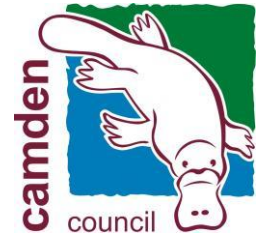


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Council helps to develop little green thumbs

Council is celebrating International Composting Awareness Week with Camden's youngest residents, by delivering composting workshops at local preschools to help develop little green thumbs.

Council's *Seeds of Sustainability* education program focuses on the key themes of waste, water, biodiversity and energy. The program assists early education service providers in taking an active role in caring for their environment and contributing to a sustainable future.

The composting and worm farming component, carried out in partnership with Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, helps educators and their young students reduce and recycle the food and green waste generated at their preschools.

Bambino's Kindergarten Harrington Park North Room Leader and Events Coordinator, Elizabeth Linger, has a workshop coming up on Tuesday 14 May.

"We're looking forward to having the children learn the concept of 'reduce, reuse, recycle' and how they can carry out these practices at school and at home," Ms Linger said.

"The children here LOVE engaging in any sustainable practice during their days at school and put so much enthusiasm and concentration into each project they are involved with.

"We have many sustainable practises at our centre, including composting and collecting food scraps for one of our Educator's farm animals, and collecting bottles and cans to 'Return and Earn' and use that money to buy more recycled resources for the centre."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said approximately 200 children and their educators from five preschools across the Camden area have already participated in the composting workshops this year.

"This is such a great initiative to teach our young ones about the importance of reducing waste and recycling," Cr Fedeli said.

"Council has long supported both composting and worm farming because they are so great for the environment. Both these methods, with a little bit of time and attention, will convert your organic material into a valuable resource for the use around the garden."

For more information, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Worm Farming and Composting'. For preschools across Camden interested in composting or worm farm workshops for their children and staff, contact Council's Waste Education Officer on 4654 7777 for more details.

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