

Thursday 27 May 2010

COME TO THE RYDE SUSTAINABILITY FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

A festival of family fun celebrating sustainability and World Environment Day will be held at Eden Gardens on Saturday 5 June.

A full range of festival events designed around the themes of **water • habitat • life** promises to entertain, inform and involve every member of the family. Attractions include:

- **Kids' fun** ... arts and craft, face painting, super heroes, roving circus, talking puppet tree, Aussie bush animals.
- **Talks on** ... local water issues and the state of our rivers, what lives in Lane Cove National Park, 'Rebates for Dummies', eco-living Q&A
- **Workshops on** ... composting, chemical free cleaning, rainwater tanks, solar design
- **Interactive displays** ... solar video games, sustainable house
- **Food and drink including Organic barbeque**
- **Guided Garden walks**
- **Roving musicians and entertainers**
- **Over 30 market stalls** ... eco products, solar hot water, info, Council staff and local community groups expo

Festival patrons are encouraged to use public transport and the City of Ryde has arranged for a free **Top Ryder Community Bus** shuttle service to run between 9.30-11.0am and 2.00-3.30pm between Eden Gardens and Macquarie Park Train Station via Fontenoy Park and Tuckwell Park. The **Top Rider** can be hailed from any STA bus stop on route. Local side streets will be non-metered for those travelling by car.

Using sustainability ethics and guidelines in energy sourcing and waste management, the Festival has been organised by the City of Ryde in partnership with Eden Gardens, GreenPower and the NSW Environment Trust Catchment Connections grant. An environmental audit will be available at completion.

Ryde Sustainability Family Fun Festival. Saturday 5 June 2010, 10.00am – 3.00pm, Eden Gardens and Garden Centre, cnr Lane Cove and Fontenoy Roads, North Ryde. For more details, call City of Ryde Customer Service on 9952 8083 or go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/wed2010

Photo Opportunity: Students from West Ryde Public School show one of the festival Clowns their water-wise posters that will be exhibited at the Ryde Sustainability Family Fun Festival. Tuesday 1 June 2010, 11.00am, West Ryde Public School, 6 endeavour Street, West Ryde.

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