



### **Stage 3 - Fire-Ed Up (Geography - Factors that Shape Places)**

Rumbalara has partnered with Central Coast Council, the Central Coast Academy of Stem Excellence and the NSW Rural Fire Service and have

developed an award winning Fire-Ed Up Program.

Fire-Ed Up was honoured with a win at the NSW Local Government Professionals Australia Awards held in Sydney earlier this year in the Community Development category. The aim is to build resilience in young people by increasing their bushfire knowledge and to improve wellbeing.

The hands-on program for Stage 3 (years 5 and 6) prepares students, their families, and community for the risk of bushfires, integrating with the existing school curriculum (eg Geography - Factors that Shape Places). Delivered to more than 1300 students across 15 schools so far, 71.4% of participants reported they felt less worried about bushfires after taking part.

It is a very flexible program. So far it has been delivered in a variety of ways which best suits the school.

- A 10-week unit of work
- An excursion
- An incursion
- A webinar series

Schools who choose the 10-week unit of work, will be provided with some **free** professional development and Rumbalara will loan the school the equipment required to conduct the practical activities.

Central Coast Council will also partially subsidise the excursion or incursion, when incorporating it with the completion of the Fire-Ed Up unit of work.

Places are limited in 2024, so get in quick if you want your students to be involved in Fire-Ed Up!

For more information, contact Michelle Biddulph -  
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## Rumbalara Bookings for 2024

It's time to start thinking about next year's bookings. We will be sending a package out to schools soon but you can send in your [EOI](#) any time now. We will finalise dates towards the end of this term and early next year.

Please contact us If you would like us to attend a staff meeting or assist with some programming to ensure you get the most out of the field work for 2024.

We can assist designing whole units of work with a STEM design focus.

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## Term 4 Workshop



The Central Coast School Garden Interest Group aims to share ideas and connect Central Coast schools with an interest in school gardens.

Join us for a free  
workshop hosted by  
Central Coast Health  
Promotion

Wednesday 1 November

3:30pm registration  
and afternoon tea

3:45 –5:30pm  
workshop

Porters Creek Public  
School, Warnervale

Participants will receive  
a school gardens  
resource pack  
on the day!



[Register here](#)



### Program

3:30–3:45pm	Afternoon tea and registration
3:45–3:55pm	Health Promotion Service welcome and update <i>Nina Douglass</i>
3:55–4:40pm	CSIRO Taste & Learn overview <i>Astrid Poelman</i> Astrid will provide an overview of the evidence-based <a href="#">Taste&amp;Learn</a> program for primary schools, including hands-on activities and how to access the program.
4:40–5:00pm	Porters Creek School tour and update <i>Aiden McCann</i> A walking tour around the school garden and description of recent learning activities in partnership with <a href="#">CCASE</a> and <a href="#">OzHarvest</a> focusing on healthy and sustainable food practices.
5:00–5:10pm	Around the garden – school updates: <i>Carrie Mallinson – Wamberal Public School</i> Getting started with seedlings in the greenhouse, compost bins for garden waste and worm farm firsts.  <i>Vicki Harvey – The Entrance Public School</i> What's thriving in the garden and how they're expanding their kitchen.
5:10–5:20pm	Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre Update <i>Christine Freeman</i>
5:20–5:30pm	Health Promotion wrap up and lucky door prize! <i>Nina Douglass</i>

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## School Garden T4 Workshop

The next Central Coast School Garden Interest Group workshop, hosted by the Central Coast Health Promotion, is to be held at Porters Creek Public School, Warnervale.

Date - Wednesday 1 November

Time - 3.30pm registration and afternoon tea. 3.45 - 5.30pm workshop

Contact Nina Douglass for more information and to register.

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## Cultivating Classrooms: Hunter Valley Careers In Agriculture Workshops

*Tocal Agricultural Centre, Port Stephens Fisheries Institute  
and Central Coast Primary Industries Centre, Ourimbah;  
30th of November & 1st of December, 2023.*

### ABOUT THE EVENT

Join PIEFA and DPI for a careers showcase of agriculture in the Hunter Valley. This event will deliver learning across the curriculum in work and enterprise and address outcomes for the Stage 5 & 6 Work Education and Work Studies courses. Content will be covered to support outcomes within the agriculture, science and geography syllabuses including the NSW curriculum K-12 careers framework. Teachers and Careers Advisors will develop their understanding of the diverse range of career opportunities in primary industries including entry, trade and graduate level positions. The workshops will include tours of the sites and speakers with experience in industry, training and research. The Hunter Valley is a rich agricultural region dominated by a diverse range of agricultural enterprises including livestock, cropping, horticulture and fisheries.



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Recovery Program



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**Cost** - This event is free for careers advisors and teachers with 2 days teacher relief fully funded. Catering will be supplied as detailed in the program. Classroom resources will also be provided to support classroom delivery. Please advise your school SAP to claim for teacher relief either through EdConnect (PIEFA's EdConnect customer number is: 8010876) or by simply invoicing PIEFA directly. Please note our ABN is: 15 133 151 229. Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia, Level 1, The Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600 Please ensure the attending teacher name and PIEFA/SFIRP event name and date is noted on the invoice.

For information on how to register - Contact - Ben Holmes Project Manager | Storm and Flood Industry Recovery Program Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia [ben.holmes@piefa.edu.au](mailto:ben.holmes@piefa.edu.au) 0480 458 220

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## National Water Week - 16 - 22 October 2023

National Water Week makes a splash across Australia each year by inspiring communities to work together on water issues and future fixes. The 2023 theme is 'United by Water.' It celebrates water's vital role in connecting us all.

**Council are encouraging schools to participate in the following activities during National Water Week:**

- **Water Night:** Central Coast Council have partnered with The Water Conservancy to help promote Water Night this National Water Week. Similar to Earth Hour, Water Night is a symbolic event that takes place during National Water Week, the third week of October every year. This is where we need you! We are encouraging everyone in the community to sign up for Water Night 2023 and keep their taps turned off between 5-10pm on Thursday 19 October 2023. To find out how your school can participate in promoting Water Night please visit: <https://thewaterconservancy.org/water-night/water-night-for-schools/>

- **Love Water Online**

**Resources:** Councils <https://lovewater.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/> website is full of resources for our community to learn about our local water supply and the importance of conserving water. Teachers can access water resources developed for Pre, Primary and High School students under the 'Learn' section of the website including virtual dam tours, a working with water 'Sim-City' style game, school water audit guidelines plus other syllabus linked lesson plans and activity sheets.

Councils new Water Education Officers are busy developing programs for schools to engage with in 2024. They can be contacted via:

[watereducation@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:watereducation@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

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**Michelle Murrell 0457 274 988**



## **WINNERS!!!**

In September, the Central Coast School Garden Interest Group won a significant award at the Caring for the Coast Awards, They won the Keeping People Healthy Award.

In June, the Fire-Ed Up Program was honoured with a win at the NSW Local Government Professionals Australia Awards held in Sydney in the Community Development category.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**





## **Frog ID Week 11-20th November**

FrogID Week is Australia's Biggest Frog Count, held annually for Australians to help record frog calls through the free FrogID app, as a measurement of frog health and distribution around the nation. It aims to monitor frog distributions over time, helping us to understand how frogs and their ecosystems are responding to a changing planet.

From croaks and barks, to whistles and bleats, every frog species makes a unique sound. Using the free FrogID app, you can record the frogs calling around you and help us count Australia's frogs. Join our growing team of citizen scientists this FrogID Week 3 - 12 November 2023.

[Visit the website for more details.](#)

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