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# Term 2 REEN Meeting

## May 16, 2023

Online 3:45pm-4:45pm

# Agenda

Item	Who	Time
Meeting open/Welcome	Emily & Bonnie	3:45 – 3:55pm
Guest Speaker 1	Kelly Winning	3:55 – 4:10pm
Guest Speaker 2	Eve Clark	4.10 – 4:25pm
Competitions, grants, PD opportunities, citizen science programs, lesson plans	Emily & Bonnie	4:25 – 4:35pm
Council updates and general business	Emily & Bonnie	4:35 – 4:45pm
Meeting closes		4:45pm

# Kelly Winning Music

- Kelly Winning



# NSW Live Life Well @ School

- Eve Clark



# Professional Development

The Hub's free courses provide high quality professional learning to help schools engage positively with current and future challenges.

All courses are aligned to the Australian Student Wellbeing Framework and to the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) professional standards at the Proficient level



<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/educators/professional-learning-courses/?courseType=educator>

# Lesson Plans

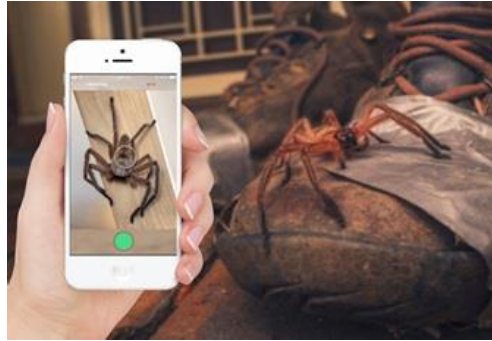
- Planet Ark developed in partnership with Cool Australia a set of curriculum-aligned lesson plans to make it easy for teachers to teach students the importance of the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL): [https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/ar/arl/arl\\_lesson\\_plans](https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/ar/arl/arl_lesson_plans)



# Citizen Science Programs

There is a range of citizen science programs available through the CSIRO including:

- Eye on Water Australia
- Ant Mimicry
- Checking for Change
- AirRater
- Critterpedia
- The Globe Program



For more information go to:

<https://www.csiro.au/en/education/get-involved/citizen-science/projects>

# Competitions

- Speaking 4 the Planet (S4P)
- Young Reporters for the Environment
- Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP)- will speak about this in the Council updates section



# 2023 Speaking 4 the Planet (S4P)

This National competition is an Arts-based approach to Youth advocacy for a Sustainable world

- Using sustainable development goals students are invited to step up and speak out about the world and our common future. S4P has been adapted for primary schools, high schools and universities.
- Promotes the importance of having an informed voice through, Writing, speaking, performance, art, images and video
- S4P values evidence-based presentations and welcomes quirky solutions to what might appear to be intractable environmental and sustainability problems.
- Closing date is Friday August 18 2023
- Check the website for more information <https://speaking4theplanet.org.au/>



# Young Reporters for the Environment

Designed to empower young people to take a stand on environmental issues they feel strongly about and give them a platform to express these issues through the media of writing, photography or video. World-wide competition for students aged 11 to 25 years old.

- Students are asked to pick an environmental topic relating to litter, waste or environmental pollution, investigate it, and then report on it using one of three categories: writing, photography or film
- Plan an environmental campaign or community action day where students share their ideas and projects.
- <https://eco-schools.org.au/young-reporters-for-the-environment/>



# Grants

## AFL National Schools Grant

- Applications 22 May, close 2 June  
<https://www.play.afl/schools/grants/>

## Real School Grants Program 2023

- \$5000 Schools Grant
- Applications for the 2023 grant are now open until October 31, 2023  
<https://www.realinsurance.com.au/grants/school-grant>

# Council Updates

- Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP) 2023
- Sustainability Festival
- National Tree Day
- Clean Up Australia Day update
- National Reconciliation Week

# SWAP Art Prize 2023

- City of Ryde's annual art competition which encourages people to express their creativity through repurposing rubbish and reclaimed materials to highlight environmental issues
- \$5000 in prize money across six categories:
  - Open category- 18 years and over
  - Youth Category- 14 to 17 years
  - Junior category- 10 to 13 years
  - Schools Participation Award
  - Functional Award
  - People's Choice Award



## Key dates for SWAP 2023

- Entries open  
Friday 1 April to Sunday 23 July.
- Apply online via  
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/SWAP-Sustainable-Waste-2-Art-Prize>
- Free waste to art workshops at the  
Sustainability Festival on Sunday 4 June from 10am-2pm at Ryde Park  
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Sustainability-Festival>
- Free waste to art workshops in the July school holidays on  
Wednesday 5 July  
Bookings available via [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eventslisting](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/eventslisting)



- Opening night and awards ceremony  
**Thursday 31 August from 6pm-8pm** at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE.
- Exhibition open **Friday 1 September to Thursday 4 September from 11am-4pm on Tuesdays to Saturdays** at See Street Gallery, Meadowbank TAFE.
- Digital exhibition open on Council's website Friday 1 September to Saturday 30 September  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/swap)
- **Educational Resource**
  - Guide written by Michelle Robinson AKA "The Creative Teacher" with lesson plans for teachers to enable you to run your own waste to art workshops
  - Aligned with NESA curriculum
  - Caters for three age groups: 6-9yrs, 10-13yrs and 14-17yrs
  - Available to download on Council's website <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Education-Programs/SWAP-Educational-Resource> or printed copies by request



# Sustainability Festival



- Date - Sunday June 4, 2023
  - Time - 10am – 2pm
  - Location – Ryde Park

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Sustainability-Festival>



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- **Workshops** – SWAP, Insect Houses, Resilience Hub, Parva: Little Things, Power of the Bush, Reusable Nappies
- **Interactive Stalls** – Tumbleweed, Sydney Water Wonders of Water, Go4Fun, Get Grubby TV, scavenger hunt
- **Information stalls** on sustainable transport, resilience, gardening, waste reduction, waterways and the climate.
- Prizes to be won and some good giveaways throughout the day.

# National Tree Day

Planet Ark's National Tree Day started in 1996 and has grown into Australia's largest community tree planting and nature care event

Schools Tree Day: Friday 28 July

National Tree Day: Sunday 30 July

<https://treeday.planetark.org/>



NATIONAL  
TREE DAY  
30 JULY

SCHOOLS  
TREE DAY  
28 JULY



# The Habitat Nursery

The habitat nursery is offering 50 free plants (food or native) to schools.

These can be used for National Tree Day or another date throughout the year

The Habitat Nursery  
Contact [info@iewf.org](mailto:info@iewf.org)



# Clean Up Australia Day

A huge thank you to our schools who got involved with this years Clean Up Australia Day.

A massive 900kg of rubbish collected in total on the day with 9 schools registered as a part of the 40 community groups who got involved.



# National Reconciliation Week

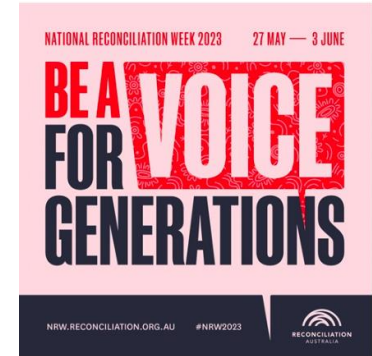
## 27 May -3 June

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2023, "Be a Voice for Generations" urges everyone to act today for a more reconciled country. Using your power, your words and your vote you can help create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, the City of Ryde is running events throughout the week. To find out more and for registrations please visit the website.

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/National-Reconciliation-Week>



# Current available incursions

- Australian Environmental Education  
School Incursions – Contact Karen Player for more information -  
[karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au](mailto:karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au)
- Scienza Viva - <https://www.scienzaviva.com.au/>  
if you are interested in environmental incursions please contact  
[bonniem@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bonniem@ryde.nsw.gov.au) Primary / high schools Terms 3 and 4
- KAB NSW Enviromentors program – to reserve your schools spot, please  
email Shani Patel - [spatel@kabnsw.org.au](mailto:spatel@kabnsw.org.au)

# Questions?

# Thank you

- REEN 2023 meeting dates

Term	Date	Time	Location
Term 3	Thursday 27 July	3.45pm	Online via MS Teams
Term 4	Wednesday 25 October	4.00pm	In person – location TBC