

## Replas and Plastic Oceans Australasia announce partnership to educate schools on the impacts of plastic in our oceans

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Replas and Plastic Oceans Australasia are pleased to announce a new partnership to educate schools and councils about the impacts of plastics in the marine environment.

In celebration of the partnership, Replas is supporting POA's inaugural Picnics Unwrapped spring campaign – encouraging people to host plastic free picnics at their schools, workplaces, and within the community. The purpose of this campaign is to raise awareness about the impact of plastic in our waterways and to raise critical funds to deliver an education program to schools in remote, regional, and disadvantaged communities.

Managing Director of Replas, Mark Jacobsen, is looking forward to working with the Plastic Oceans team. “Replas is proud to collaborate with industry leaders and bring to the forefront topics like ocean plastic, what we can do to combat plastic waste, and the importance of a circular economy,” said Mark.

“Partnering with Plastic Oceans Australasia to bring schools, businesses, and councils together is the perfect kick starter with Picnics Unwrapped.”

Executive Director of Plastic Oceans Australasia, Ricki Hersburgh, is delighted to collaborate with Replas to join POA's mission to change the world's attitude to plastic within a generation. “It's terrific to have Replas and the education team on board for this important cause as we know that plastic is extremely damaging for oceanic environments, human health and the ongoing survival of natural world as we know it,” said Ricki.

“I want to encourage anyone to join the Picnics Unwrapped campaign to learn how we can all follow the 5 R's: refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, and repurchase.”

Replas and Plastic Oceans Australasia will be working together to provide schools with the POA Education Program and create self-led initiatives to reduce and eliminate plastic from schools.

For schools interested in a tour at the Replas Environmental Centre, please visit [www.myrec.com.au](http://www.myrec.com.au).

For schools interested in participating in the program contact [education@plasticoceans.org.au](mailto:education@plasticoceans.org.au) and/or sign up for the Picnics Unwrapped campaign at [www.picnicsunwrapped.org.au](http://www.picnicsunwrapped.org.au).



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