




City of Ryde

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Term 3 REEN Meeting

7 August 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



Guest Speaker 1

Trish O’Gorman
Landcare Australia



Guest Speaker 2

Lauran Quinn
Australians Together



City of Ryde Reusable Health Products Program



- Offering free workshops with reusable menstrual products to schools in 2024 – 2025 (yet to be confirmed).
- Questions for the school teachers:
 - What conditions or restrictions does Council need to consider when we provide workshops to school classes?
 - The demographics of the students

Professional Development

Total Catalogue Free Online Courses

Total offers free online self-paced courses for teachers of Environment/Agriculture subjects.

Courses include:

- Introduction to weather and climate
- Biodiversity Conservation Trust
- Exploring beyond diesel

More information:

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/school-resources/for-teachers>

<https://courses.tocal.nsw.edu.au>

Professional Development

BushBlitz TeachLive

Bush Blitz Teachlive is a fully funded educational and professional development program that places Australian primary and secondary school teachers of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and geography as research assistants on Bush Blitz expeditions

Applications and more information can be found here:

<https://earthwatch.org.au/programs/bush-blitz>



Lesson Plans

Marine Estate Agents Program

The Marine Estate Agents is tailored for Stages 1-3 (Years 1-6), it aligns with NSW syllabus subjects Human Society and its Environment (Geography) and Science, addressing cross-curriculum priorities such as Sustainability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures and Histories.

Throughout the Marine Estate Agents program students will journey through world-class coastal environments, build values, attitudes, and skills to help improve the health of the marine environment.

<https://www.marine.nsw.gov.au/statewide-projects/enhancing-community-benefits/teachers-resources-for-primary-schools>



Emergency Ready Week

16-22 September

Australian Red Cross has developed resources to help teachers educate students from pre-school to year 12 about important emergency preparedness and recovery information.

- Emergencies can be as large as a bushfire, flood or cyclone or as personal as a death in the family. But the better prepared you are for them, the easier it is for you and your family to recover.

Teachers notes and activity sheets linked to NSW curriculum -

<https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/resources/resources-for-teachers/>

Pillowcase Workshops – For year 3 and 4 students

Delivered by Red Cross volunteers and staff, the workshop encourages children to be active participants in their own emergency preparedness. Register / book a free incursion at your school - <https://www.redcross.org.au/pillowcase-workshops/>

Competitions

Wild at Art: Threatened Species Art Competition for Kids

Primary school children are invited to create an original artwork of one of Australia's many threatened native animals or plants, along with a short-written component on their chosen threatened species

Entries close 12 August

<https://www.acf.org.au/wild-at-art-competition>



Citizen Science



National Waterbug Blitz

Nationwide waterway monitoring

Anyone can be involved and there are different levels of ease of participation

Mayfly Muster- approx 20 mins

Quick Waterbug Survey- Approx 1-2 hours

Detailed Waterbug Survey- A few hours or make a day of it

<https://www.waterbugblitz.org.au/>

Grant Opportunities

We Join Grant – Variety the Children's Charity

Variety's We Join Community Grant supports schools and organisations for grants up to the value of \$10,000 to promote inclusivity for all kids.

- For support children aged 0 – 18
- Directly support kids or young people living with a disability, chronic illness, financial hardship or geographic isolation

More information <https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/we-join-community-grant/>

WASM Litter Prevention Grants

- Schools eligible for stream 1 - Up to \$5000 for 'clean-up' projects.
- Intake 4 Opens 18 October and Closes 22 November.
 - Projects that rely on repeated clean-ups as the main way of reducing litter, without aiming to stop litter before it occurs, will not be competitive as grant proposals. However, where a site requires a once-off clean-up to address historical littering (or the effects of litter e.g. sites located on or next to water), a grant is available for a once-off clean.

More information - <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/litter-prevention-grants-program/grants-available>

Greening Australia - Cooling the Schools

Get your kids planting free trees in a curriculum-linked lesson

Want to give your students hands-on learning about the benefits of cooler, greener schools and cities?

Complete the form to register your interest in participating in Cooling the Schools.

<https://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/projects/cooling-the-schools/>



Council Updates

- New/updated contact for Get Grubby program

ange@dirtygirlworld.com



Spring Garden Competition

Register your School Garden
Registrations Open 1 July and Close 31 August

Nominate your class to grow sunflowers - Pots and
Seeds will be provided.

A colorful poster for the City of Ryde Spring Garden School Program. At the top right, the City of Ryde logo is next to the text 'City of Ryde'. Below this, the title 'SPRING GARDEN SCHOOL PROGRAM' is written in large, bold, green letters. A yellow starburst in the top right corner says 'FREE ENTRY'. The main text describes the festival's return for 2024 and lists three activities: 1. Register Your School Garden (July 1st to August 31st), 2. Nominate Your Class to Grow Sunflowers (September 16th-20th), and 3. Attend the Gala Evening (October 30th). The background features a tree with a blue bird, a girl in overalls, and a boy in a green shirt, all in a garden setting. Logos for 'eden' and 'SPRING GARDEN' are at the bottom left. Contact information is at the bottom right.

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SPRING GARDEN SCHOOL PROGRAM

The City of Ryde Spring Garden Festival is back for 2024 and BIGGER and BETTER with multiple ways for schools and preschools to get involved:

- 1 Register Your School Garden:** Registrations for Best School Garden open July 1st 2024, and Close August 31st. **SCHOOL GARDEN VISITS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THE 16TH - 20TH OF SEPTEMBER**
- 2 Nominate Your Class to Grow Sunflowers:** Last year we had over 200 children independently growing sunflowers across the City of Ryde. This year, we are inviting teachers to nominate their class to grow them together. Pots and seeds will be provided. **CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PRESENT THEIR SUNFLOWERS SATURDAY 26TH OF SEPTEMBER**
- 3 Attend the Gala Evening:** All registered schools are invited to send faculty and student representatives to attend the Gala Evening. **SPRING GARDEN GALA EVENING WILL BE WEDNESDAY 30TH OF OCTOBER**

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SPRING GARDEN

More information:
www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp
Email: Katiebr@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Edible Gardens Project

The Edible Gardens project has recently been completed with Gladesville Primary School and Epping Boys High School

The project will be happening again this FY

If interested to find out more email:

EmilySm@ryde.nsw.gov.au



SWAP

SWAP Exhibition 6 September – 19 September (check opening hours [here](#)) at the See Street Gallery, Meadowbank

SWAP Digital Exhibition 6 September – 22 September
Online (available on the [SWAP webpage](#) from 6 September)

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/SWAP-Sustainable-Waste-2-Art-Prize>



If you would like to arrange a school excursion during the exhibition, please email cor.swap@gmail.com

Eastwood Library's - Seed Library

It is a free seed sharing program sustained through donations from the community.

The Seed Library supports seed diversity and open pollinated varieties suited to the local environment.

Growing plants and saving seeds is a great opportunity for adults and children to learn about the life cycle of plants.

<https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Library/Visit-Us/Eastwood-Library/Eastwood-Seed-Library>



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!

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

https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Bookable/Worm-Farming-Workshop-ev_c51990cdf88842148ce4f7fff8e6a414



Composting Workshop

Compost is a valuable organic resource that can be added to soil to help plants grow. It helps reduce water consumption in your garden and reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill, which is great for the environment and your wallet!

Saturday, 31 August 2024 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Events/Listing/Bookable/Composting-Workshop-ev_e68c769da43044aea11f340960f6b366



Current available incursions

- Scienza Viva - <https://www.scienzaviva.com.au/>
If you are interested in environmental incursions, please contact bonniem@ryde.nsw.gov.au Available to primary and high schools.
- Australian Environmental Education -
School Incursions – Contact Karen Player for more information -
karen.player@australianenvironmentaleducation.com.au
- Enviromentors - Incursions the topics of ‘Keeping Waterways Clean’ and ‘Sustainability’ for Primary School Students. Please contact bonniem@ryde.nsw.gov.au to express your interest.

Remaining 2024 meeting dates

- Term 4 – Week 3 – **Tuesday 29 October** – In person at 4pm – location to be confirmed.

Questions?