




City of Ryde
Lifestyle and opportunity
@ your doorstep

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Term 3 REEN Meeting 27 July 2023

Online 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Welcome

- Meet and Greet

Introduce yourself

Tell us about some of the Sustainability and environmental educational projects/programs you are using

Time frame – 15 mins - 3.45-4.00pm

Grant Writing – Resources and Tips and Tricks

Tania Gamble - Community Grants And Direct Services

Grant opportunities

BMD Community Assistance Program

Provides one-off sponsorship/ funding grants, up to a value of \$5,000 each

Open to local community groups, schools and organisations that deliver / provide services / manage sustainable community initiatives, programs or events that benefit the communities in which BMD operates (all throughout Australia).

Open 3 July 2023 - 2 October 2023

Up to \$5000 (total pool \$100 000)

<https://www.bmd.com.au/the-bmd-way/community/communityassistanceprogram/>

Grants opportunities

Excursions to farms or agricultural sites

Funding of up to \$1500 is available to NSW primary schools

The aim of this school funding grant opportunity is to remove some of the financial barriers that may be preventing primary schools in NSW from taking part in excursion opportunities where students can develop their understanding of food and fibre production systems.

<https://www.visitmyfarm.com.au/school-funding>

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>

Cooling the School

Greening Australia program

Adding native trees and plants to schoolyards creating cooler, greener and more inviting spaces for learning and play

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



Adventure Kids Entertainment

- Michael Caruso



Current available incursions



- KABNSW Enviromentors program – to reserve your schools spot, please email or call Shani Patel - spatel@kabnsw.org.au, 8594 4076

Current available incursions

- 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
(currently only available to schools who have not yet had an incursion)

Professional Development

This conference will bring celebration, revitalisation, hope and empowerment to our environmental education sector. It will tackle questions on how we can be stronger together, look after each other and continue to accelerate environmental and cultural regeneration.

<https://aaeeconference.org.au/>



Professional Development

Sustainable Schools NSW has a free online professional learning session exploring ideas for engaging high school students in sustainability

School sustainability snapshots - Engaging high school students in sustainability

Wednesday 16 August 2023, 4:00 - 5.20pm - [Click here to register](#)

During this session high school teachers and educators will share their stories and practical experiences with their school sustainability initiatives including Return and Earn programs, biodiversity and revegetation projects, student engagement and student leadership initiatives.

Professional Development

All about trees

[View the online webinar \(1:06:49\)](#)

In this webinar, tree expert [Dr Greg Moore](#), Senior Research Associate at the University of Melbourne, discusses the many health, environmental and economic benefits of trees. Greg also provides practical tips on:

- how to get started with greening our schools and early childhood spaces
- which trees are best
- how we should look after trees.

<https://www.sunsmart.com.au/advice-for/schools-early-childhood/primary-school-resources/free-online-learning-for-teachers>

Lesson Plans

- Science by Doing- education program from the Australian Academy of Science for Years 7 to 10
- Range of resources available for teaching of science
- <https://www.sciencebydoing.edu.au/pre-2022-curriculum-unit-files>



Young Scientist Awards

- Curriculum-based STEM initiative
- Encourages and inspires authentic student investigations and inventions in STEM
- Students conduct a scientific investigation and/or design and build a model of an innovative device or application and share their findings in a written report
- Submissions close 28 August 2023
- <https://stansw.asn.au/YoungScientist/YoungScientist/YS-Home.aspx?hkey=628698f9-7bdc-4de6-bb51-1190fb1bdcf2>



Events

- National Science Week 2023 is from the 12 to 20 August 2023

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>



Citizen Science Programs

The Birds in Backyards and Birds in Schools citizen science surveys help with research into the birds that live where people live and allow anyone with a backyard - large or small - to take part. Our Birds in Backyards and Birds in Schools surveys are now a part of the BirdLife Australia data portal

<https://www.birdsinbackyards.net/surveys>



Competitions

A student living in the Ryde community is looking at starting a competition. We are wanting to gauge interest from the schools to see if this is something you would like to be involved in.

Aim: This initiative would be able to bring to light the environmental problems in our community, through some healthy competition.

Idea: Each student at the school goes out and plants trees for one month, and whatever school has the most trees planted at the end of the month wins a prize for their school.

The way the amount of trees planted would be calculated would be through the environmental committee of their respective schools, where each week, they would send out a google form, requesting the amount of trees planted by each student.

Council Updates

- Sustainable Waste to Art Prize (SWAP) 2023
- Spring Garden Competition

2023 SWAP Competition

Plan an excursion to the SWAP Exhibition: open **Friday 1 September to Thursday 14 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

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

2023 Spring Garden Competition: Entries Now Open

For more than 30 years the Spring Garden Competition has been a regular calendar event in the City of Ryde and in 2023 we're pleased to bring it back to the community once more.

There are nine categories including Local School Gardens -

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Spring-Garden-Competition>

This year, the seed growing competition – is the Dwarf Sunflower open for ages 3-12. Free seed growing kits are available from Eden Gardens from Tuesday 1 August -

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Spring-Garden-Competition/Childrens-Seed-Growing-Category>



City of Ryde's community services upcoming events and Programs for Young People and their carers

Youth Wellbeing Workshops

City of Ryde has partnered with Phoenix House Youth Services to present Youth Wellness, a series of 6 free workshops. Covering topics such as Respectful Relationships, Body Image and Self Esteem, Cognitive Neuro-Psychology, Distress Tolerance, and Self Care. Facilitated by two registered mental health professionals. Students will receive a directory of support services and support from Phoenix House Youth Services.

Youth Creative Competition | **Entries Now Open!**

The City of Ryde is excited to announce its Youth Creative Competition 2023, a tremendous new opportunity for artists and writers ages 12-24 who live, work or study in the Council area to have their talents recognised. Total prize pool is \$5400 and the competition will be open to various Art Categories and Writing Categories. Please visit the webpage for more detail and to enter.

ArtSpace: Art therapy group

Artspace is a FREE group in West Ryde for young people to develop and express their love of art, use art as a form of therapy and connect with other young people. Limited capacity, book in advance. For information and bookings, contact headspace Chatswood (02) 8021 3668, email headspacechatswood@newhorizons.org.au. In partnership with the City of Ryde. Time: 6pm – 7pm

When: fortnightly from Monday, 17 April to Monday, 21 August

Activate Inclusive Sports Day for children with Disability

City of Ryde has partnered with Sports NSW to host a fun and inclusive day of activities connecting children with disability to local sport and active recreation opportunities. The event aim is to provide children aged 5-18 with learning difficulties, intellectual, sensory and physical disabilities the opportunity to try sports they might otherwise miss out on.

When: Tuesday 15 August 2023 - Time: 10am to 12.30pm

Where: Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre (RALC) 504 Victoria Rd, Ryde

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



Thank you

- REEN 2023 meeting dates

Term	Date	Time	Location
Term 4	Wednesday 25 October	4.00pm	In person – The Habitat Nursery Santa Rosa Park, Quarry Road, Ryde

Questions?