

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Plastic Oceans Australasia Ocean Discovery Days workshop

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Abstract

The 60-minute workshop will provide practical, hands-on activities for educators.

The activities are designed to encourage active learning and critical thinking, with links to the Australian School Curriculum learning areas such as Science, Design and Technology, English and Geography.

The three components – Pointless Plastic, Rubbish Lessons and Love is in the Bin - will be allocated 17 minutes each and allow for a 9 minute debrief and wrap up at the end.

Educators will be provided with a variety of informative material and enjoy the experience of being part of Plastic Oceans Australasia Education Program as well as participating in a sample activity. They then can share their results during the debrief which provides greater engagement and reflection on the tasks and how it can benefit their students.

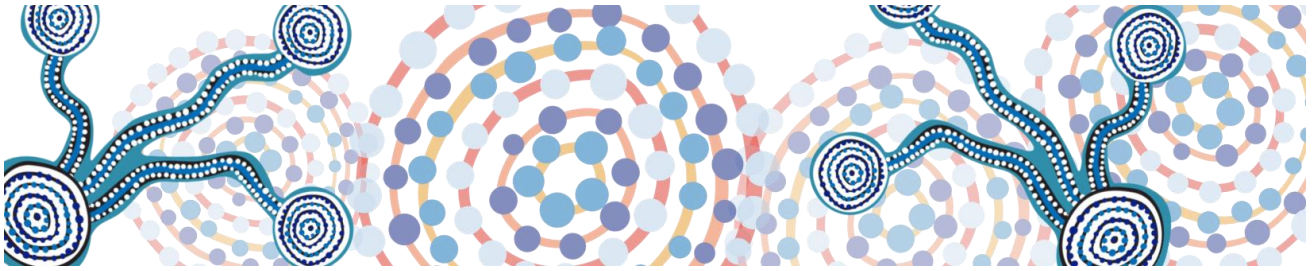
The workshops refer to the science behind the technical research which is used to conduct the Plastic Oceans Australasia Education Program and aligns to the school curriculum while practicing behaviour change for a sustainable future.

The three interactive activities will provide the overall goal of leading students to a deeper understanding of their own plastic use while providing solutions that are feasible within their schools, as well as acquiring the knowledge and data to educate their peers and families on more sustainable habits.

Educators will be able to immerse themselves in the challenges and behaviour change that plastic reduction requires from all of us to reduce the impacts of plastic in waterways and the ocean. With science and self-led initiatives, POA has been able to deliver this program to 5,562 students in the 2019-2020 financial year alone and continues to grow in 2021 including delivery in East Arnhem Land and Queensland to Indigenous communities.

Acknowledgement

Ricki Hershburgh and Sally Tam acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pays respects to their Elders past and present.



Speaker Profile

Ricki Hersburgh – Executive Director

Appointed four years ago by the Producer of the award-winning documentary “A Plastic Ocean” and Founder of Plastic Oceans UK, Ricki brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the region having worked internationally and locally with several environmental organisations. Focused on education, sustainability and resource recovery, Ricki leads a dynamic team who work tirelessly to stem the tide of plastic entering our waterways and oceans. An avid ocean lover, Ricki is passionate about environmental outcomes that deliver impactful change.

Sally Tam – Education Officer, WA

Sally was born in Jakarta, Indonesia and moved to Australia in 2007 to pursue her bachelor’s degree in Melbourne. It is her passion for the environment and helping others that led her to obtain her environmental degree from RMIT University. She has been working in the education sector, where she has had the privilege to work with children of all ages from all walks of life. She believes that education is the forefront of everything in order to positively impact the habits of individuals and larger organisations.

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