



City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity
@ your doorstep

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Term 4 REEN Meeting

25 October 2023

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Light Refreshments Meet and Greet

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



Time frame – 15 mins 4.00 - 4.15pm

Tour of the Habitat Nursery

Time frame – 15 mins 4.15 - 4.35pm

Guest Speaker 1

Return and Earn Schools'
Participation Scheme –
Maria Scuccuglia



Time frame - 15 mins 4.35 - 4.15pm
(plus 5 min question time)

Guest Speaker 2

Moss house education
programs – Margaret
Mossakowaka



Time frame - 15 mins 4.55 - 5.15pm
(plus 5 min question time)

Professional Development

Sustainable Schools NSW – Free Online Professional Learning for teachers

Organic matters: School sustainability stories
Tuesday 31 October, 4.00 - 5.20pm via Zoom

Teachers from 3 schools will share practical experiences about being resourceful with organic resources: collecting, composting and communicating with their schools.

[Register here for this free online PD session -](https://events.humanitix.com/organic-matters-school-sustainability-stories)
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This professional learning session is offered free thanks to the support of MidWaste.

Sustainable Schools NSW is conducting research into **how schools are addressing organic waste challenges and support that could improve** their systems and processes.

• **Take the online survey open now until end October 2023.** The survey takes 10 minutes to complete and you can enter the draw to win a *Love Food Hate Waste* prize pack. **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/schoolorganics>**

• **Online discussion forum via zoom on Thursday 2 November, 4 – 5.30pm.** The forum provides an opportunity to connect with like minded educators, discuss practical solutions for tackling school organic waste, and let us know about support that could improve your practise. **<https://events.humanitix.com/organic-matters-school-sustainability-stories>**

Lesson Plan for National Recycling Week 13 – 19 November 2023

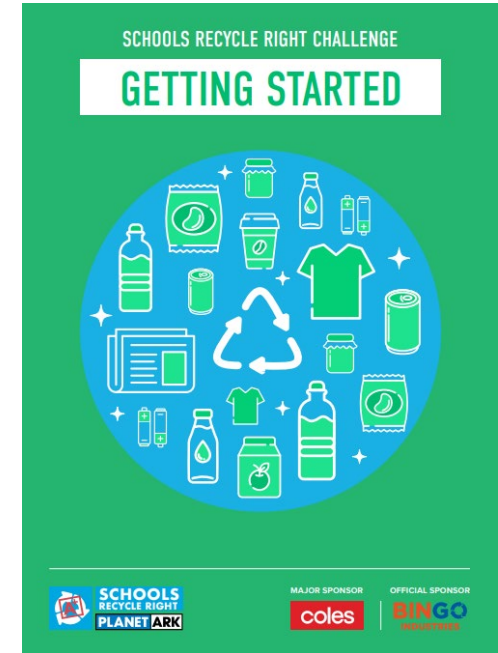
Get involved in *Schools Recycle Right Challenge*

9 October 2023 – 17 November 2023

<https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek/at-school/>

Lesson plan resources:

<https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek/at-school/lesson-plans>



Citizen Science

The CSIRO in collaboration with the Australian museum run a range of projects and curriculum development in STEM

- CREST E-Module – Curriculum development for teachers.
<https://www.csiro.au/en/education/Programs/CREST/Professional-learning-Introductory>
- Virtual Tour of Australia museum -
<https://australian.museum/learn/teachers/classroom-activities/virtual-behind-the-scenes/>

Eye on Water app and further resources available from the CSIRO including a chemical testing pack to explore the Forest Ule Scale. <https://research.csiro.au/eyeonwater/>

Grant Funding

EPA litter prevention grant - projects such as increased waste infrastructure.

- Round 2 Applications Due 27 October
- Round 3 Applications Due 04 April 2024
- Schools are eligible to apply for Stream 1 - Small-scale, on-ground projects
- Up to \$5000 funding
- <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/litter-prevention-grants-program/grants-available>

Council has utilised this previously for solar powered 'big belly bins'.

Greening Australia Cooling the Schools program

Schools are invited to register their interest by completing the form available via <https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/projects/cooling-the-schools/>

Students learn first-hand about the environmental and cultural benefits of planting native trees for First Nations cultures, urban cooling and Biodiversity.



Council Updates

Edible Gardens EOI for 2024 is now open

The City of Ryde offers schools (Primary and Secondary) to be a part of the Edible Gardens project aimed at creating edible gardens within their school grounds.

Requirements - The successful school will be required to:

- Provide a suitable space within their school grounds (minimum 2m x 2m space)
- A keen group of sustainability or environmentally conscious students (or be ready to set up a group)
- Be able to meet weekly or at a minimum fortnightly for 1 – 1.5 hours
- Champion teacher to lead and guide the student group through this project

The EOI application is available until **Sunday 3 December 2023** on:
<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Resources-for-Schools/Edible-Gardens-in-Schools>

The successful school will be notified in Term 1 2024.





Events focused on Men's health including - being a dad, wellbeing and social isolation respectful relationships and community connection. Booking at <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/MOvember>

School holiday programs – City of Ryde Libraries

from **7 January 2024 – 25 January 2024** events include Dr Enviro's Science Lab - discover the world of kitchen science, Milli and Mike's Recycling and Sustainability show, Engineers Without Borders – Renewable Energy workshops, and the Sustainability Families Festival 2024. Booking available for students on the upcoming events page <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing> check back closer to the date.



Social Inclusion Week from 18 -26 November

A range of events have been organised around this year's theme is Take Action Make Impact - inspiring people to stop thinking and start moving. Booking at <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Social-Inclusion-Week>

Competition

Entries for the inaugural Youth Creative Competition are **closing 31 October**, so enter your artwork or writing piece and share your creative story with the community.

Open to young people aged 12-24 years, get involved and you could be in the running to win part of a total prize pool of \$5,400.

Learn more & Enter

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Community/Arts-and-Culture/Youth-Creative-Competition-2023>



Current available incursions

- KABNSW Enviromentors program – to reserve your schools spot, please email or call Shani Patel - spatel@kabnsw.org.au, 8594 4076
- Scienza Viva - <https://www.scienzaviva.com.au/>
if you are interested in environmental incursions please contact bonniem@ryde.nsw.gov.au Primary / High schools Terms 4,1 and 2
- Australian Environmental Education
School Incursions – Contact Karen Player for more information - karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au

Thank you

- REEN survey -
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/REEN2023>
- 2024 meeting dates to be confirmed
- Questions?