



Subject:	REEN (Ryde Environmental Educators Network) Meeting		
Venue:	Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre 220 Pittwater Road North Ryde		
Date:	Term 2 2014 - 13 th May 2014		
Time:	345- 530pm		
Previous Meeting:	Ryde Secondary College		
Chair:	Denise Torres / Kylie McMahon		
Attendees:	Name	School/ Organisation	
	Mitchell Leggo (Teacher)	Ryde Secondary College	
	Jeremy Byrne	Eastwood Heights PS	
	Jimmy Shaw (School Volunteer)	(Volunteer Gardening) Various Schools Ryde	
	Bev Debrincat (Community Representative)	Habitat Network/ The Habitat Community Garden	
	Jillian Millar	Truscott St PS	
	Marilee Campbell	Marsden HS	
	Gaby Fernandez-Paredes	Imaginations Preschool	
	Kim Shields	Imaginations Preschool	
	Matthew Logan	West Ryde PS	
	Tammy Scharenguivel	Denistone East PS	
	Kirsty Mewton	Denistone East Before & After School Care	
	Deidre Pigram	Gladesville PS	
	Denise Torres	Waste Education City of Ryde	
	Kylie McMahon	Sustainability City of Ryde	
	Cassandra Hard Lawrie	FAIM Arts	
	Pat Spiers	Field of Mars EEC	
ITEM:	AGENDA TOPIC DISCUSSION		Action
	Key Points from Presenters		Date
1.	Introduction & Welcome by REEN Coordinators – Kylie McMahon, Sustainability Programs Coordinator, City of Ryde and Denise Torres, Waste Coordinator, City of Ryde		None
2.	Presentation of new REEN & upcoming programs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent presentation of REEN program to City of Ryde School Principals. - REEN Schools Challenge - New developments in social media ,this includes Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and flicker. - Recap of the success of Take 3 - Congratulations to Deniston East Public school for winning the LOMO Family Fun Day Challenge 		None
3.	Guest Speaker: Cassandra Hard Lawrie – City of Ryde – Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP) Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open to anyone who; lives, works, studies or plays within Ryde. - Eligibility: +11yrs to Open category (for adults) - Prize money & opportunity to display works - Free school holiday workshops and adult workshops available - Excellent way to tie in waste to art concepts and projects within the classroom. - Check our SWAP Pinterest page for inspiration! http://www.pinterest.com/cityofryde/swap/ <p>Application forms, conditions, workshops and prize information can be found at: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap </p>		None

4.	<p>Guest Speaker: Pat Spiers – Field of Mars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to environmental education at the Field of Mars EEC, history. - Programs offered and learning opportunities through the FoM - FoM Sustainability Stories Video Conference Festival http://fieldofmarseec.nsw.edu.au/digital-learning/sustainability-stories-video-conference-festival/ - Educators welcome to contact Pat at the EEC for any questions/ booking or resources: <p>Phone: 02 9816 1298 Email: fieldofmar-e.school@det.nsw.edu.au Web: www.fieldofmarseec.nsw.edu.au</p>	None	various
5.	<p>New look/ New Direction – REEN & Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update to schools on REEN & Social Media. - Streamlining previous avenues of communication to get resources to schools via social media channels such as Twitter, Pinterest and Facebook. - REEN will use these portals to promote the positive sustainable works completed by schools throughout the year to the wider community, to post useful links, tips, grant opportunities for schools to view as they please without emailing schools constantly, provide opportunity for those interested to ‘follow’ REEN/ City of Ryde for updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - REEN Pinterest: http://www.pinterest.com/cityofryde/reen/ (Feel free to follow our boards for new updates). 		various
6.	<p>REEN Schools Challenge: Challenge information for schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explanation behind the purpose of the Challenge. Challenge is open for Ryde Primary and High Schools. Preschools may take a copy of the Challenge and complete actions towards greening up or making their centres more sustainable but not eligible in 2014 to enter. - Actions contained within the Challenge will assist Schools in the previously compiled SEMP, align with KLA’s for learning outcomes across stages within the classroom and offer opportunity for the school community, wider community, students, staff and volunteers to be involved. - Evidence must be submitted and supported via outlined criteria within the guide and via the supplied USB stick. 		
7.	<p>Free plants opportunity for Schools: Bev Debrincat – The Habitat Native Plant Community Nursery and Food Garden Santa Rosa Park, Quarry Road, Ryde</p> <p>Schools are eligible to receive up to 50 free plants for infilling within pre-existing school gardens. The concept is to assist in providing native small bird food, protection and habitat for depleting small bird species. The infill planting will provide structure for these creatures and density for the gardens. Please contact Bev at The Habitat for these plants: bev.debrincat@iewf.org</p> <p>Free ‘How to Plant for Structure’ / Habitat Friendly Gardens Guides available for schools to assist in how to plant for infill structure. Contact Sustainability Programs Coordinator, Kylie McMahon at the City of Ryde: reensub@ryde.nsw.gov.au</p>		
Meeting Closed	530pm		
Minutes Taken By	Kylie McMahon		