



Rumbalara EEC News - Term 4, Week 9, 2015

Rumbalara Excursion programs for 2016

Information and Expressions of Interest for Rumbalara EEC Excursions and Support for next year (2016) have now been sent out to schools in Gosford and Wyong. We invite schools to submit an [Expression of Interest](#) for bookings for 2016.

If you haven't yet received any information then please contact us - ph: 4324 7200 or email: rumbalara-e.school@det.nsw.edu.au

We are currently reviewing and adapting our programs to align with new syllabuses. If you are looking for an excursion to complement a new program please contact us to discuss your needs.



PL Course - Learning Outside the Classroom

Rumbalara EEC will be offering a **Professional Learning Course on Teaching Outside the Classroom** to be held at Umina Campus on **10 December, 2015.**

The outdoor classroom is a stimulating and meaningful learning environment



suited to the hands-on, discovery learning that many students prefer. It provides for holistic learning and is especially **useful for delivering outcomes in K-10 Geography and Science and Tech**. This course is an opportunity to trial a variety of engaging activities and get expert advice on improving your outdoor classroom.

Suitable for primary and secondary teachers and community members interested in the development and use of school grounds for learning. Only \$10 including lunch.

Enrol on MyPL Event Code 118527

Save the Date: Professional Learning Rumbalara Environmental Educators Forum

Friday, 11 March, 2016

9:00am - 3:00pm



The schools sustainability leaders are those wonderful teachers that take responsibility for coordinating and encouraging environmental education and best practice environmental management within the school. Whether you are an old hand or just getting started our annual meeting of environmental education coordinators is designed to support you. It provides the latest information on local initiatives, resources and support so that you can more effectively coordinate, encourage and implement Environmental Education at your school.

Share achievements, network with likeminded people, meet Rumbalara, agency and community EE providers and get practical ideas on teaching outside the classroom.

The course is free and lunch will be provided. Register on MyPL@DEC Event ID 119576

Gosford Council Schools Environment Awards ... and the winners are....

Gosford City Council's Greenhouse Program Awards have once again unearthed the most environmentally sustainable primary schools in the region. Now in its 27th year, the awards acknowledge schools and students who introduce a range of waste reduction and sustainability initiatives to boost environmental awareness at their schools.

The theme for the 2015 awards was 'Zero Waste = 7 R's', which encourages students and staff to introduce initiatives which explores ways to reduce, return, reuse, repair, refill, rot or refuse waste.

The awards are supported by the Sims Metal, Busways Community Environment Network, Remondis, the Imperial Shopping Centre, the Australian Reptile Park, Treetops and Walkabout Park.

Winners from this year's ceremony:

Environmental School of the Year:

- Large – Kincumber Public School
- Medium – Erina Heights Public School
- Small – Pretty Beach Public School

Mayoral Award for Best Production in

Performing Arts: Gosford Public School



2015 Encouragement Awards:

- Ettalong Public School
- Woy Woy Public School
- Woy Woy South Public School
- Chertsey Public School
- Copacabana Public School
- Terrigal Public School
- Niagara Public School

HerpMapper

A new cooperative project is helping people gather and share information about amphibian and reptile observations throughout the world. HerpMapper allows people to create records of their amphibian and reptile observations. This information is then made available to groups who use the records for research, conservation, and preservation. [Find out more](#)

Sign the Statement of Support for Cash for Containers



We support Boomerang Alliance's Cash for Containers model.

A 10-cent refundable container deposit system will slash the amount of litter polluting our parks, streets, rivers and ocean. It will create new jobs in recycling and provide valuable sources of income for charities, community groups and individuals interested in collecting cans and bottles.

Our Cash for Containers model is based on the best examples in the world and has big benefits for the entire community, economy and environment. [Read more about our model here.](#)

If your organisation is on board, add your name today.

Endorse here: http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/orgsupport?recruiter_id=41859

Attn: Year 10 Geography Teachers

Coastal Reforms - Release of Draft Framework for Coastal Management for Public Consultation

The Minister for Planning recently announced the next major step in the NSW Government's coastal management reforms by releasing a draft framework for coastal management for public consultation.



The proposals aim to establish the legislative and policy settings, and the practical tools, that coastal communities need to:

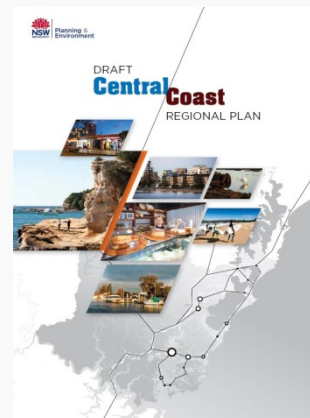
- protect and enhance the natural values of the coast
- ensure ongoing public access, use and enjoyment of our beaches and coastal foreshores
- support coastal communities to increase their resilience to existing and emerging coastal hazards and threats.

An [overview of the draft framework](#) provides more information on the coastal management reforms. **The public has until 29 February 2016 to put forward submissions.** OEH will be hosting public information sessions in regional locations during late November and early December 2015 to support public input.

Release of Draft Central Coast Regional Plan

The NSW Government has released the Draft Central Coast Regional Plan which outlines a vision for the future of the region that aims to:

- protect the region's most important asset, the environment
- grow and diversify the economy to create local jobs
- create thriving, liveable centres;
- deliver greater housing choice



Reedback on the draft Plan will play a critical part in ensuring the final Central Coast Regional Plan can meet the needs of the community and effectively guide strategic planning in the region over the next 20 years.

You can download the draft plan and have your say by making a submission online at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/centralcoast

Submissions are invited up to 28 February, 2016

Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre Lot's Happening During the School Holidays!



Open most days in the School holidays (after Xmas) from 10am-4pm (last admission 3pm)

Admission: Adults \$6, Child / Conc \$4, Family \$16

Located at 11 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal (next to Rotary Park)

*** Displays * Aquaria * Wet Touch Table * Craft * Plasters * Rockpool walks * Junior Marine Scientist Quiz * Audio Visual Room * Whale bones, Shark jaws & more !!**

Our theme in January is FOSSILS & FISH !

More info: www.ccmdc.org.au

OCCI Rockpool Rambles during School Holidays



OCCI-Central Coast will conduct a number of free rockpool rambles during January 2016. Come and explore the rock pools with OCCI's expert guides and learn about the fascinating creatures who live there. Limited numbers. Walks are most suited to ages 5 years to adult

Friday	8th	at Terrigal Haven	1.30 pm
Saturday	9th	at Norah Head	2.00 pm
Sunday	10th	at Toowoan Bay	2.45 pm
Friday	22nd	at Terrigal Haven	1.30 pm
Saturday	23rd	at Umina Beach	2.15 pm
Sunday	24th	at Toowoan Bay	3.00 pm

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: To book, phone OCCI on 0450 990 995

Rambles in the Gosford Shire are 'Proudly supported by Gosford City Council'

Central Coast Green Sea Turtle Project

A student environmental leadership program with an Aboriginal perspective.

- promoting student participation and leadership
- addresses science & technology syllabus
- provides professional learning accreditation



At the start of Term 2 in 2016, Take 3 in collaboration Local Land Services and Rumbalara Environmental Education will implement the Central Coast Green Sea Turtle Project. This exciting student-driven program is built around evidence-based learning.

Your primary school is invited to submit an **Expression of Interest**. Places are limited. Ten primary schools from Wyong Shire Council and ten from Gosford will be selected on a first come first serve basis.

How do I find out more about this initiative? Please contact Take 3 for more information - info@take3.org or phone: 0438 857 263. Selected schools will receive a \$1000 seeding grant.

NatureWatch diary

Summer

- Xmas Bells (*Blandfordia grandiflora*) and Xmas bush (*Ceratopetalum gummiferum*) flowering in our National Parks
- Summer solstice on December 22nd (longest day of the year)
- Male frogs and cicadas calling for mates
- Reptiles active
- Little Terns (a threatened species) nesting at North Entrance



GreenDates 2016

2 February - World Wetlands Day

Theme: Wetlands for our Future: Sustainable Livelihoods

<http://www.ramsar.org/activity/world-wetlands-day-2016>

Friday 4 March - Schools Clean Up Day

Sunday 6 March - Clean Up Australia Day

<http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>



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