



Subject:	Ryde Environmental Education Network Meeting		
Venue:	Gladesville Primary School – Victoria Road, Gladesville		
Date:	Tuesday 3 March 2020		
Time:	4:00pm – 5:30pm		
Chair:	Katie Helm, City of Ryde Council		
Minutes:	Stephanie Keane, City of Ryde Council		
Attendees:	Name	School / Organisation	
	Bonnie Mackenney	City of Ryde Council	
	Katie Helm	City of Ryde Council (Chair)	
	Stephanie Keane	City of Ryde Council (Minutes)	
	Sylvia Lane	Epping Boys High School	
	Julie-Ann Sheridan	Field of Mars EC	
	Patrick Spiers	Field of Mars EC	
	Kathy Gounakis	Gladesville Public School	
	Maxine Johnson	Gladesville Public School	
	Graeme Coates	Lindfield East Public School	
	Michaela Donald	Lane Cove Public School	
	Ian Bulgin	Marsden High School	
	Margaret Kelly	Marsden High School	
	Megan Jay	Marsden High School	
	Stephanie Morrison	Meadowbank Public School	
	Angela Smart	North Ryde Public School	
	Michelle Robinson	The Creative Teacher	
Bev Debrincat	The Habitat Nursery		
ITEM	AGENDA TOPIC DISCUSSION	Action	Date
1	Introduction and Welcome Katie Helm, City of Ryde Council		
2	Solar My School Katie Helm, Environment Team, City of Ryde Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar My School is a free Council-run initiative helping schools reduce energy bills, educate students and shrink their carbon footprint with solar power • Provide free independent support and guidance to primary and secondary schools looking to power their buildings with cheap green energy • Help schools every step of the way from start to finish to make installing solar as simple as possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help you choose the right supplier and contractor ○ Assist with finding grant funding ○ Provide educational activities matched to STEM • For more information, email Katie Helm from City of Ryde Council's Environment team khelm@ryde.nsw.gov.au 		

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EnviroMentors School Program

Bonnie MacKenney, Environment Team, City of Ryde Council
Stephanie Keane, Waste Team, City of Ryde Council

Council's Environment Team

- The [EnviroMentors school program](#) is a series of workshops covering a range of environmental issues
- Provided by educators from Keep Australia Beautiful
- Workshops run for 45 minute to an hour
- Educators can conduct up to five sessions per day on school grounds
- Modules are tailored for each learning stage from preschool to Year Six (ages 4 to 13)
- Linked to NSW and Australian Curriculum
- Council's Environment team has funding to offer 7 days of workshops to schools on a first come, first served basis at no cost to schools
- Modules available through Council's Environment team:
 - Sustainability – natural resources are explored through games with students collaborating to identify actions they can take in their daily lives at home and school to consume less and conserve resources
 - Saving Water – the water cycle is examined through puzzles and interactive demonstrations and ideas to save water at home and school are role-played through activities
 - Keeping Waterways Clean – the effects our actions have on our waterways are explored through role-play and students are encouraged to brainstorm environmentally friendly ways to protect our waterways
 - Schoolyard Harvest – the connection between growing and caring for a garden and the food we eat is discussed and students are encouraged to think about how they can be more self-sustaining in their own backyards for their health and their environment
- For more information, email Bonnie Mackenney from City of Ryde Council's Environment team
bmackenney@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Council's Waste Team

- Council's Waste team is also offering the Waste Audit module to schools free of charge to help schools reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
- For more information, email Emma Tang from City of Ryde Council's Waste team etang@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize (SWAP)

Stephanie Keane, Waste Team City of Ryde Council

Michelle Robinson, The Creative Teacher

SWAP Competition

- SWAP is Council's annual environmental art competition offering people who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde a chance to express their creativity through repurposing rubbish
- Celebrating 10 years of SWAP in 2020
- \$5,000 in prizemoney across five categories
 - Junior (10-13yrs)
 - Youth (14-17yrs)
 - Open (18+yrs)
 - Functional
 - People's Choice
- Introducing a new Schools Participation prize for the school with the most entries
- Key dates for SWAP 2020
 - Entries open 27 April to 17 August 2020
 - Free drop-in workshops at Council's Sustainability Festival on Sunday 31 May 2020
 - Free workshops from 8-18 July 2020
 - Opening night and announcement of winners Wednesday 16 September 2020 from 6-8pm at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE
 - Exhibition runs from Thursday 17 September to Thursday 1 October 2020 from 11am-4pm
- For more information, email Stephanie Keane from City of Ryde Council's Waste team skeane@ryde.nsw.gov.au

SWAP Educational Resource Guide for Teachers

- Educational Resource for teachers to run their own workshops to encourage their students to create and submit artworks for SWAP
- Includes lesson plans catering for three age groups:
 - 6-9 years
 - 10-13 years
 - 14-17 years
- Linked to NSW and Australian Curriculum
- Created by Michelle Robinson from The Creative Teacher who has over twenty years' experience teaching children and adults
- SWAP Educational Resource Guides will be available on Council's website and distributed to all local schools in the coming weeks
- For more information, email Stephanie Keane from City of Ryde Council's Waste team skeane@ryde.nsw.gov.au

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Tour of Gladesville Public School's Sustainability Initiatives

- Kathy Gounakis showcased Gladesville Public School's new playground bin stations with three separate bins for soft plastics, compost and general waste
- The artwork includes images of the items accepted in each bin as well as photos of their school
- Kathy and the P & C Committee were instrumental in securing funding for this project
- A waste audit was conducted by the school with assistance from City of Ryde Council to examine what waste items were being produced before advocating for the new bin collection system
- The compost will be put into compost bins on site
- The soft plastics will be taken to the local Coles and put in the REDcycle soft plastics recycling bin



Next Meeting

Tuesday 2 June 2020
Venue TBA