

Thursday, June 09, 2011

ONE DROP FESTIVAL

Eco Fun for all the Family

Eden Gardens, North Ryde

Saturday 25 June 2011, 10.00am – 3.00pm

The **One Drop Festival** will be held on Saturday June 25 at Eden Gardens, Cnr Lane Cove and Fontenoy Road, North Ryde, from 10.00am – 3.00pm. The event is a partnership of the Councils of the City of Ryde, Hornsby and Hunters Hill and Eden Gardens.

The One Drop Festival is part of the Catchment Connections program and has been designed to showcase the positive environmental initiatives taking place throughout the three Council areas especially relating to water management and use.

Featured will be lectures on a host of environmental topics such as water issues in the catchment area, rainwater tanks and solar hot water systems, chemical free cleaning and sustainable home renovation.

Also featured will be a range of other activities including eco-workshops on everything from worm-farming to renewable energy; an organic barbeque; recycled arts and crafts and solar powered video games. Eco stalls, roving performers and musicians and some of Australia's best children's entertainment including Mic Conway, Supa Cycla and the animals from Australia's Wildlife Displays complete the lineup.

The **One Drop Festival** is a fantastic way for those attending to learn how they can be part of the growing movement towards living sustainably in a relaxed, fun and colourful atmosphere.

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See attachments for more details.

FULL PROGRAM

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ECO KIDS PROGRAM

10.00am	Mic Conway's 'Rubbish'
10.45am	Festival launch: Artin Etmekdjian, City of Ryde Mayor
10.55pm	Welcome to Eden Gardens: Caroline Lord, Marketing Manager, Eden Gardens
11.05am	Tapstar and Dripette
12.00noon	Australian Wildlife Displays Live Animal Show
1.00pm	King and Queen of Green
2.00pm	The Last Drop – Leapfish

WORKSHOPS PROGRAM

10.00am	Flooding in Local Catchments – Assoc Prof. Phil McManus, Sydney University, School of Geosciences
10.30am	Indigenous Flood Stories and Climatic Cycles: Francis Bodkin, D'harawal Elder, Environmental Scientist and teacher at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens
11.00am	11am Designing and Planning for Water Conservation and Flooding at City of Ryde Council: Sam Cappelli, Environment Unit Manager and Austin Morris, Manager Storm Water & Park Assets, City of Ryde.
11.30am	Australian Wildlife - A Local Focus: Matt Springall, Senior Field Officer (Bush Regeneration), Lane Cove National Park
12:15pm	Rainwater Tanks & Solar Hot Water Systems: Cameron Little, Director, Sustainability Systems & Services
1.15pm	Sustainable Home Renovation: Cameron Rosen, Director - Australian Living
2.15pm	Chemical Free Cleaning: Zoe James, Author of Safer Cleaning & Better Living Tips

LOCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Located at the Eden Gardens Composting Station

12.00noon	Worm Farming at Home for Great Compost and Less Waste: Helen Kerley, Waste Communication Officer, City of Ryde
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COMMUNITY TALKS

11.00am	Sydney Wildlife
12.00noon	Habitat Network
1.00pm	Friends of Lane Cove National Park
2.00pm	Permaculture Ryde

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11.00am	My Sauce Good
12.00noon	The Sauer Kraut Stompers
1.00pm	Annique Azzure
2.00pm	Sarah Bedak

GUIDED WALKS

11.00am	Water Wise walk through Eden Gardens
1.30pm	Sustainable Garden Walk through Eden Gardens

FULL DAY

10.00am – 3.00pm	Eden Gardens Arts and Crafts Workshop
11.00am – 2.00pm	Circus Solarus
11.00am – 2.00pm	Supacycla
10.00am – 3.00pm	Face Painting
10.00am – 3.00pm	Solar Powered Video Games Trailer
10.00am – 3.00pm	Pot-A-Plant Activities
10.00am – 3.00pm	Organic BBQ & Treats
10.00am – 3.00pm	Eden Gardens Stall featuring the Plant Doctor

CATCHMENT CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Catchment Connections is a three year project which aims to improve the water quality of local creeks, preserve and enhance remnant bushland areas, improve local biodiversity and increase community involvement in Bushcare activities.

Catchment Connections covers over 2,000 hectares (20 km²) across the Terrys Creek, Mars Creek, Shrimptons Creek and Buffalo Creek catchments, which are all tributaries of the Lane Cove River. The project commenced in 2008 and is run in partnership with City of Ryde, Hornsby Shire and Hunters Hill Councils and funded by the NSW Environmental Trust.

BIOS – ECO LECTURES

Assoc Prof. Phil McManus, Sydney University, School of Geosciences

Phil is a senior lecturer in the School of Geosciences and coordinator of environmental science at The University of Sydney. He is the author of *Vortex Cities to Sustainable Cities: Australia's Urban Challenge* (UNSW Press, 2005) and several other publications. His current research focuses on sustainable cities, urban forestry and representations of nature in the construction of a range of environmental issues. He combines urban environmental history with policy and planning research that is future-oriented.

Frances Bodkin

Frances is a 76 year old D'harawal elder from the south of Sydney. She teaches traditional Indigenous 'science' and enables a deeper understanding of, and an ability to care for, our natural environment. She is also a Western scientist with degrees in climatology, geomorphology and environmental science. With traditional understanding and her countless degrees, she has a truly holistic approach to understanding our environment. Fran teaches using creative story-telling and works as a nature guide at Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.

Sam Cappelli - Manager Environment, City of Ryde

Sam Cappelli, Manager, the Environment, City of Ryde has an excess of 29 years experience in local government working in the areas of environmental health and building control, environmental and resource management and climate change mitigation and adaptation, particularly in developing key policies and standards. He has held senior positions at Holroyd, Strathfield and now Ryde Councils. Since 2004, he has been actively involved in the catchment management related areas of sustainable transport, water sensitive urban design, sustainable procurement, environmental education and incorporating sustainability into planning controls for the City of Ryde to ensure projects meet an acceptable level of sustainability across the quadruple bottom line indicators relevant to the City of Ryde.

Matt Springall - Senior Field Officer, Lane Cove National Park, National Parks and Wildlife Service

Matt Springall has been working in the ecological restoration industry for 17 years, working with Bushcare volunteers, bush regeneration companies and local and state government. He is currently the Senior Field Officer (Bush Regeneration) at Lane Cove National Park, and is the Vice President of the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (NSW) Inc.

Cameron Little, Director, Sustainability Systems & Services

Has nearly two decades experience in the field of sustainability, and has extensive specialised knowledge in relation to the provision of environmental education and support that leads to tangible improvements. Sustainability Systems & Services works with a range of public and private sector organisations to help them understand how the principles of sustainability relate to their business, and how to establish and maintain environmental management systems and sustainable business practices and strategies for creating positive change.

Cameron Rosen, Architect, Building Manager and Director of Australian Living

Cameron Rosen (B.Building, UNSW) has been building and renovating residential, retail and corporate premises since 1992. Cameron has a strong desire to see the building industry move from traditional to sustainable techniques. In 2008 Cameron incorporated Australian Living, a Sustainable Building Management and Consultancy company, and has developed the Eco-Challenge concept. Australian Living aims to develop highly rated sustainable homes and to help promote and challenge the sustainable building industry.

Zoe James, author of Safer Cleaning and Better Living Tips

Zoe is an expert on non toxic cleaning with her experience in green cleaning for more than 30 years, a period throughout which she has devoted herself to raising awareness about the long term detrimental effects of living in a chemically enhanced environment. She is a well respected speaker and the author of Safer Cleaning and Better Living Tips, a practical reference guide explaining how to clean your home without toxic chemicals.

BIOS – CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT**Mic Conway**

Mic Conway has been a stalwart of the Australian live music scene for many years, performing in the seminal 'Captain Matchbox Whoopee Band' and recently Mic Conway's National Junk Band. Mic Conway will be presenting his very special show '*Rubbish*' at the One Drop Festival. The show is a highly original performance about the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and features junk musical instruments, magical trash, juggling, newspaper ripping, puppetry, singing and dancing. *Rubbish* has been designed to introduce children to ideas such as composting, saving water and electricity, separating rubbish, recycling and more.

Tapstar show featuring Tapstar & Dripette

"Tapstar Saves Water" focuses on a typical Australian family and their use of water around the house. Tapstar, with the help of the kids, shows the right way for the family to become Water Wise graduates with the assistance of the children in the audience. The performance incorporates singing, scientific demonstrations, and audience participation to get the water conservation messages through to a young audience in a fun and engaging way.

Australian Wildlife Displays

Hosted by wildlife expert Anthony Stimson and featuring animals such as Snappy the Crocodile, Blossom the Possum and Princess the Diamond Python, the Sydney's Child Wildlife Show will introduce children to Australia's unique and varied wildlife. The show is a great way for children to see Australia's native wildlife up close while learning about the many ways we can all help to protect Australia's diverse species and their natural habitat

King and Queen of Green

The King and Queen Rule over the land of Green and travel about reminding people that we can all make a difference to the planet by doing simple things at home work and school. Their royal majesties use whacky machinery and scientific demonstrations to help show children that everything we do has an effect on the planet and that there are simple ways they can make a difference. During the show they will explore some topics the children can all relate to including Transport, Energy use, Saving Water and Waste. There are many opportunities for the children to get involved from getting up on stage or singing along and doing the actions to their environmentally friendly songs.

The Last Drop

Presented by Leapfish - The Last Drop is an interactive theatre performance and workshop program about water, the weather and our future. A gypsy and an inventor travel through time to understand our changing weather and where we are heading in the future. The Last Drop is a non-didactic, fun and engrossing performance about the water crisis facing the world today.

Supa Cycla

Supercycla is a real life recycling superhero who facilitates both workshops and live performances in order to teach children the benefits of living sustainably through songs, plays, and fun activities.

Circus Solarus

Circus Solarus is an eco themed, solar-powered theatre group whose style has its origins in pre-circus European Carnival - irreverent and physical, with improvised interaction with the public. The company is committed to transforming the everyday public space through street theatre and lively comic performances.

BIOS – MUSIC

My Sauce Good

My Sauce Good is a tasty Australian acoustic trio of violin, vocals and guitar, playing addictive French Swing, original tunes, soulful Latin-American folksong, Hebrew lullabys, Bohemian Jazz from the 1920's onwards and contemporary songs given a new lease of life.

The Sauer Kraut Stompers

The Sauerkraut Stompers was formed by Udo Kohrman in the 1980's and has since performed consistently at clubs and festivals throughout Australia. The Stompers play traditional 1920's and 1930's New Orleans style jazz, and feature a diverse range of instruments including trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, piano, banjo, drums and double bass.

Annique Azzure

Annique Azure is a singer, flautist and Latin dancer who has a passion for French and Latin music. She has travelled the world studying music and dance and sings fluently in five languages - English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Her repertoire ranges from cool Brazilian bossa nova to French jazz, sambas, rumbas and swing accompanied by her enchanting flute solos

Sarah Bedak

Sarah Bedák founded & fronts Sydney Gypsy music ensemble, Lolo Lovina whose credits include Brian Eno's Luminous Festival at the Opera House, the Spiegletent, Brisbane Festival & Woodford Folk Festival. Sarah Bedák performs Gypsy, Jazz, World, Cabaret and contemporary music with some of Sydney's finest musicians.

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