



**Sarina**  
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## Sarina Community Playgroup

Sarina Community Playgroup has experienced many difficulties over the past nine months due to damage that occurred to the venue which the playgroup operated from. This incident resulted in the loss of toys and equipment (valued at more than \$5500) due to asbestos contamination.

As well as the loss of toys and equipment, the playgroup also had the challenge of finding a new and more suitable venue.

This was eventually located at St Lukes Anglican Church on Broad Street, Sarina where the hall was made available to the playgroup and lockable storage was provided on site for their equipment. Sarina Community Playgroup would like to say thanks to the generosity of Rotary, who donated \$700 for new toys as well as the Anglican Church who also donated toys.

The playgroup now has a variety of new toys and activities for children. This will ensure that playgroup will be able to continue successfully and accept new members.

The current coordinator of the playgroup Kylie John says, "Playgroup is very dear to my



heart. It is a social support network for mothers, fathers, carers and grandparents by taking on the role of caring for and raising young children. Prior to attending my local playgroup six years ago, I was unaware that there were many families with children living in my street. This is probably quite a common occurrence for other new mothers in the Sarina and District area that have previously worked full time hours."

Sarina Playgroup is currently looking for new members.

They meet every Monday (except during school holidays) from 9:30am to 11:30am at St Lukes Anglican Hall, Broad Street, Sarina. They cater for all age groups including babies, toddlers and children waiting to start Prep. The morning includes play time, art and craft activities, morning tea and pack-up time.

If you would like to know more about Sarina Playgroup, contact Kylie John on 4956 7079 or 0401 202 750.

# Learn about Aquaponics

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) in partnership with Sarina Rural Skills Centre and Sarina State High School have been working together to bring aquaponics and sustainable food production to the Sarina community.

Aquaponics is the integration of hydroponics and aquaculture to produce quality foods such as fish, vegetables and herbs. Sarina State High School teachers and students have been using and refining aquaponic systems at the Sarina Rural Skills Centre for a number of years.

More recently, the project partners have been working together, under the guidance of Mr Frank Langfield to construct a mobile aquaponic unit for use at community events and to promote sustainable food production, water re-use and efficiency. The interactive, transportable, self-sufficient unit demonstrates the ease and suitability of aquaponics for use on varying property sizes, from urban backyards and hobby farms to bigger production-based properties.

Community members recently attended a free Aquaponic Information session to introduce landholders to the 'ins and outs' of aquaponics and to check out the variety of systems operating at the Sarina Rural Skills Centre.

*This project is funded through the QLD Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund and supported by the following local businesses: A1 Battery Pro, Trailers 2000, Farm HQ, Patioworld and Dowdens Pumping.*



*Mr Frank Langfield with the mobile aquaponic unit during construction*

# Volunteers celebrate Landcare Week

Recently Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) staff, Community Nursery volunteers and Sarina State High School staff and students celebrated Landcare Week with a morning tea in the Sarina Community Native Gardens. Attendees were given a guided tour of the gardens by SLCMA Project Officer, Margaret Meng.

With spring upon us, the gardens were alive with all things flying, crawling, tweeting and buzzing. The amazing sights of the native flowers currently blooming at the gardens were breathtaking and the highlight of the day was an opportunity to taste, touch and smell the wonderful delights that the 'Sensory Gardens' have to offer.

Following the tour, the volunteers collected native plant seeds to be cleaned and propagated in the SLCMA Community Nursery as well as giving some native plants a little 'TLC' with pruning and weeding. The morning finished up with a chat and a BBQ (expertly cooked by SLCMA Administration Officer, Nadine Hamill).

SLCMA are inviting all members of the Sarina community to come along and experience the wonders of their local Community Native Gardens at the upcoming Community Days on October 21 and December 1 from 9am to 12am. Morning tea and cold drinks will be supplied. For catering purposes, volunteers wishing to attend should call the SLCMA office on 4956 1388 to register. Volunteers will need to bring along a hat, sturdy footwear, sunscreen, gloves and a water bottle.

*The Sarina Community Native Gardens Project is supported by the Mackay Regional Council's Natural Environment Levy.*





## New display home at Pacific Parks Estate

Take the opportunity to take a closer look at the key differences and features of Pacific Homes at their first display home in Sarina, located in the expanding residential community of Pacific Parks Estate.

Pacific Homes is a multi-award winning local builder. With the recent completion of their new display home, they are in the position to offer greater choice to home buyers who are in the process of selecting a builder to construct their new home.

"Every person has their own priorities and design needs," said Pacific Homes Director, Paul Dingle.

"It's our job to find the right home design to suit our client's lifestyle and to ensure we are delivering a positive building experience for them.

"Our new display home will make the decision process easier, as the home showcases our full range of standard inclusions, helping buyers to understand what they will receive in the price of their new home."

The display is located at 24 Pacific Avenue, Pacific Parks Estate, Sarina. For more information visit Pacific Homes website, [www.pacifichomesmackay.com.au](http://www.pacifichomesmackay.com.au) or contact their New Homes Consultant, Christine Wilesmith on 0418 604 187.

## Sarina Community Carols Night

Sarina Interchurch Council will once again be hosting the Community Carols Night on Sunday, December 9. The carols will be held at St Anne's Primary School's multi-purpose hall (entry via rear of school).

This year world renowned artist, Kristen Beradi will be accompanying the choir and will also perform solo. Along with carol singing there will be a presentation of the Christmas story.

All members of the public are welcome to come along and celebrate the festive season.

## Sarina Fibre Arts

> Come along to a friendship day with Sarina Fibre Arts Group Inc. on Wednesday, October 17 at St. Lukes Hall, Broad Street, Sarina between 10am and 2pm. Learn a new craft or how to make yourself a quilt and meet other women - we welcome all residents new and old to our friendly group. Members will be demonstrating hand and machine applique, patchwork and quilting, embroidery and more. Free morning tea will be provided.

> Sarina Fibre Arts recently held their annual meeting with the existing committee being re-elected for the coming year. Sarina Fibre Arts are always happy to welcome new members.

If you are interested in joining or coming along to the above event contact Celia on 4943 1426 or Deb on 4956 2804.

# “Unzipped” Calendar Launch

“Unzipped”, the 2013 fundraiser calendar was recently launched at the Sarina RSL and features Sarina business women. The night of the launch saw the hall beautifully decorated in red and black and it looked amazing. Mayor Deirdre Comerford attended and officially launched the calendar to a crowd of 100 invited guests.

The first calendar off the press was auctioned off on the night and purchased by Sarina’s wonderful local butcher for the grand sum of \$500.

The calendars are selling well at just \$10 each and are available at the Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre as well as in many other businesses in Sarina. For further information please contact Gloria on 0488 772 493.



*The RSL Hall looked amazing decorated in red and black.*



*There was a great turnout to the event and everyone who attended had a great night.*



## Alligator Creek School Nursery

In an on-going project sponsored by BMA Hay Point Services, Conservation Volunteers Australia volunteers have been helping Alligator Creek Primary School in the management and maintenance of their school nursery. Teams visit the school fortnightly to help with activities such as seed collection, sowing seeds, potting up seedlings, weeding the nursery and maintaining the sprinkler systems.

Trees from the nursery are grown purposely to plant back into endangered beach scrub habitat along Hay Point’s foreshore area – a beautiful beach front area dreadfully degraded by clearing and weed intrusion. We now have three generations of trees at this site which is fantastic to see.

Call us to find out when we are next at the Nursery. Come and be a part of this wonderful experience; not only are you helping the local environment and community, you are helping to educate willing young students.

### Want more information?

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# Volunteering Opportunities

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) has a number of opportunities to volunteer in the local area. It's a great way to do your bit for the environment, meet new people and enjoy the benefits of being active in the outdoors. Why not volunteer at one of these CVA events:

## Louisa Creek Reserve

**Monday, October 15 to Thursday, October 18**

Come and be part of a successful campaign to restore a beautiful coastal area between the beach and a tidal creek. Get involved with nurturing native trees, removing exotic plants and building paths to allow people to use the area without damaging the environment. Home to many species characteristic of Queensland's precious beach scrub habitats, Louisa Creek acts as a buffer between houses and the creek. The local community and Landcare group are committed to bringing the natural landscape back to full health and CVA has been helping them for more than two years. Activities may include planting and looking after native trees, removing non-native vegetation, creating walking trails and putting up information signs.

## Hay Point Foreshore

**Monday October 22 to Thursday, October 27**

Hay Point Foreshore is a stretch of quiet, sandy beach and luxuriant vegetation overlooking the turquoise waters of the Coral Sea. It is also a critically-endangered "beach scrub" habitat, a remnant of vine forests on coastal sands. Activities include removing exotic plants, seed-collecting, tree-planting, nursery propagation and beach clean-ups. CVA teams have had projects on the site for more than two years, and regular volunteers enjoy each visit as they can see how their efforts are returning more and more of the area to a natural North Queensland coastal ecosystem.

## Saturday Community Conservation Quests

We regularly hold community days on Saturdays from 8:30am to 12noon to allow busy individuals, families, friends and community groups to volunteer to help clean up the environment at a time that suits them, for an amount of time they can allow. We invite you to come along to one of the following Saturday Community Conservation Quests over the coming month and check out the importance of these sites, our progress and get involved.

October 13 - Reliance Creek National Park

October 20 - Louisa Creek Reserve

October 29 - Hay Point Foreshore



**For more information contact Conservation Volunteers Mackay on 4951 0933.**

*Volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia enjoyed giving up some of their time to help out the environment..*

# Sarina BMX Club holds it's Annual Sarina Classic

Sarina held it's Annual Sarina Classic on August 12 and 13, with Sarina Community Bendigo Bank being the major sponsor for the weekend. Sarina Handrails and Lattice sponsored our Mystery Prize races that are randomly selected throughout the weekend with Michael Kyle from Moranbah BMX Club taking out the top prize of \$100 after winning the 13-14 year Cruiser Class.

Even though numbers were down due to Sarina hosting the North Qld Championships early in July and Townsville BMX Club also hosting a two day carnival at the same time, the weekend was very successful with plenty of exciting racing witnessed by the crowd. Tristyn Kronk and Natalia Elms, both from Walkerston BMX Club took out the Pro Men and Women events.

Sarina BMX Club results were:

- > **Sprocket Rocket Participation Group - 5 and under:** Dallas Robertson, Max Vernon, Wyatt Mollenhagen, Xavier Welling
- > **Sprocket Rocket Participation Group - 7 year:** Bill Johnson, Cameron Vassallo
- > **8 year Boys:** Gavin Palmer (3rd)
- > **9 year Boys:** Michael Mollenhagen (2nd) and Braden Matton (4th)
- > **13 year Boys:** Hayden Vassallo (6th)
- > **15 year Boys:** Matthew Brebner (3rd) and Daniel Vassallo (4th)
- > **19+ Men:** Richard Norton (1st) and Joe Caruana (2nd)
- > **Pro Open Women:** Donna Bishop (6th)

Sarina BMX Club will continue racing until the end of November with it's Break-up and Annual General Meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 8.

If you have any articles for the next Sarina Community Newsletter, or would like to be on the mail list, please contact Carrie Jones at Mackay Regional Council on 4961 9655 or email [carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au).



The poster features a rainbow at the top with the text "Sarina and District Community Kindergarten" in a playful font. Below the rainbow is an illustration of a yellow house with a red roof and two smiling children. Logos for "Lilly Grove Community Kindergarten" and "Queensland Government" are present. The main text reads "OPEN DAY" in large blue letters, followed by "Saturday, October 20 9am to 12pm 32-34 Lee Street, Sarina". It lists activities like "Free jumping castle", "Bucket raffle", "Sausage sizzle", "Cake and sweets stall", and "Free balloons". It also mentions a "Kindy's Book Fair" and provides contact information: "For more information contact Sarina and District Community Kindergarten on 4956 1580."