

Thousands of Primary School Students to Learn Water Conservation in Live Comedy Touring Local Schools on behalf of Gladstone Ports Corporation

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From 18th – 22nd November. The National Theatre for Children (NTC) and Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) will partner to educate local primary students about water conservation and pollution prevention with The Aqua League.

Now in its third year, NTC and GPC will have reached over 12,000 students with the educational program which is provided to local schools at no cost and teaches students the science behind the many ways we use water, the ways water is polluted, as well as what students and their families can do to conserve water and protect local wildlife.

GPC Acting CEO Craig Walker says GPC was proud to support initiatives such as this through the organisation's Community Investment Program.

"GPC is committed to ensuring a sustainable future for the next generations," Mr Walker said.

"This includes educating our youth about the importance of our natural resources and the role they can play in effectively managing the environment in the years to come."

The Aqua League is a comedic play that takes place live-in-schools, and features characters The Water Cooler, fisherman Barry Mundy and Thunderstorm, as they learn to defeat super-villain Dame Judy Drenched, who is wasting water throughout the city.

"Live theatre is a great way to educate," says NTC Managing Director Tobias Benn. "The show goes beyond reading or other more passive methods of engaging kids. These children are watching a story unfold right before their very eyes, with the two actors playing all sorts of characters. We don't lose the kids' attention for a minute, because they get to respond and interact with the show. It really sticks with them."

Participating schools also receive workbooks for students, teacher guides, and digital learning materials, including interactive games and activities that reinforce the teaching points of the show.

The November tour includes visits to schools across Rockhampton, Gladstone, and Bundaberg.

About Gladstone Ports Corporation

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) is a Queensland Government Owned Corporation that is responsible for the import of raw material and the export of finished product from major industries in the Central Queensland region. GPC manages and operates three port areas – the Port of Gladstone, Port of Rockhampton and Port of Bundaberg. GPC's Community Investment Program supports organisations and activities throughout the Gladstone, Rockhampton and Bundaberg regions that align with the key priorities of social, environmental and economic sustainability. More information is available at www.gpcl.com.au

About NTC

In 1978, NTC dedicated itself to delivering entertaining and highly educational programs to positively motivate families, students and educators. We inspire young people, and their families, to explore important and timely curricular subjects including: wise energy use, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), financial literacy, health and nutrition and environmental literacy, among others. Originally focused on delivering its programs via live theatre, NTC is now an award-winning educational content provider whose repertoire includes print and digital curriculum and extracurricular events. We have developed the art of teaching through educational story-telling into a science of its own, and are the largest in-school

educational production company in the world. www.ntccorporate.com.au

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