

SHOPPING BAGS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Project	Shopping Bags for the Community
name Amount	\$7,000 out of \$7,000. Bags will be free to residents.
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Applicant Auspiced	Christine Cooper Bibra Lake Residents Association in partnership with residents
by	associations in Coolbellup, Harvest Lakes, Treeby, Hamilton Hill, Beeliar, South Beach, South Lake, Success and Hammond Park.
About the project	From 1 July this year, the plastic bag ban will be introduced for WA. This means retailers will not be allowed to provide light weight plastic bags to customers for their shopping. This rule will apply to all retailers, not just the large supermarkets, so we will need to take our own bags for all our shopping. If we don't, we will have to pay for a bag (not light weight plastic) at the shop.
	City of Cockburn can help through this "Cockburn Creates" project, by providing good quality fabric shopping bags for residents. This project would invite residents/community associations and possibly other local groups such as volunteers and sporting groups to participate.
	These groups would provide their logos for a number of bags that would be allocated to them with their specific logo on them and also select the colour of their bag. The groups could then use the bags as a reward for their members and to promote their activities in the wider Cockburn community. This means that the bags could be used as advertising for the group every time they were taken out shopping. It would also mean that when you see someone with the same bag as you have, you have met up with a person with common interests. This is a pathway to friendships. Therefore, the more bags with our logos, the better!
Who will benefit from the project?	 Helping the environment by reducing the number of heavy weight plastic bags that would be bought from retailers, to replace the light weight plastic that will no longer be available. Economic advantage by saving some money for our residents as they will not have to buy bags at the shops.
	 Promotion and advertising for the community groups that use these bags with their logos on them. Assisting with communication and friendship opportunities for our members who see other people shopping with our bags. A reward for our members which show that their association/group appreciates their membership and work they do for their community.

Summary	Let's use our shopping bags to promote our local community groups and the great work we do for our suburbs. These bags will help us all with our shopping, as well as reducing the number of plastic bags. This will be a positive outcome for us, City of Cockburn, residents and the environment. A simple, easy way to help.
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BUDGET

Supplies: 3,500 printed shopping bags	\$7,000.00
Income	
Council grant	\$7,000.00
Total	\$7,000.00