



City of Ryde

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# Term 2 REEN Meeting

## 7 May 2024

3:30pm - 4:30pm

# Welcome and Meet and Greet

Introduce yourself - Tell us about some of the Sustainability and environmental educational projects/programs you are doing in your school.



Time frame – 15 mins 3.00 - 3.15pm

# Guest Speaker 1

## Deadly Ed

Josh Brown  
Deadly Ed Co-founder

Time frame - 15 mins 3.45 - 4.05pm



# Professional Development

The Hub- free courses providing high quality professional learning

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

## Outdoor Classroom day

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day.

Upcoming dates

**23 May 2024 and 7 November 2024**

Find complete lesson plans and resources, mapped to NSW curriculum learning areas and feature level descriptions and content descriptors.

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/>



# Lesson Plans

## National Tree Day



National Tree Day - Schools

**Friday 26th July 2024**

Download the **schools how-to guide** to assist you in your planning. The guide offers a wide range of activities, event ideas and lesson plans that have been developed specifically for Australian schools.

Register your site, view lesson plans and tool kits via the link.

[Get Involved As A School - National Tree Day \(planetark.org\)](https://planetark.org)

# Lesson Plans

## Plastic Free July



Inspire your school to make a difference with solutions to single-use plastic. School staff, students, and parents can all be involved in the global Plastic Free Schools challenge and get involved in a fun and engaging way. This free initiative is aimed at supporting schools with useful resources, activities, stories and ideas.

Sign up here for free access

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/campaigns/plastic-free-schools-challenge/>

# Competitions

## Speaking for the Planet 2024

The focus for the 2024 competition is trees. The title is Trees, the Guardians of Life.

Closing date 26 July.

Winners will be announced on 28 July.





# Citizen Science



## World Bee Day

World Bee Day is on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Participate in citizen science activities and use Australian curriculum-aligned resources to guide you. Learn more about the crucial role of pollinators and discover fun and interactive activities that will help you care for nature.

Learning Circle run by Australian Association for Environmental Education

Thursday, 9 May 4:30-5:30pm AEST via Zoom

[events.humanitix.com/aaee-learning-circle-get-buzzing-about-world-bee-day](https://events.humanitix.com/aaee-learning-circle-get-buzzing-about-world-bee-day)

# Grant Funding

## Bunnings Hands on Support and DIY Workshops for schools

Bunnings offers support local community groups by providing hands-on assistance with their projects. For example, assisting with garden makeovers and providing D.I.Y. support.

They are also able to provide D.I.Y. Workshops for local schools and kindergartens. Workshops are tailored for the needs of each community group and can include gardening, craft, woodwork, water and energy saving activities, as well as kids activities.

Requests for hands-on support and workshops should be made in writing on the community or charitable organisation's original letterhead, and sent to your nearest Bunnings store, to the attention of the Activities Organiser.

<https://www.bunnings.com.au/about-us/in-our-community>

The Bunnings logo is displayed in white text on a dark teal rectangular background. The word "BUNNINGS" is in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "B" is stylized with a red and white diagonal stripe.

# Grant Funding

## Life Ed - Growing Good Gardens

Applications will open for the 2024 grant on Monday the 3rd June.

Register your interest to stay up to date:

<https://lifeed.org.au/growing-good-gardens-grant/>

Teacher resources are also available via their website.



# Council Updates

## National Reconciliation Week (NRW) - 27 May to 3 June

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.

The NRW theme for 2024, 'Now more than ever' is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.

Review the website for the City of Ryde NRW events and activities

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



# First Nations Peoples of the Parramatta River and surrounding region

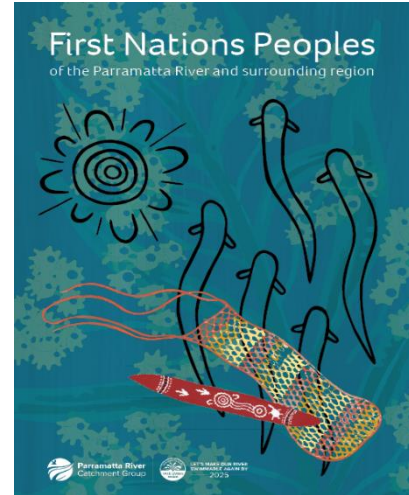
The Parramatta River Catchment Group (PRCG) has published *First Nations Peoples of the Parramatta River and surrounding region*.

The purpose of the document is to provide background research on the First Nations historical and continuing cultural significance of the Parramatta River catchment for the Designing with Country project. It aims to foster a greater understanding of First Nations peoples' deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country, and the lasting impact of colonisation.

It is also intended as a standalone educational resource for local councils, libraries, schools, and the wider community encouraging all Australians, regardless of cultural background, to respect and care for this ancient land.

- The document provides detailed information on:
- First Nations peoples beliefs and cultural practices
- Archival history of the Parramatta River catchment
- Council information and resources
- First Nations organisations and support services.

Read the [First Nations Peoples Of The Parramatta River And Surrounding Region](#).



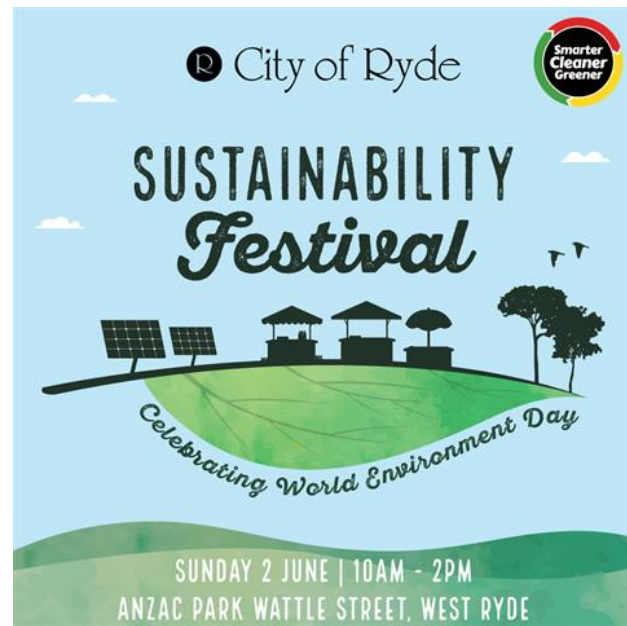
# Sustainability Festival

## 2 June 2024

The 2024 Sustainability Festival is to celebrate World Environment Day and join in with the large community of sustainable living families.

With over 25 stalls of Information, fun, and creativity anyone of all ages can have fun!

Where and When: Anzac Park, Wattle St, West Ryde  
Sunday 2 June 10am to 2pm



# SWAP competition

## Entries close 28 July 2024

### Educational resources available online

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Education-Programs/SWAP-Educational-Resource>

### SWAP Waste to Art – School holiday Workshops - Ryde Library

#### Wednesday 10 July 2024 - bookings essential

Session 1: 10am - 10:45. Fabric Wreaths: 3D art using recycled coat hangers & colourful textile waste.

Session 2: 11am-11:45. Coaster Collages: 2D artwork using circular coasters, paper ephemera and cardboard.

Session 3: 12:45-1:30pm. Mandala Weaving: 2D weaving using fabric, ribbons & yarn.

Session 4: 1:45-2:30pm. Tiny Houses: 3D imaginative house creations using small cardboard boxes & recycled eclectic waste.

Session 5: 2:45 - 3:30pm. Unique You: 2D Faces and facial features using a cardboard base and recycled mixed media for self-expression.



# Community Workshops

## Worm Farming Workshop

Worm castings and liquid are valuable organic resources that can be added to the soil to help plants grow. They help reduce water consumption in the garden and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill, which is great for the environment and your wallet!

Please bring your own pair of gloves for our interactive gardening demonstration.

Saturday, 10 August 2024 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## Creative Corner: Stitching Club

The Creative Corner: Stitching Club will allow opportunities for you to make many embroidery stitches to decorate or mend your clothes.

Bring your long stitch, short stitch, freeform embroidery, tapestry and needle and thread.

Tuesday, 21 May 2024 | 01:00 PM to 03:00 PM





# Current available incursions

- 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) Available to primary and high schools in Terms 3 and 4
- Australian Environmental Education  
School Incursions – Contact Karen Player for more information - [karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au](mailto:karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au)

# May 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

## 2024 meeting dates

- Term 3 – Week 3 – **Wednesday 7 August** – Online at 3.30pm
- Term 4 – Week 3 – **Tuesday 29 October** – In person at 4pm – location to be confirmed.

Questions?