



# Amy's a Green Thumb winner

THERE were lots of little green thumbs getting to work at Alstonville Public School last week.

And it was student Amy Davis' design of a tree bearing lots of different fruit and vegies that gave the kids the chance to get into the garden.

Amy's artwork was selected as the winner of a competition organised when the Little Green Thumbs display came to Ballina Fair in the last school holidays.

And she won for her school a vegie garden and a presentation of Little Green Thumbs at the school.

Little Green Thumbs is the brainchild of Andrew Addenbrooke, now of Brisbane but formerly of Lennox Head.

He holds a Diploma in Child Studies and has been a preschool group leader for the past six years.

Andrew's other 'love' is the environment. He has operated a small landscaping business in addition to his work with children.

Little Green Thumbs is a combination of both Andrew's interests.

He said the program was about teaching children the joy of gardening and to respect the environment by growing their own food.

"It is an educational, exciting and innovative way for children to discover and investigate the natural world and to build a healthy respect and understand-



**LITTLE GREEN THUMBS:** Little Green Thumbs presenter Andrew Addenbrooke, Alstonville Public School student Ryley Conlan, Ballina Fair centre management staff Jenny Giuffrida, and winner of the Little Green Thumbs competition Amy Davis.

ing for nature, nutrition and the environment," he said.

And for parents who struggle to get their kids to eat their vegies, Andrew reckons children

who grow their own food are 'more likely to jump into it'.

All the students who attended last week's presentation received a tomato seedling to

plant.

For more information on the program targeting children aged 2-12, see the website [www.littlegreenthumbs.com.au](http://www.littlegreenthumbs.com.au).