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## Bag It! Free film screening at Eden Gardens

Just how far does that throw-away plastic bag travel?

Join environmentalist Tim Silverwood for the film "Bag It", an award-winning documentary exploring just how far plastic waste can travel and what harm it can do.

Locals can learn how to play their part to help prevent the environmental and health problems associated with plastic waste.

After the screening Tim will hold a Q & A session to share his knowledge on what small ways we can all help the environment.

What: Free film "Bag It" and presentation by environmentalist Tim Silverwood

**When:** Wednesday 16 May. Light refreshments will be served from 6.00pm, followed by a guided tour of some eco initiatives on site at 6.30pm. Tim's talk and the film "Bag It" will commence at 7.00pm.

**Where:** Eden Gardens and Garden Centre, cnr Lane Cove and Fontenoy Roads, North Ryde.

Bookings: The event is free of charge but bookings are essential. Call 9952 8222.

For more information and the movie trailer go to <u>www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/bagit</u>.

The evening is presented by the City of Ryde in partnership with Eden Gardens and Garden Centre.

## Tim Silverwood – Bio notes

Central Coast (NSW) environmentalist Tim Silverwood has just returned from a research expedition to the North Pacific Gyre, otherwise known as the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch". He is a co-founder of 'Take 3 – A Clean Beach Initiative' (<u>www.take3.org.au</u>) an organisation that encourages every person to take an active role in reducing plastic pollution by taking three pieces of plastic away whenever they visit the beach. Take 3 was awarded the inaugural Taronga Zoo Green Grant in April 2011.

For further information or to organise an interview with Tim Silverwood please contact him directly on 0420 668 114, email <u>tim\_silverwood@hotmail.com</u> or visit <u>www.timsilverwood.com</u> or <u>www.take3.org.au</u>.

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