



United Way Glenelg

MEDIA RELEASE

KINDER CHILDREN TO GET A LESSON IN WATER CONSERVATION

Kinder children across the Portland and Heywood district will become some of the communities youngest water advocates when they come together for water-conservation themed activities aligning with the book, "Touch the Earth."

"Touch the Earth", a children's book written by Julian Lennon with Bart Davis and illustrated by Smiljana Coh, will be delivered to all children registered with United Way Glenelg's Imagination Library this April to acknowledge Earth Day.

Sponsored by Wannan Water through their *Ripple Effect Grants*, United Way Glenelg has partnered with Bayview College's "Kids teaching kids" program to deliver seven interactive themed stations for the children.

Along with volunteers from Wannan Water, Portland Aluminium and United Way Glenelg, the students will guide the kinder children through activities such as; planting plants and using funnels, sieves and magnets to filter water. These activities will enable the children to develop an understanding of the water cycle and basic principles that are crucial to creating a group of children that will grow up to be conscious of the importance of water conservation.

Nicole Angelino, Executive Officer of United Way Glenelg said the book, "Touch the Earth" delivers the water conservation message in a very simple way that children can understand.

"The illustrations in the book are cute and the story is fun. The story takes the young reader on a journey around the world to help solve issues with water.

"We are thrilled that Julian Lennon has enabled us to share his book with young children in our community. A paperback version has been specially published for United Way making the book more accessible to more children, said Ms Angelino.

"Every child who attends the activities and hasn't received a book through the Imagination Library will take home a free copy," concluded Ms Angelino.

If you're interested in receiving more information about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library please contact Nicole Angelino on 0410 513305 mail@unitedwayglenelg.com.au

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Media Interview and Photo Opportunity

Where: Portland Civic Hall

When: Friday 20 April 2018

Who: United Way Glenelg, Wannan Water and Bayview College

What: "Touch the Earth" water conservation interactive stations for kinder children

Why: To improve children's knowledge of water conservation