

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Gloria Murray, Chairperson.

### *Out and about with SLCMA*



## Technical Officer's Report



*Saskia von Fahland*

During the year, I worked as Technical Officer (after a few years of leave and a few years of being on the sidelines)...and have 'hit the ground running' with the support of Nadine & Sandy and the Management Committee. It is nice to see some familiar faces and meet many new ones. Due to funding restrictions and my availability, I am only working part-time—but I think as a team, we are managing to keep everything rolling.

Our Chair, Gloria has mentioned above some of the highlights for the year and you will see throughout this report, the diversity of projects and programs that we have been able to successfully coordinate and deliver within the Sarina Catchment. Ranging from support programs for our local landholders and volunteers and, educational programs for schools to, onground rehabilitation and pest control projects and much much more. These projects can only happen by working together as a team and maintaining our strong partnerships with local Councils, working groups, project partners, other community and special interest groups and local businesses.

Having accepted the role of Coordinator from July 2017, I am looking forward to the year ahead with some exciting new projects and activities underway and opportunities for the community be involved in "Landcare". I also invite and welcome any feedback and suggestions from our members and project partners on keeping "Landcare" relevant, strong and valued within the community.

Saskia von Fahland, Technical Officer.



# Organisational Objectives

The objectives of Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. 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.



## 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.

## 2016/17 Management Committee Members and Staff

### Management Committee Members:

<b>Chair</b>	Gloria Murray
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Greg Melvin
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jen Price
<b>Secretary</b>	Shirley Sidey
<b>Executive</b>	Pamela Just



L-R: Shirley, Pam, Greg, Jenny and Gloria

### Staff:

<b>Coordinator</b>	Lara Matthewson (to June 2017)
<b>Administration Officer</b>	Nadine Hamill
<b>Technical Officer</b>	Saskia von Fahland (to June 2017)
<b>Nursery Officer</b>	Sandy Whittington-Shaw



L-R: Lara, Sandy, Nadine and Saskia

## SLCMA Membership benefits!



A membership with SLCMA has many rewards:

- ◇ Easy access to Natural Resource Management information and extension
- ◇ Monthly newsletter, meeting minutes, progress and project reports
- ◇ A vote on issues in your catchment
- ◇ A say in the types of projects applied for
- ◇ Up to 10 free local native seedlings from the SLCMA Community Nursery each year
- ◇ Invitations to Natural Resource Management bus tours, field days and workshops

## SLCMA Membership 2016/17

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	Number of 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.	16
Associate Member	Unlimited	N/A	1. Full voting rights	Shall be opened to nominees of: Companies and Cooperatives carrying out activities within the Catchment area. Local organizations and institutions. Local groups with a direct interest in land use	38
Ordinary Landcare Member	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	98
Junior Member	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 18 years of age 2. Must be a registered Junior Landcare member.	6

## Communication & publications

- **SLCMA Catchment News** is distributed monthly to approximately 300 recipients. The newsletter is a great way for members to keep up-to-date with available funding, workshops, field days, volunteer opportunities and the latest in natural resource management news.
- **SLCMA website and facebook page** are a great way for the community and members to keep up-to-date with what is happening in our catchment.
- **SLCMA Calendar 2017** was well received by members, schools and volunteers. It is a great opportunity to showcase places of interest and critters from around the catchment. It is also includes important dates such as meetings, environmental awareness events and cattle sales. *Thankyou to Mackay Regional Council, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal PTY LTD and Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Management for their contribution towards the printing costs.*
- **SLCMA General meetings** were held throughout the year. The meetings are an opportunity for members and the community to discuss and learn more about Landcare related topics, local issues and solutions. A big thankyou to our guest speakers throughout the year including:



- ◆ Len Caruana—Native bees and installation of native bee hive.
- ◆ Val Osborne— local archaeological and geological enthusiast talking about Rainbow Rocks





## SLCMA Community Nursery

The SLCMA Community Nursery is an essential part of our organisation which is utilised as a training facility and base for the SLCMA Community Volunteer Program and, allows for the propagation of local native plants for local and regional rehabilitation projects, revegetation, gardens and landscaping.

We have continued to see improvements within the facility over the last year, with welcome additions including:

- \* Stainless Steel seed sorting bench
- \* Stainless steel sink for hand washing
- \* 4 x new sun hardening benches
- \* Wheelie bins and collection service
- \* Installation of the Wetland Demonstration Facility (-AKA—Water Treatment Train)
- \* 2 x stainless steel potting up benches
- \* Custom built metal stand for pot washing tubs
- \* New fridge for seedbank
- \* Flashing for increased weather-proofing of undercover area

We are currently in the process of assessing our irrigation system to allow us to utilise the nursery space and new benches efficiently, with the aim to increase our capacity to produce native plants.

A big thankyou to our project partners who supported the SLCMA Community Nursery, which allowed for all the above improvements: DBCT PL, DBCT Management, Community Grants, Jim Pearce MP, Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), Ted Malone Rural Skills Centre and Sarina Men's Shed.

Many thanks must also be given to the numerous hands and hours that went toward completing the Wetland Demonstration Facility, in preparation for its opening in June, with volunteers cementing, digging, painting, plumbing, landscaping and, propagating and potting up hundreds of wetland plants.



Mackay Regional Council Councillors, SLCMA staff, Management Committee and Volunteers visit the SLCMA Community Nursery

## Program & project



LFW Officers visit Morag McNichol Reserve during training with Deborah Metters.

### Land for Wildlife Program



The Land for Wildlife program is a voluntary program that recognises landholders who are making a significant effort to encourage and provide habitat for wildlife on their properties. This is achieved by conserving and actively managing habitat as well as integrating nature conservation with other land uses such as agriculture, grazing or tourism.

Landholders participating in the program, receive a number of benefits including; 20 free native plants per year, land management advice and links to resources, re-visits to registered properties, invitations to field days and workshops, quarterly regional newsletter.

This year we were fortunate to have Deborah Metters, Coordinator of the Land for Wildlife Program in South East Queensland, visit the region. It was an opportunity to hear how the program is delivered down south and good to reiterate that Land for Wildlife Landholders within our region are part of a wider network—extending across Australia.

*The Land for Wildlife program is delivered within the Mackay Regional Council boundaries of the Sarina Catchment by SLCMA and the Pioneer Catchment by Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group (PCL); on behalf of the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Program. This coordinated approach provides consistency across the region and beneficial linkages to other complimentary projects and programs.*

## SLCMA Community Volunteer Program

The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program is now in its 14th year. A big thankyou to all our volunteers past and present and to one volunteer in particular, Gail Bradley who has been volunteering since the start in 2003.

This year the volunteer team have continued their dedication, coming along every Wednesday, 9am—12noon. The volunteers mainly operate in the SLCMA Community Nursery undertaking cleaning and sowing seeds, potting up seedlings and of course, weeding. They have also been on a number of plant identification and seed collecting trips around the catchment including Johnsons Beach/Sarina Inlet, Louisa Creek Reserve, Plane Creek and to landholder properties.



SLCMA Community Volunteers and SSHS Conservation Club students join in a seed collection trip along the Sarina Inlet Trail

The volunteers were also very proud to open the nursery to the rest of the community on a number of occasions this year including, the opening of the Wetland Treatment Train, a visit by Mackay Regional Council Councillors and visits from Michelle Landry MP & Jim Pearce MP.

The volunteer program continues to be a great opportunity for volunteers to meet new people and learn about native plants and their propagation. The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program receives much appreciated support from the Mackay Regional Council, Natural Environment Levy.

## Sarina Community Native Gardens

The Sarina Community Gardens have received a lot of attention throughout the year. We are very grateful to the Mackay Regional Council Revegetation Team who have contributed many hours of hard-core pruning and mulching to help get the gardens looking as good as they now do. The team also constructed an earthen amphitheatre which can be utilised by schools and groups for educational and leisure purposes.

TC Debbie held up works in the garden for a while, with water sitting in places but the most noticeable impact from Debbie was the loss of the majestic *Corymbia tessellaris* Moreton Bay Ash, which flattened most of the sensory garden, but thankfully missed the house next door!



Our loyal volunteer Peter, with help from contractors Tayleah & Matt, and Nursery Officer, Sandy; got stuck into the office gardens as well and gave them a major tidy up. Peter continues to potter around the Sarina Community Native Gardens and does a great job of keeping the weeds down and native plants looking good.

*"In 2009 we began the journey of transforming an area of lawn adjacent to the SLCMA Office, into the Sarina Community Native Gardens. The purpose of the gardens is to demonstrate and promote the use of native plant in gardens and landscaping situations as well as provide an educational opportunity for locals & visitors to learn about local native plants, their benefits & uses in various situations."*

*The establishment of the Sarina Community Native Gardens is well under way with many of the plants flowering and fruiting and providing habitat to a variety of native birds and other wildlife. Over the last eight years, we have met many milestones and achievements including the installation of a seasonal wetland, walking track, boardwalk and themed gardens including the sensory gardens and local habitats. A highlight was the official opening in 2013 by gardening guru, Costa Georgiadis."*

## Rehabilitation works at Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal

This year we have continued our efforts at Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal to rehabilitate a number of sites within the facility. We were pleased to complete a very long and ongoing effort of revegetation, spanning a couple of years and with a few different work crews. In the last year, the final 1700 plants were planted, and we are now undertaking the ongoing maintenance of the areas. Its very rewarding to have plants grown in the SLCMA Community Nursery, which were sourced from local seed; go back into the local environment and to contribute to the local ecology.

## Coordinated Feral Pig Control Program

SLCMA has continued to work alongside project partners: Mackay Regional Council, Reef Catchments, Plane Creek Productivity Services and Landholders this year to help coordinate the Feral Pig Control Program throughout Rocky Dam Creek and Carmila Catchments.

In total, 37 landholders across 134 properties participated in the annual aerial control event in January 2017. The event resulted in 18 feral pigs and 1 wild dog controlled. Landholders involved in the program have noted a remarkable decrease in the damage to their land and crops since the control program began 9 years ago.

During an interview between ABC Radio and Koumala Cane Farmer Jim Swan, Mr Swan noted that *"the number of the animals in the first few years was catastrophic until they started using helicopters. He hasn't seen a pig mark for two years now but notes he'll keep paying \$385 per year to continue the operation because it's the cheapest insurance he's got. He estimates that the pigs would've eaten up to 700 tonnes of his crop per year. He says he was a bit hesitant about the program at first but notes it's been working as time passed by. He says he strongly recommends the program but notes it needs a lot of people working together."*

It is great that landholders are working together and recognise that a pig controlled a few kms away is still of benefit to them and their property. The coordinated approach allows for a large area of the catchment to be covered in a short space of time, increasing the potential to reduce feral pig numbers and hence reduce negative impacts on farming land and natural areas.

The Feral Pig Control Program is part of a collaborative approach between landholders and project partners using a variety of control methods at different times of the year. As well as the aerial control events, the program has involved meetings with landholders, workshops on trapping, surveys, loaning of pig traps. Participation, funding and inkind support from landholders and project partners is tegral to the success of the program.



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## Carmila Beach Reserve Weed Control

SLCMA has continued weed control activities at Carmila Beach Reserve, with the intent to build on previous weed control and improve the condition of 14 ha of endangered coastal habitat within the reserve. There has been a significant improvement to the area with Prickly Pear and Lantana infestations almost eradicated and ongoing control of herbaceous and woody weeds being undertaken.

The area is significant as it contains two 'endangered' and one 'of concern' Regional Ecosystems and provides essential habitat for a number of listed 'endangered' and 'vulnerable' species. The project is funded through Reef Catchments.

## Sustainable Food Garden

The Sustainable Food Garden, constructed by the 'Skilling Queenslanders for Work' team was officially opened in June 2017. The event included an informative talk from guest speaker, Luke Matthews (from the Mackay Community Gardens) as well as enabled attendees to gain hands-on practical experience in planting out the garden bed with an array of food plants.

The garden will be used to educate schools and visitors about the environmental value of sustainable food production. The project was funded through the Sarina Community Bendigo Bank and Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd.



Attendees satisfied after planting out food garden



## Wetland Treatment Train

The opening of the Water Treatment Train was held on 28 June and was attended by a number of community members, project partners and stakeholders. The event included a demonstration of how the treatment train operates and a chance for informal questions and discussion over afternoon tea.

SLCMA in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) designed and constructed the —Water Treatment Train to be used as an educational tool for local landholders, stakeholders and school students; to demonstrate how wetlands (both constructed and natural) can be used to 'treat' water. The Water Treatment Train is located at the SLCMA Community Nursery and consists of 4 connected components as well as complimentary interpretative signage. It also has the added benefit, of providing a facility for SLCMA to grow mother stock of wetland plant species.

A big thankyou to DAF for their involvement and financial support for the project as well as our many volunteers and *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* team

who put in an enormous amount hard yakka, sweat and determination to get it looking tip-top for the opening. We look forward to providing tours and demonstrations to our stakeholders and other interested community members, well into the future.



## Cats Claw Creeper Control

SLCMA has continued to undertake monitoring and control measures to combat 3 infestations of Cats Claw Creeper (*Dolichandra unguis-cati*) within the Sarina Catchment.

As part of the control program, biological control agents Jewel Beetles (*Hylaeogena jureceki*) obtained from Gympie Landcare, were released on an infestation in the Oakenden area. The biological control was used to supplement the onground chemical and physical techniques being used and will be monitored for effectiveness over time, by the Landholder. Other infestations at Carmila and Plane Creek are being addressed using chemical application via the cut and paint technique. This project is funded through Reef Catchments.

Release of Jewel Beetles (*Hylaeogena jureceki*) amongst Cats Claw Creeper

## Supporting our local schools

SLCMA continues to provide support to our local schools, offering technical advice and plants for onground projects as well as assisting teachers and students with resources and information.

SLCMA has received funding from Mackay Regional Council, Natural Environment Program through the *Landcare Support Project* which gives SLCMA the foundation to provide 5 days support to local schools per year.

Some highlights of the year include:

- Sarina State High School: planting activities, water studies at Plane Creek
- Sarina and District Community Kindergarten: Planning and planting with students for Schools Tree Day
- Loaning of school resource kits: Macro-invertebrate identification, "River Story" (catchment management) and water quality sampling kits have been well utilised throughout the year by local schools.
- School Activity Day: 155 students from three local primary schools participated in School Activity Days themed 'Healthy Riparian Systems', in June. The days were held at Apex Park and included the nearby Plane Creek Revegetation Site. Students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in hands-on, interactive, educational activities delivered by SLCMA and partners, Mackay Regional Council – Regeneration Crew and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

*Students participate in the School Activity Day*



## Other projects and grants

- **Sarina Landcare Support Project** *funding from Mackay Regional Council—Natural Environment Program.* This project supports SLCMA to provide ongoing services to landholders and the general community through activities such as the SLCMA Community Volunteer Program, environmental awareness events, displays at local events, working with stakeholders, coordination of projects and workshops, support for local schools.
- **Soil Education project (Mt Funnel)** *funding from Rio Tinto - Hail Creek Mine Community Development Fund,* has enabled the commencement of converting Mt Funnel model into an educational display structure, which will be used to demonstrate soil development and soil health in a catchment.
- **Building Resilience of Natural Areas and Sustainable Land Management on Small Properties** *funding from Queensland Government's Everyones Environment Grant.* The three year project was delivered in partnership with the Central Queensland Coast Landcare Network and focussed on building resilience within the landscape, focusing on peri-urban (rural) hotspots throughout the Sarina, Pioneer and Whitsunday catchments. The project was completed this year, with 180 landholders participating in the project.
- **Dung Beetle Trial Breeding Project** *funding through Reef Catchments.* The trial is aimed at determining the optimal breeding density for the dung beetle *Onitis viridulus*, in the Mackay district. The project is being conducted in partnership with the Ted Malone Rural Skills Centre with technical advice provided by Dung Beetle Solutions.
- **Landholder Support Program** *funded through Mackay Regional Council—Natural Environment Program.* This project is providing funds to SLCMA to provide much needed land management advice and support to new and existing landholders, via property visits and re-visits.



*Planting at Plane Creek*



*Dung beetle trial plots at SRSC*

- **Plants for schools** *funded through Bendigo Community Bank.* SLCMA has been able to provide local schools with native plants and tree guard kits to enhance their school grounds &/or local community revegetation project; with the aim to improve biodiversity and our natural environment.
- **Solar and shade sails** *funded through Queensland Government Community Sustainability Action Grant.* This project was announced to be successful towards the end of the financial year and will enable us to improve our efficiency and sustainability through the installation of a solar system on the SLCMA Office and shade sails in the backyard, to provide shade for visitors, students and volunteers when operating in the area.
- **Green Classroom** *funded through Aurizon Community Giving Program* was also announced to be successful towards the end of the financial year. The project will see SLCMA work the students Sarina State High School Conservation Club undertake planting, weed control, seed collection, water quality monitoring and plant propagation over a series of weeks.



## Working Groups supported

SLCMA is proud to support the following working groups:

- Central QLD Coast Landcare Network
- Mackay Whitsunday Regional Pest Management Group
- Mackay Regional Council — Natural Environment Advisory Committee
- Rocky Dam Creek Coordinated Feral Pig Working Group
- Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership
- Wetlands Working Group
- Greater Whitsunday Food Network



## Supporting Community Events



*Gloria and Shirley at International Women's Day*

• **Grazing Forum:** SLCMA attended the annual Grazing Forum with a display about the Feral Pig Control Program.

• **Great Northern Clean—Up:** SLCMA along with volunteers and the Mackay Bushwalking Club collected a large skip load of rubbish at Freshwater Point.

• **Graziers Network Event Eungella** – The event was an opportunity for Landcare groups within the region to present information about local projects and engage with local graziers. SLCMA presented on the benefits of dung beetles for soil health.

• **National Tree Day**—SLCMA facilitated a planting event in the Sarina Community Native Gardens.

• **Peri-urban land management event**— SLCMA facilitated a land management event for landholders, in partnership with the Ted Malone Rural Skills Centre. Attendees received a tour of the activities being undertaken at the Centre including bee-keeping, poultry, aquaponics, food gardens, hydroponics, dung beetle breeding & grazing.



*Above: Land for Wildlife Field Trip to Plane Creek Revegetation Site*

*Below: Peri-urban land management event at Ted Malone Rural Skills Centre*



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