



Are you a local leader?

Plastic Bag Free – Local champions

We are searching for local champions

We are looking for local retailers, businesses and event organisers who are willing to demonstrate their leadership and go plastic bag free.

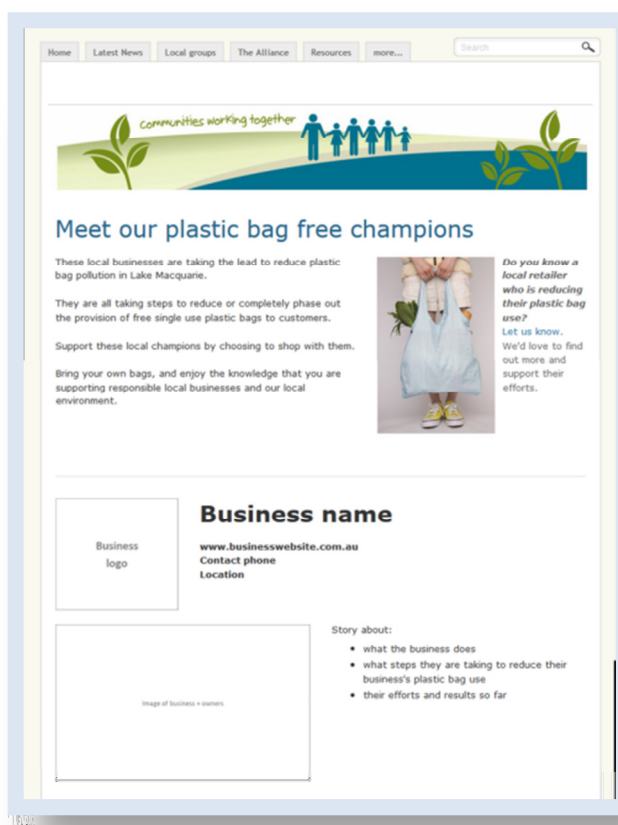
Businesses who have already stopped, or agree to stop supplying free single use plastic bags to their customers will be promoted on our website and public displays as community leaders.

Eligible businesses need to:

- Have a shopfront or event located in the Lake Macquarie LGA
- Be a retailer or other business or event that would 'normally' provide single use plastic bags to their customers.
- Take steps to reduce or completely phase out their provision of free single use plastic bags to customers.

Local champions will be promoted on our website with the following:

- Business logo
- Photograph of business owners
- Business contact details
- Story about what each business does; steps they are taking to reduce their business's plastic bag use; and efforts and results so far.
- We will recognise businesses who have successfully switched to become plastic bag free, and those who are committed to making the transition.



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www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/champions

Assistance for retailers

Change is never easy. Here are some links that will help you make the switch to a plastic bag free business.

- Examples of retailers who voluntarily went plastic bag free prior to the implementation of Tasmania's plastic bag ban, www.plasticbags.tas.gov.au/stories#duck.
- Some great tips for retailers to make the change, <http://plasticbagfreensw.squarespace.com/solutions/> .
Scroll down to 'Tips for Retailers'
- The Sustainable Neighbourhoods website has some further resources, campaign background and other useful information, www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/plastic-bag-campaign.

About us

Sustainable Neighbourhoods is a network of Lake Macquarie residents, businesses and community organisations who are working towards a more sustainable Lake Macquarie.

We work through our local Sustainable Neighbourhood group and networks to organise a range of projects and events that:

- reduce our resource consumption (energy, water and waste),
- increase community involvement in protecting and caring for environment and place,
- increase our capacity to respond effectively to environmental threats, and
- increase community wellbeing and pride in our local areas.

We are part of a state-wide movement to phase out and ban the supply of free single use plastic bags in NSW. We see banning plastic bags as a first step to change attitudes about single use, disposable items, and to reduce the amount of plastic pollution in our environment.

Our campaign includes advocating to local, state and federal government members to introduce a plastic bag ban in NSW, and working with our community to reduce plastic bag use through education and promotion of alternatives.

Find out more at www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au, or contact us via admin@sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au.