

Inaugural Northern Rivers Primary School garden network

Online meeting 20/9/24 1pm-2.30pm

Hosted by Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD)

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Fiona Berry, Bexhill Public School	Isabel, Eureka Public School
Deb Jorgensen, Byron Bay Public School	Juanita Thomson, Rosebank Public School
Emma Dean, Pottsville Beach Public School	Jamie Vaniersel, Southern Cross Public School, Ballina
Chris Hellyer, Maclean Public School	Kellie Dean, Drake Public School
Martina Pattinson, Health Promotion Officer, NNSWLHD	Seamus and Trudy Gould, Eureka Public School
Corinne Martin, Health Promotion Officer, NNSWLHD	Sue Mangan, Goonengerry Public School
Adam Guise, Health Promotion Officer, NNSWLHD	

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
Welcome and acknowledgement of country	Corinne welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Introductions	Each person introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their school garden. It was noted that no school staff were in attendance – some apologies were received from school staff.	
Presentation from NNSWLHD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corinne noted the 30 schools that received \$500 garden grants from Northern NSW LHD. - Corinne noted survey results showing topics members are interested in and preferred methods of communication. 24 people were interested in communicating via an email group. 	Corinne to investigate other online methods for members to communicate.
Future meetings – content, guest speakers and format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion regarding what to include in future meetings. Suggestion to have one to two schools present case studies 	Fiona to add Chris to whatsapp group

	<p>about their gardens at each meeting including information on infrastructure e.g watering systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fiona would like information on succession planning – how to keep a school garden going - Group would like to hear from schools that have integrated their garden well with curriculum and learning - Fiona suggested to invite Venetia who runs the Cape Byron Steiner School garden to our next meeting - Group agreed next meeting could be held 4.30pm – 6pm to enable school staff to attend - Group agreed to have one meeting per term initially 	<p>Corinne to contact Kate Neale – Digability re presenting at next garden network meeting Corinne to email link to garden resources list</p> <p>Deb to follow up Rous Public School as they have a bushtucker garden and good connection with their local Land Council</p> <p>Corinne to contact Venetia at Cape Byron Steiner School</p>
<p>Other business/discussion</p>	<p>Chris interested in watering systems. Some schools have found that drip irrigation on timers works well. Kaysi is encouraging St Finbarrs, Byron Bay to join Veggie Buddies program (paid program)</p> <p>Emma is developing a curriculum resource for Pottsville Beach Primary School</p> <p>There is a current whatsapp school garden group that all schools are welcome to join. Chris is interested in joining whatsapp group.</p>	<p>Deb to talk to Chris outside of meeting regarding watering system used at Byron Public</p> <p>Emma will share curriculum resources with others when finished</p> <p>Anyone interested in joining the WhatsApp group please email corinne.martin@health.nsw.gov.au with their phone number.</p> <p>Fiona to add Chris to the whatsapp group</p>
	<p>Meeting closed 2.30pm</p>	