



Subject:	REEN (RYDE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK) MEETING		
Venue:	Wallumetta Room, Top Ryde Library, Top Ryde Shopping Centre		
Date:	26 October 2016		
Time:	3:30pm – 5:30pm		
Chair:	Denise Torres /Katie Helm		
Attendees:	Name	School/ Organisation	
	Sylvia Lane	Epping Boys	
	Bev Debrincat	The Habitat	
	Philip Ward	Ryde East Public School	
	Sue Martin	St Ignatius' College	
	Julie-Ann Sheridan	Field of Mars	
	Cathy Tall	Ryde Public School	
	Jocelyn Lindley	Denistone East Public School	
	Deb Cunneen	Ryde Secondary College	
	Lamia Robalino	Gladesville OOSH	
	Lily Evens	Gladesville OOSH	
	Kristy Stevens	Denistone East Before and After Day Care	
	Wendy Hird	Ryde Tafe	
	Nirodha Neupane	City of Ryde	
		Action	Date
	Meeting opened at : 3:30PM		
	Key Points from Presenters		
1.	<p>Introduction & Welcome By Denise Torres, City Of Ryde.</p> <p>Denise introduced Katie Helm, Sustainability Programs Coordinator, City of Ryde and Nirodha Neupane, Waste Projects Officer, City of Ryde who will be coordinating REEN in 2017.</p>		
2.	<p>Sustainability Update By Katie Helm, Sustainability Programs Coordinator, City of Ryde.</p> <p>SWAP Discussed possibility of moving Councils SWAP (Sustainable Waste to Art Prize) to November 2017 to coincide with National Recycling Week. Katie discussed the waste to art curriculum materials provided by Cool Australia if teachers wished to integrate this into their term 4 plans and provide students the opportunity to submit their artwork to SWAP.</p>		

3.	<p>Earth Hour Breakfast By Sue Martin, St Ignatius College</p> <p>St Ignatius College is holding an Earth Hour Breakfast in March 2017 which teachers and students can attend (maximum 3 people from each school). Guests will get to hear from the team at UNSW who created the SunSwift Solar Car. Schools attending will be asked to share the highlights of their current environmental programs. To register your interest please contact khelm@ryde.nsw.gov.au.</p> <p>Sue gave an overview of AAEE (Australian Association for Environmental Education and invited teachers to the next conference being held at St Ignatius School in 27, 28 and 29 September 2017. More details to come in future meetings. Sue also invited teachers to purchase 'Take Me Outside' t-shirts from AAEE or field of Mars. This initiative is designed to encourage teachers to take their students outside for learning.</p>		
4.	<p>Waste Update: By Denise Torres, City of Ryde</p> <p>Get ready for National Recycling Week To assist teachers incorporating recycling week activities into their class room there are a number of curriculum support materials available to teachers on the Cool Australia and Planet Ark websites.</p> <p>Workshops Council are offering free Enviromentors workshops to local schools. Presented by educators from Keep Australia Beautiful there are a variety of waste and sustainability based workshops available for teachers to choose from.</p> <p>Denise is also running a waste tour to a recycling facility and a kitchen garden workshop that teachers can attend. You can register for the kitchen garden workshop online. To register for the waste tour please contact Denise..</p>		
5.	<p>The Habitat Community Garden Update By Bev Debricat, Habitat Nursery</p> <p>Bev invited teachers and students to a planting day as part of the Shrimptons Creek habitat corridor project. The event will take place at Tindarra Reserve on Sat 5th Nov between 1pm and 2 pm – if anyone would like to attend they can email bev.debrincat@iewf.org or call me on 0419 206 253.</p>		
Meeting Closed	5:30PM		
Minutes Taken By	Katie Helm		