

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>REEN Meeting Term 2 - Online</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	MS Teams
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 18 June 2025
<b>Time:</b>	04.00pm to 5.30pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Emily Quinn Smyth and Kirra Hogg-Smith

## REEN Minutes

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Meet &amp; Greet</b> – Tell us about the sustainability and environmental projects you and your school are currently working on	4.00pm – 4.10 pm
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Guest Speaker – Ben Newsome</b> Fizzics Education Ben and Fizzics Education range in all things Science. Covering from workshops, lesson & resources such as experiments, podcasts and teaching articles. They hold incursions from K-10 at your school's expense. Ben has created a new program called 'Ocean Smart Schools' which offer education on River care, litter prevention and a 'litterarty' competition where waste is used to create art.	4.10pm – 4.20pm
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Environment and Sustainability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Professional Development Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">The Student Well Being Hub</a> offer a 3 Part course on Building Student Resilience</li> <li>Uni of Tasmania are offering a 20hr self-paced course on <a href="#">'The Climate Shift: Exploring Science, Empowering Action'</a></li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Lesson Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Earth Watch</a> provide a wide range of resources and plans across all levels of primary school learning.</li> <li><a href="#">Schools Reconciliation Challenge 2025</a> – Offering a wide range of resources involving indigenous teachings, ideas and how to connect with modern issues such as climate change, agriculture, sustainability and reconciliation week.</li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Competitions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Cities and Tidy Towns Awards</a></li> <li><a href="#">Paint Australia Beautiful Schools Mural Competition</a></li> <li><a href="#">SWAP Art Prize</a> - Closing soon so get your artworks in!</li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Upcoming Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Schools Tree Day 25 July</a> – Bev and The Habitat are offering up to 50 free Native or food garden plants to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	4.20pm – 4.25 pm

	<p>schools for planting on the day. Council will be holding a tree planting day as well on 27 July. (email Bev: <a href="mailto:Bev.debrincat@iewf.org">Bev.debrincat@iewf.org</a> for plants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sustainability Festival at Ryde Wharf Markets 10 August 2025</li> <li>● <b>Citizen Science Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">FrogID</a> – run by Australian Museum, they want schools to monitor their frog species in and around their schools. A beneficial way to help declining frog populations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Grant Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Real Insurance grants</a> are still open and are up to \$5000 in funding for 1 lucky school with one or more of their aligning values of Health, Learning and Development, Information and Technology, or Community and Infrastructure.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Harold's Garden grants</a> – Establish your own food garden or upgrade your existing one – Open to primary schools, preschools and early learning centres.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b>Council updates and General Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>World Environment Day 5 June Wrap up</b></li> </ul> <p>Council held a variety of workshops, talks, walks and interactive days from 31 May until 24 June to Celebrate World Environment Day and encourage residents to learn more on sustainability, recycling, our natural environment and electrification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>NAIDOC Week</b></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">NAIDOC week 2025 6-13 July</a></p> <p>The Next Generation: Strength, Vision &amp; Legacy</p> <p>Council are holding a range of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Upcoming events</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet the Mayor – Trenton Brown visit on 28 June 2025 at Midway Shopping Centre</li> <li>- Ryde the HSC Wave: Study Session in July   Yr 11 &amp; 12 Students</li> </ul> <p>Last part of the series – student study session with the topic of Goal Setting. Students can enjoy access to Study spaces, HSC Resources, Pet Therapy dogs, refreshments etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Edible Gardens in Schools</b></li> </ul> <p>Keen to establish or extent an edible garden space in your school?</p> <p>Expressions of interest for the next round of Edible Gardens in Schools are Open. Applications close 31 July.</p> <p><a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Resources-for-Schools/Edible-Gardens-in-Schools">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Resources-for-Schools/Edible-Gardens-in-Schools</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Community Workshops</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plastic Free July – Beeswax Wrap Workshop 5 July <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Plastic-Free-July-Beeswax-Wrap-Workshop-16-years-Morning-Session-1344952482079">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Plastic-Free-July-Beeswax-Wrap-Workshop-16-years-Morning-Session-1344952482079</a></li> <li>- Be a Pro Recycler: Waste &amp; Recycling Workshop (English/Mandarin) 24 June <a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Be-a-Pro-Recycler-Waste-and-Recycling-Workshop-English-Mandarin">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Eventbrite/Be-a-Pro-Recycler-Waste-and-Recycling-Workshop-English-Mandarin</a></li> </ul>	4.25pm – 4.30pm

	- Worm Farming Workshop 2 August & Composting Workshop 16 Aug <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/worm-farming-workshop-tickets-1408109486379?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/worm-farming-workshop-tickets-1408109486379?aff=oddtcreator</a> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/composting-workshop-tickets-1408111472319?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/composting-workshop-tickets-1408111472319?aff=oddtcreator</a>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Questions &amp; Discussion</b>	4.30pm
<b>Close meeting</b>		