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## Gettin' grubby to tidy the town



dirtgirl and Costa the Garden Gnome from ABC TV will be special guests at a family day in Santa Teresa to launch the rollout of The Get Grubby Program across the MacDonnell Regional Council.



The Get Grubby Program is an award winning online sustainability curriculum for early learners. MacDonnell Regional Council has acquired The Get Grubby Program as part of its Tidy Towns litter education initiative. The program will be delivered at early learning centres across the region over the next two years as an integral part of council's MacKids curriculum and by selected community schools.



The program contains 10 sustainability units that explore topics like reducing, reusing, recycling, composting, worm farming, saving water, saving energy, growing food as well as getting outside and getting grubby. Stars of ABC TV, dirtgirl and Costa the Garden Gnome (you may recognise this gnome as Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia) are on a mission to spread the story of sustainability across the nation and will be in Santa Teresa "gettin' grubby" as they help launch the program.



The public launch of the program's roll-out across the MacDonnell Regional Council will begin in Santa Teresa with a family day at 12 noon on Monday 13 August 2018. The family day will have a fairground feel and include local bands, stalls, a jumping castle and teams of people doing bush wok cooking. As the excitement settles down dirtgirl and Costa the Garden Gnome will run a workshop with residents and stakeholders to explore ideas about improving sustainability in their community.



Earlier in the morning The Get Grubby Program will get started with dirtgirl and Costa the Garden Gnome helping young children at MacKids to prepare garden beds and then with school children from the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School as they start a community garden in the council's front yard, across the road from the iconic St Therese's Catholic Church.



After getting grubby in their gardens, the young children with dirtgirl and Costa will join Milpa the Trachoma Lizard at a washing station before joining the rest of the community for lunch.



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