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Goodbye plastic, hello reusables from February 1

Hastings Co-op has announced that single use plastic bags will no longer be available at Wauchope, Timbertown and Port Macquarie IGAs from February 1.

Chief executive officer Allan Gordon said “this change has been in the air for some time, but the decision to move away from single use plastic bags has been driven by customer attitudes.”

“We’ve seen a dramatic increase in reusable bag sales since we started phasing out single use bags last July and commend customers on their willingness to help keep the Hastings clean and green.”

Hastings Co-op IGAs already have a range of reusable bags in store, however, a new Co-op-branded reusable bag will be introduced in mid-January and will be available to customers at no cost until February 1. After that time they will be sold for 10c each.

“Other sustainability initiatives across Hastings Co-op’s 16 businesses include: introducing bio-degradable bags in fresh produce departments, installing solar power at several sites, providing cardboard boxes for customers and supporting the reverse vending machines at the Bulk Fuel Depot in High Street.

“We’ve listened to our customers and are doing everything we can to be more environmentally conscious,” Mr Gordon said.

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