

PLASTIC - Did you know?

- Globally 95% of plastic packaging is used once and then discarded.
- Plastic is persistent and indestructible, it will survive for hundreds of years in any environment it is placed in.
- Plastic doesn't breakdown, it breaks-up into smaller pieces and fragments. Making it even easier for animals to ingest.
- Over 75% marine debris found in and around the Great Barrier Reef is plastic.
- Over 44% of all seabirds have ingested or become entangled in plastic.
- Australians consume 2.93 MILLION TONNES of plastic each year of which only 9% is recycled.
- Straws are use on average for just 12-15 minutes, then instantly thrown out, becoming garbage.
- There are many alternatives to plastic items – like reusable coffee cups, water bottles, shopping bags, straws, containers and more!

We can all make a difference – say no to straws and reduce your use of plastics in your daily life. Be the change you wish to see in this world.

References:

Boomerang Alliance, Tangaroa Blue Foundation and Plastic Pollution Coalition.