



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>REEN (RYDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK) MEETING</b>		
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Epping Boys High School – Library</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday the 13th of February</b>		
<b>Time:</b>	<b>3:30pm – 6:00pm</b>		
<b>Previous Meeting:</b>			
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Denise Torres</b>		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School/ Organisation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Denise Torres</li> <li>- Sarah Chen</li> <li>- Jane Peacock</li> <li>- Cassandra</li> <li>- Sandra Nichols</li> <li>- Bev Debrincat</li> <li>- Sylvia Lane</li> <li>- Cassandra Hard-Lawrie</li> <li>- Marilee Campbell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City of Ryde - Waste Coordinator</li> <li>- City of Ryde - Waste Coordinator</li> <li>- City of Ryde Business sustainable officer</li> <li>- Sydney Gallery School</li> <li>- Santa Rosa Park, community garden</li> <li>- Education for Sustainability</li> <li>- Epping Boy High School</li> <li>- FAIM</li> <li>-Marsden High School</li> </ul>	
<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>AGENDA TOPIC DISCUSSION</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
	<b>Meeting opened at 3:50pm</b>		
	<b>Key Points from Presenters</b>		
<b>1.</b>	<p>Welcome and Introductions conducted by Denise Torres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to Sylvia Lane for hosting REEN meeting</li> <li>• Nilushi was unwell and sent her apology for unable to attend the meeting today</li> </ul>		
<b>2.</b>	<p>Energy, Water and Waste assessment for Business by Jane Peacock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funded by Sydney Water and City of Ryde</li> <li>• Target for small to medium size businesses in Ryde</li> <li>• 45 Businesses have participated and significant saving for businesses</li> <li>• Free assessment / report with recommendations. Suitable small applicants may be free of charge.</li> <li>• Only take ½ hour to set up the assessment tools and flexible time with the appointment.</li> <li>• Ermington public school has done the assessment. If the recommendations are implemented, over \$1000 can be saved just on the water bill.</li> <li>• Schools are welcomed to participate the program. Please contact Jane peacock - <a href="mailto:jpeacock@ryde.nsw.gov.au">jpeacock@ryde.nsw.gov.au</a></li> <li>• For more information please visit <a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Sustainable+Living/Sustainable+Business">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Sustainable+Living/Sustainable+Business</a></li> </ul>		

<p>3.</p>	<p>Epping Boy Green Initiatives update by Sylvia Lane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar panels was installed and should save some bills</li> <li>• Garden Enterprises exists but need to be re-established</li> <li>• Recycling bins at each class room and emptied by boys as “community services” (punishment). *Positive image may be more motivating</li> <li>• Rain Water tanks were used to care for the oval</li> <li>• Annual Environmental Day event- sustainable goods stall and boys can make extra money from their creativities. Very popular</li> <li>• Outdoor learning stage to encourage learning experience</li> <li>• Toner/ cartridge recycling station</li> </ul> <p>✚ Denise advises that it is a great initiative. Speak to your printing equipment supplier to take them away or contact Plantark by visiting <a href="http://cartridges.planetark.org">http://cartridges.planetark.org</a></p>		
<p>4.</p>	<p>Education for Sustainability &amp; Australian Curriculum presented by Sandra Nichols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not just about environment but a holistic approach in teaching</li> <li>• Cross curriculum priorities should apply new syllabuses 2014-15</li> <li>• Find out more please visit <a href="http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au">www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au</a> or <a href="http://www.acara.edu.au">www.acara.edu.au</a></li> <li>• Some great books by sustainability curriculum framework to read and can be borrowed from teacher federal association</li> </ul> <p>✚ Master Class</p> <p>✚ Outdoor classrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some workshops Sandra offer for professional development at cost Please visit <a href="http://www.educationforsustainability.com.au">www.educationforsustainability.com.au</a> or email <a href="mailto:sandra@educationforsustainability.com.au">sandra@educationforsustainability.com.au</a></li> <li>✚ Self-leadership workshop is coming up for those who are interested in.</li> </ul>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>New available workshops for High School presented by Denise Torres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary schools still have waste watch and Keep Australia Beautiful programs sponsored by City of Ryde</li> <li>• Now City of Ryde is offering 8 workshops to High Schools presented by Tim Silverwood, co-fonder of “Take 3”, to talk about the impact of plastic society to our environment</li> <li>• Some interesting short films available at <a href="http://www.take3.org.au/">www.take3.org.au/</a></li> <li>• Express of interest form will be sent out by Denise by Monday, 18-2-13 and each school can apply up to 2 workshops</li> <li>• Deadline line is 29-march and the school will be notified by 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. Don’t miss out the great opportunities!!</li> </ul>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>LOMO Workshops presentation conducted by Sarah Chen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOMO is an abbreviation for Left Over Make Over and this program focuses on reducing household food waste.</li> <li>• Love to connect with parents &amp; Citizens (P&amp; C) committee to offer a free cooking lessons to parents at the schools</li> <li>• Please email <a href="mailto:schen@ryde.nsw.gov.au">schen@ryde.nsw.gov.au</a> if your school would love to have the free workshops to parents</li> </ul>		

<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p>Youth Environment Prize (YEP) facilitated by Cassandra Hard-Lawrie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste to Art competition kicks off on World Environment Day 5<sup>th</sup> of June, including Gallery Exhibition and presentation at Sydney Gallery School at Meadowbank TAFE</li> <li>• Eligible age: 12- 25 years old</li> <li>• Total prize value is up to \$4500 and the artwork can be for SALE</li> <li>• Three Categories including sculptures by recyclable material, Functional and digital media</li> <li>• 6 Workshops, 2 hours per workshop, are available for High Schools RLGA to apply and up to 2 workshops per school with minimum 30 students per workshop</li> <li>• Find out more about YAP or previous winning artwork by visit Ryde website or click <a href="#">YAP</a></li> <li>• To find out about workshops or YAP competition, please email Cassandra: <a href="mailto:hungry.for.art.events@gmail.com">hungry.for.art.events@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>		
	<p>Closing Notes presented by Dennis Torres Denise will be on annual leave from 18-2 and return on 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, Any enquiry please feel free to contact <a href="mailto:waste@ryde.nsw.gov.au">waste@ryde.nsw.gov.au</a> or <a href="mailto:ndisanayake@ryde.nsw.gov.au">ndisanayake@ryde.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p>-</p>		
<p><b>Meeting Closed</b></p>	<p>6:15PM</p>		

Minutes taken by Sarah Chen, Waste Coordinator, City of Ryde.