



Subject:	REEN (Ryde Environmental Educators Network) Meeting		
Venue:	'The Habitat' Community Nursery		
Date:	23 October 2013		
Time:	345- 630pm		
Meeting:	Term 4 2013		
Chair:	Denise Torres / Kylie McMahon		
Attendees:	Name	School/ Organisation	
	Mitchell Leggo (Teacher)	Ryde Secondary College	
	Debbie Cunneen (Teacher)	Ryde Secondary College	
	Sandy Widders (Administrator)	Christchurch Gladesville Preschool Kindergarten Inc	
	Jimmy Shaw (School Volunteer)	(Volunteer Gardening) Various Schools Ryde	
	Bev Debrincat (Community Representative)	Habitat Network/ The Habitat Community Garden	
	Pam	The Habitat Community Garden	
	Phillip Ward (Community Representative)	Ex- Ryde East PS/ 1 st Ryde East Scouts	
	Jillian Millar	Truscott Street Public School	
	Elizabeth Noble	Birdlife Australia – <i>Guest Speaker</i>	
	Sandra Payne	Bushcare Officer, City of Ryde	
	Michael Paine	Youth & Community Officer, City of Ryde	
	Denise Torres	Waste Education City of Ryde	
	Kylie McMahon	Sustainability City of Ryde	
ITEM:	AGENDA TOPIC DISCUSSION		Action
	Key Points from Presenters		Date
1.	<p>Network afternoon tea and networking opportunity.</p> <p>Group welcome – Kylie McMahon, Sustainability Programs Coordinator. Outline of meeting for today including Guest speakers; <i>Elizabeth Noble – Birdlife Australia, Sandra Payne – City of Ryde Bushcare Officer & Michael Paine – City of Ryde Youth and Community Officer.</i></p> <p>Michael Paine introducing himself to the group to offer collaborative opportunities through what the City of Ryde offers under its programs.</p>		None

<p>2.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: <i>Elizabeth Noble – Birdlife Australia – Schools Program for Ryde Schools.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elizabeth introduced the newly grant funded schools program to establish, enhance and connect wildlife habitat for small local birds. Operating across Sydney, the program hopes to engage schools through supplying resources (educational and on the ground supplies) for schools to create these habitats within their school grounds. It works using educational resources building knowledge. - The idea behind the program is to address the loss of local birdlife along the Parramatta region. - A professional development module will be held next February (2014). Expressions of Interest for schools to apply are available online at the Birdlife Australia website. Only a select number of schools will be able to participate. <p>Guest Speaker: <i>Sandra Payne – Bushcare Officer – City of Ryde</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visiting REEN to speak about opportunities through what the Bushcare department of the City of Ryde is doing with schools presently and opportunities for the future. - The City of Ryde can offer schools up to 250 plants for schools to plant. Schools should have a proper planting regime/ planting day organised even through the P&C to do this. Successful planting will include liaising with the school GA & P&C to assist. - The City of Ryde also offers a number of different resources to help schools through education to learn about their local area. 	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Bev Debrincat – “The Habitat Community Nursery”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction and welcome to the group. - Brief talk about the operation of the nursery. - Upcoming ‘Indigenous Day’ at the nursery in November. 	<p>None</p>	<p>various</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>What’s new for REEN for 2014 – Launch of 2014 REEN Schools Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based upon feedback from REEN Coordinators consulting with Ryde schools and educators, the network will launch at the end of the year, the 2014 REEN Schools Calendar. - The calendar will forward plan a year’s worth of REEN workshops, network meeting guest speakers all theme based so that schools can plan to attend and participate in the offerings by the council programs. <p>REEN Schools Challenge 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking to broaden sustainability within our Ryde schools, the REEN will be introducing the REEN Schools Challenge. This opportunity will build upon environmental and sustainability initiatives within schools and further assist schools to network with each other at the REEN meetings through participation in the challenge. - The REEN will seek to also launch the REEN Schools Challenge, commencing early 2014. This challenge is open to pre, primary and high schools and will set out a series of actions that schools can complete and earn points towards with the winners receiving prizes through sustainable integration. 	<p>Coordinator s to contact schools and send out copies of the calendar</p>	<p>(Nov)</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Key upcoming dates & opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garage Sale Trail: 26 October 2013– The first year for the City of Ryde to be participating in this national event, with over 80 car boot, individual households and community groups registering to participate in 2013. The City of Ryde will partner with 1st Ryde East Scouts to launch the date. - National Recycling Week - ‘Trashed’ Movie screening – Eden Gardens – 12 November 2013 (free) 	<p>None</p>	<p>various</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Next meeting: Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2014 Location: Ryde Secondary College Address: 5 Malvina St Ryde NSW 2112 Time: 3:45PM- 6PM Parking: Street Parking Available</p>		

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Meeting Closed	630pm		
Minutes Taken By	Denise Torres/ Kylie McMahon		