

Sisters know sea's secrets

As kids, sisters Jane and Katherine Mulrooney suffered from eczema. What they've earned since has created a hugely successful business, writes Sharon Ní Chonchúir

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WHO would have thought a common childhood ailment would lead to the formation of a well-known Irish company and shape two sisters' lives? Suffering from eczema as children played a surprisingly important part in making doctors Jane and Katherine Mulrooney the women they are today. It led to the setting up of Seavite — an organic skincare range — and to the sisters being at the forefront of cosmetic dermatology in Ireland. "Jane, our brother James and I had severe eczema as children," says Katherine. "The only time it would improve was when we would bathe in the sea by our Nana's house in Ligo." Their father Patrick was a scientist with the Department of the Marine. He noticed the difference seawater made to his children's skin and set about doing something with it. "Essentially, he tried to bottle the goodness of the sea and we were his guinea pigs," says Jane. He experimented throughout the



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