## **REEN MINUTES**







## City of Ryde

Subject:	REEN (Ryde En	vironmental Educators Network)	Meeting		
Venue:	Ryde Secondary College, Mal	vina Rd Ryde	_		
Date:	18 February 2014	-			
Time:	345- 600pm				
Meeting:	Term 1 2014				
Chair:	Denise Torres / Kylie McMahon				
Attendees:	Name	School/ Organisation			
	(Host) Mitchell Leggo (Teacher)	Ryde Secondary College			
	(Host) Rhonda Kaibay (Teacher)	Ryde Secondary College			
	Jeremy Byrne	Eastwood Heights Primary School			
	Alice Wong	Preschool representative/ support			
	Bev Debrincat (Community Representative)	Habitat Network/ The Habitat Community Garden & Native Plant Nursery			
	Jason Milner	North Ryde Public School			
	Marilee Campbell	Marsden High School			
	Sue Litster	Marsden High School	den High School		
	Jennie Spenceley	Melrose Park Public School	School C Committee/ Environmental Trust		
	Geoff Hudson	Meadowbank PS P&C Committee/ Environment			
	Matthew Logan	West Ryde Public School			
	Phil Stewart	Ryde TAFE NSI			
	(Guest Speaker) Tim Silverwood	Take 3/ Rechusable			
	Sarah Chen	Waste Education City of Ryde			
	Denise Torres	Waste Education City of Ryde			
	Kylie McMahon	Sustainability City of Ryde			
(Apologies)	Jane Cole	Volunteer			
	Jimmy Shaw	Volunteer - Ryde LGA School Gardens			
	Tammy Scharenguivel	Denistone East Primary School (volunteer)			
	Laura Duselis	KU Eastwood Preschool			
	Maria Varnakiotis	KU Eastwood Preschool			
ITEM:	AGENDA	A TOPIC DISCUSSION	Action	Date	
	Key Points from Presenters				
1.		tworking opportunity. n to 2014 for REEN– Denise Torres, Waste n, Sustainability Programs Coordinator.	None		

•	Afficial Constant		
2.	<ul> <li>Meeting Guest:</li> <li>Phil Stewart – Ryde TAFE NSI – Sustainable Transport Open Day at Ryde TAFE         <ul> <li>Introduction of upcoming Sustainable Transport event to be held at Ryde TAFE on Mother's Day, 11 May, open 10-3pm.</li> <li>The free day will showcase a variety of different methods of sustainable transport, explain what it is, host demonstrations and welcomes families to bring their bikes/ sustainable transport modes along for the day.</li> <li>Phil is looking to schools for information on 'walking buses'.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	N/A	11 May
	<ul> <li>Guest Speaker:         Tim Silverwood – Take 3/ Rechusable         Explanation of the problems with plastic and social obsession with plastic and how schools and students can play their part through solutions based education to reduce our reliance on it.         Tim spoke of the challenges faced within schools; canteen procurement issues, on site littering, the need to engage P&amp;C, community and bin management. He noted that within the High Schools that grades 8-10 were the most responsive.     </li> <li>Tim commented on engagement of students being most efficient with many environmental initiatives through getting Students to 'tell their story or experience' or to share what they know or have researched and in the brainstorming of positive solutions and through visual aids. \     </li> <li>Tim offered Ryde High schools the opportunity for a free Take 3 workshops. Registration through forms handed out and via online. Limited number of workshops.</li> <li>Primary schools interested can still register interest but priority will be given to High schools.</li> <li>Take 3 workshops can be tailored to suit the needs of the individual school, ranging from short 20min workshop deliveries to whole school presentations or just with selected groups.</li> </ul>	Register interest via application form	Various
3.	LOMO Family Fun Challenge (Sarah Chen – Waste Team - City of Ryde)  - Challenge for all families across the Ryde LGA to get involved to reduce their organic (food scrap) waste. Families will need to register from 2 March 2014 and photograph 3 actions to reduce food waste that they are doing and write 50words describing their actions.  - Families can win a \$150 gift card and schools who register the most number of families participating go into the running to win \$500 gift voucher for the school.  - Registered families will receive a Family Fun Challenge kit.  - Sarah will upload food storage & food safety tips for food waste reduction as per the request of educators.	Register interest via application form	Various
4.	<ul> <li>What's new for REEN for 2014 / REEN Schools Challenge 2014</li> <li>Official commencement of 2014 REEN Schools Calendar.</li> <li>Debuting in its first year – the REEN Schools Challenge invites Ryde Primary and High schools to enter to win \$6000 of prizes through completion of sustainability actions within their school.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Challenge runs from 19 March to 19 September 2014.</li> <li>Schools must register via the application which can be downloaded from the REEN webpage: <a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/REEN">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/REEN</a></li> <li>Coming 2014 REEN meetings will provide a dedicated 30min section for schools to seek information/ advice or solutions for implementing actions for the challenge and will provide workshops to assist in completing their actions.</li> </ul>	Register interest via application form	Opens 19 March 2014

5.	<ul> <li>Host School Sustainability Presentation: Ryde Secondary College         (Mitchell Leggo – Teacher RSC)         <ul> <li>RSC presented sustainability achievements to the group, actions included:                 <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	None	N/A
6.	<ul> <li>Upcoming Events/ Dates/ Extra News:         <ul> <li>Take 3 – High School Workshops available (contact Denise to Register)</li> <li>LOMO Family Fun Challenge – competition reducing food waste (see City of Ryde website for more information/ entry forms)</li> <li>REEN Schools Challenge 2014 – Will open from March. Application forms available on City of Ryde REEN webpage.</li> <li>Environmental Trust Eco Schools &amp; Eco Food Garden Grants to open from 17 March. <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/grantsintro.htm</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Register interest via application forms	Various
	If you have not received a REEN 2014 Schools Calendar for your Staff room for all the free upcoming REEN events/ workshops and meeting dates – please contact REEN Coordinators and for a free copy.	Contact REEN Coordinat- ors	
6.	Next meeting: Date: Tuesday, 13 May 2014 Location: Field of Mars – Environmental Education Centre Address: 220 Pittwater Road, East Ryde Time:3:45PM- 530PM Parking: Parking Available		
Meeting Closed	600pm		
Minutes Taken By	Denise Torres/ Kylie McMahon		