REEN MINUTES







City of Ryde

Subject:	REEN (Ryde Environmental Education Network) Meeting				
Venue:	Ryde Library - Wallumetta Room 1 Pope Street, Ryde NSW 2112 (cnr Pope and Devlin Streets, within Top Ryde City Shopping Centre)				
Date:	Tuesday, 19 August 2014				
Time:	3:45pm-5:45pm				
Previous Meeting:	Term 2 – 13 May 2014				
Chair:	Denise Torres / Nilushi Disanayake				
Attendees:	Name	School/ Organisation			
	Mitchell Leggo	Ryde Secondary College			
	Jeremy Byrne	Eastwood Heights PS			
	Jillian Millar	Truscott St PS			
	Matthew Logan	West Ryde PS			
	Tammy Scharenguivel	Denistone East PS			
	Kirsty Mewton	Denistone East Before & After School Care			
	Larissa Shashkof	Mobile Muster			
	Sylvia Lane	Epping Boys			
	Nick Ward	Ryde Secondary College			
	Jennie Spenceley	Melrose Park Public School			
	Kim Fenney	Hunters Hill Public School			
	Nilushi Disanayake Denise Torres	City of Ryde City of Ryde			
	John Caley	Ecological Design			
	Mike Bartlett	Sydney Olympic Park Authority			
	Angela Andrews	Cool Australia			
	Jonathon Noyes	NSW Health			
	Meredith Gray	City of Ryde			
(Apologies)	Bev Debrincat	Habitat Nursery			
	Phillip Ward	Ryde East PS			
	Marilee Campbell	Marsden High			
ITEM:	AGEND	A TOPIC DISCUSSION	Action	Date	
	Key Points from Presenters				
1.	Introduction & Welcome by REEN Coordinators – Nilushi Disanayake, Sustainability Programs Coordinator, City of Ryde and Denise Torres, Waste Coordinator, City of Ryde Overview of REEN, REEN website, guest speakers, RSC and a community event for Sustainable House Day.				

2. Larissa Shashkof - MobileMuster

MobileMuster's Education Resources include an online Teachers Guide which has been mapped to the Australian Curriculum and our MusterKids Zone (www.mobilemuster.com.au/schools) which provide games, fact sheets, videos and environmental calculators to learn about the life-cycle of mobile phones. Primary School Teachers Guide

Secondary School Teachers Guide

Click here to access the full updated Teachers Guide

What's Inside a Mobile Phone

Mobile Muster has also developed some new display boards to help students learn about what's inside a mobile phone. The boards show the components of an old mobile phone to help students to learn what materials they are made from and the importance of recycling non-renewable resources. If you are interested in borrowing a Mobile Muster display boards or would like MobileMuster to conduct a talk or workshop at your school please contact Larissa for more information.

Communications and Education Officer MobileMuster larissa.shashkof@amta.org.au

3. John Caley - Ecological Design

Classroom Energy Audit Presentation

- Explored typical wattage in classroom and ordinary appliances.
- Energy vs watts discussion.
- Practical group exercises with Save Power Kits. Measured energy use in room.
- Explored power saving options incl. standby, hot water, inefficient lighting. Halogen (50 watt) vs LED (8 watts). Efficiency of T8 lighting over T12.
- Tips for school holidays energy savings e.g. turn hot-water off.

Download his 'Prezi' Presentation on Classroom Energy Audits

Ecological Design Website

Director of Engineering, Ecological Design info@ecologicaldesign.com.au

4. Mike Bartlett – Sydney Olympic Park Authority

2014 Youth Eco Summit (YES),

A student video of last year's SOPA Youth Eco Summit was presented and discussed.

The event attracts thousands of students and was recipient of a green globe award. It achieved significant outcomes with regard to youth capacity building and engagement.

It also features numerous organisations providing workshops and displays.

A special offer for REEN schools was discussed. Please contact the REEN coordinators for more information.

<u>Article - Thousands of students engage in sustainable learning for the Youth Eco</u> Summit

YES Website

Manager, Education Sydney Olympic Park Authority (SOPA) YouthEcoSummit@sopa.nsw.gov.au

5. Angela Andrews - Cool Australia

Cool Australia Program and Enviro Week

Angela discussed the Cool Australia resources, teacher and student worksheets, and website tailored to upper primary and high schools. The web resources included curriculum links to the national curriculum and teaching plans.

Student leadership and engagement opportunities, green operations (whole of school approach), triple bottom line approaches, the cross curriculum priority areas and the captain of sustainability concept, was also discussed.

Connections to schools SEMPs were also reviewed and an overview of the Cool Australia Enviro Week was provided.

www.coolaustralia.org www.enviroweek.org www.facebook.com/coolaustralia

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6.	Jonathon Noyes – NSW Health, Northern Sydney Local Health District		
	Live, Life, Well @ School Program		
	The Live, Life, Well @ School program has a focus on nutrition and physical activity. The speaker also explored components relevant to kitchen gardens, healthy eating and fruit, waste audits, nude food day and vegetable breaks. The associated Ready, Set, Grow program was also discussed (more details on opportunities for REEN schools will be discussed in the future).		
	The PPT presentation can be emailed on request to the REEN coordinators.		
	Ready, Set Grow		
	Coal Loader Garden Project Resource for Primary Schools		
	Live, Life, Well @ School and other Programs		
	Health Promotion Officer Jonathon.Noyes@health.nsw.gov.au		
7.	Meredith Gray – City of Ryde		
	Spring Gardens Competition The 20 year old Council Spring Garden Competition, including the schools category, was discussed. For details see: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/springgardencompetition		
	Active Recreation Officer cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au		
Meeting Closed	6:00PM		
Minutes Taken By	REEN Coordinators		