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STUDENTS LEARN THE 4Rs AT TAKE3

More than five hundred students will learn how they can help reduce marine plastic pollution when environmentalist Tim Silverwood presents **Take3** workshops at five local high schools as part of the Council's Ryde Environmental Education Network (REEN) 2014 program.

Take3 demonstrates how to reduce ocean debris by putting into action a simple message: *take 3 pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or ... anywhere, and you have made a difference.*

The **Take3** workshop will:

- focus on disposable products and the ramifications they have on our environment
- review the history of plastic and its impact upon our natural and cultural environment
- explore different waste minimisation strategies using the 4Rs - Refuse disposable plastic, Reduce, Re-Use and Recycle.

Tim Silverwood is an environmentalist, plastic pollution spokesperson and cofounder of Take3 Clean Beach Initiative.

Ryde Environmental Education Network (REEN)

REEN was set up in 2007 by the City of Ryde to encourage local schools to promote environmental awareness and sustainable practices through a range of educational resources and support that:

- promote environmental education in the school's curriculum and operations
- involve young people in new and existing programs
- strengthen existing environmental networks
- provide opportunities for schools to partner with other organisations (eg P&Cs, Scouts, environmental educators).

REEN links the Council's environmental, sustainability and waste education initiatives with local schools, education institutions and community groups for better environmental outcomes.

Photo Op: Tim Silverwood meets the Mayor and students at West Ryde Primary School, Endeavour Street, West Ryde Monday 7 April, Session 1: 9.15 – 10.15am. Session 2: 10.50 – 11.50am

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