

Thank You!

Thank you for collecting your reusable shopping bag / fruit & vegetable bags. By using these bags instead of disposable plastic bags you will be helping to "Let Our Sea Be Plastic Bag Free"!

About Plastic Bag Free Barwon Heads...

Plastic Bags do not belong in the beautiful Barwon Heads environment, and there are many alternatives available. Four local organisations have worked together to begin the Plastic Bag Free Barwon Heads project: Barwon Coast, Barwon Heads Primary School, Barwon Heads Traders Association and Barwon Heads Sustainability Group. Supporters are listed on the Jute Bags.

About your Jute Bag...

The artwork was designed by students from Barwon Heads Primary School.

Jute is a naturally strong and durable fibre, requiring very little or no chemical and fertilizer use, and your bag will naturally biodegrade once you have finished with it.

About your Mesh Fruit & Vegetable Bags...

Your mesh Fruit & Vegetable Bags have been hand-made in Barwon Heads from washed and reused mesh from curtains and tents, as well as production offcuts from One Planet Pty Ltd.



Plastic Bag Free
Barwon Heads has
been initiated by:



Top Plastic Bag Free Tips!!

Bring Your Own Bag every time you shop.

Keep a spare reusable bag in your handbag.

Keep them handy! **Hang them on the back of the front door...**and grab them on your way out

Use old bread bags for smelly/wet items in your rubbish bin (You are not required to use a plastic bin liner to contain all your rubbish).

Did you know that used plastic bags can be taken to many **supermarkets** for **recycling?** (Not in your 'Yellow' Recycling Bin though!)

If possible, **refuse plastic bags** when shopping.

Set up a **Compost or Worm Farm** for your food scraps – your bin will be much cleaner and lighter!
(Contact the Barwon Heads Sustainability Group – sustain@bharts garden.com for further information about composting and worm farms, or anything else related to Plastic Bag Free Barwon Heads).

About Plastic Bags...

Plastic bags do not readily biodegrade in the environment.

They can clog drains and waterways, increasing the risk of flooding.

They create visual pollution.

They escape and float easily in air and water, travelling long distances.

Plastic bags suffocate, disable and kill thousands of marine animals and sea birds worldwide each year. When the animal dies and decays, the plastic bag is free again to repeat the deadly cycle.

Plastic bags are made from crude oil, natural gas and other petrochemical derivatives, which are finite resources and will not last forever.

Source: http://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/residents/waste/plastic_bag_campaign/; www.cleanup.org.au

