



GROWING KIND: Little green thumb Anjaline, 8, with a tomato plant
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Cultivating green thumbs

By **BERNIE DOWLING**

FUN gardening program for children Little Green Thumbs is the brainchild of former preschool teacher and landscape gardener Andrew Addenbrooke.

"I loved teaching and then environment, so I decided to combine the two," Mr Addenbrooke said.

The idea has taken off like mint in a vegetable patch.

gardening fun

WHEN: Free, 10am -2pm daily until Saturday

WHERE: Outside Pumpkin Patch, Westfield Strathpine

Little Green Thumbs programs are delivered at childcare centres, preschools, schools and shopping centres in Queensland and NSW.

Mr Addenbrooke said children at the shopping centre program were aged from one year to teenagers with 12 being the average age. The shopping centre program provides the "hands on" experience of Little Green Thumbs, he said.

The Tomato Patch Program allows children to plant free tomato seedling to take home.

"The children are treated to friendly one on one lessons in the

planting process and have the opportunity to experience the wonders of different plant species on display," Mr Addenbrooke said.

The program is free and is on until Saturday at Westfield Strathpine from 10am to 2pm.

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