



Subject:	REEN (Ryde Environmental Education Network) Meeting		
Venue:	Truscott Primary School – Truscott Street, Ryde		
Date:	Wednesday, 31 October 2018		
Time:	4:00pm – 6:00pm		
Chair:	Maree Shelley, City of Ryde Council		
Minutes:	Stephanie Keane, City of Ryde Council		
Attendees:	Name	School / Organisation	
	Meriam Mikhail	North Ryde Public School	
	Angela Donnelly	North Ryde Public School	
	Holly Taylor	North Ryde Public School	
	Ian Bulgin	Marsden High School	
	Preetima Bahl	Acre Woods Childcare Gladesville	
	Anna Schneider	MUSEC School	
	Sally Huck	MUSEC School	
	Jillian Millar	Truscott Street Public School	
	Sylvia Lane	Epping Boys High School	
	Krystal Vaux	Eastwood Heights Public School	
	Jodie Payne	Eastwood Heights Public School	
	Paige Kenny	MUSEC School	
	Jessie Wotton	Truscott Street Public School	
	Theresa Ward	Truscott Street Public School	
	Steph Fenech	Truscott Street Public School	
	Jenny Maher	Explore & Develop Childcare Macquarie Park	
	Kerri Spence	Marsden High School	
	Michelle Brooks	Putney Public School	
	Jasmine Winsley	Ryde East Public School	
	Phillip Ward	Ryde East Public School	
Chris Yates	Ryde Secondary College		
Bev Debrincat	The Habitat Nursery		
Maree Shelley	City of Ryde Council (Chair)		
Stephanie Keane	City of Ryde Council (Minutes)		
ITEM	AGENDA TOPIC DISCUSSION	Action	Date
1.	Introduction and Welcome Maree Shelley, City of Ryde Council		

<p>2.</p>	<p>Laurel Park Anti-litter Campaign Maree Shelley, City of Ryde Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 month project funded by NSW EPA Hey Tosser grant • Site chosen as feeder creek into Sydney Harbour • Local litter checks conducted along Buffalo Road and Laurel Park • Murals installed to replace graffiti and beautify area • National Tree Day planting event • Community clean-ups • Surveys Re: behaviours and perception • Permanent signage put in • Improved stormwater and footpath infrastructure • Pledge cards to say no to single use plastic • EnviroMentors workshops for primary schools • Now working with 5 For Ryde and Holy Cross College • Will be doorknocking businesses and bus depot along Buffalo Road • Discussion about putting bins in Laurel Park 		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Litter Free Oceans Campaign Kate Nairn, Taronga Conservation Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary function of Taronga is to look after animals, education, science and research • Communicate conservation message to visitors from Australia and overseas every day • Marine debris in ocean a big issue • 8 million tonnes of litter in oceans every year which is the equivalent of 1 garbage truck per minute • 75% is plastic and land based, ½ of which is only used once • Not all litter is intentional, some blows into drains which then washes into the oceans • Becomes microplastics eaten by animals then by humans • Project aim to reach 100 schools and businesses • ‘Choose to Reuse’ is their tagline • Targeting single use plastics e.g. coffee cups, bottles, straws and takeaway containers • Website Litterfreeoceans.org.au has calculator showing your landfill contribution and toolkits for schools and businesses to tackle litter • Schools toolkit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 – Audit • Step 2 – Pledge e.g. Straws Suck!, Waste Free Wednesday, Take 3 Tuesday, Balloons Blow! • Step 3 – Make a plan • Provide solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips on where to start • Links to zoo and curriculum based lesson plans • Getting support and promoting actions • Case studies e.g. kids creating posters and writing to councils • List of suppliers of sustainable products e.g. paper straws • Website links for further information • Kate available to come to schools or P&C meetings for presentations • Offer ongoing support • Zoo discounts available by emailing pfo@zoo.nsw.gov.au • Taronga Unwrapped event 22 November 2018 – book via Eventbrite • Kate happy to share her contact details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maree to pass on contact details to the group 	<p>Maree</p>	<p>Nov 2018</p>

4.	<p>Group Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krystal from Eastwood Heights Public School spoke about their CDS program run through Nepean Distributors who provide and empty bins, provide signage and info, and give them 10c per container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maree to pass on contact details to the group • Chris from Ryde Secondary College spoke about their CDS program run through Citizen Blue who provide a cage, remove the items and give them a percentage of the 10c refund per container. They also have purple bins for collecting bottles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maree to pass on contact details to the group • Ian from Marsden High School advised his school was provided with 50 plants from The Habitat which they have planted in their garden • MUSEC School advised they won a worm form which the staff and students are using. They also took students to The Habitat where they were shown how to plant correctly and received plants. They have now planted over 200 plants around Macquarie University. • Maree from City of Ryde Council asked the group to provide feedback on the Keep Australia Beautiful EnviroMentors program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maree to follow up • All members happy to continue holding meetings quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of each term • Topics of interest for next year's meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waste avoidance (rather than recycling/reuse) ○ Substitutes for products e.g. balloons and single use items ○ Presentation from Jo and/or Corina from 5 For Ryde about activities for kids and War on Waste toolkit ○ Presentation from Field of Mars about what they offer ○ Presentation from local indigenous person to talk about local area – suggestions to contact Aboriginal Land Council, Dave Lardner from NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, or speak with Council's Events team Re: Aboriginal speaker from Granny Smith Festival ○ Battery recycling program for schools, including WHS issues and problem waste stations in City of Ryde 	Maree	Nov 2018
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Next Meeting	Wednesday, 13 February 2019 Venue TBA		