

Shoppers offered free bag to reuse

THE Springfield Lakes Nature Care group wants supermarket shoppers to make a New Year's resolution to "choose to reuse" shopping bags.

"If you still haven't finalised your New Year's Resolution, this is a good one," Nature Care group president Luise Manning said.

To make the decision easier for shoppers, the Nature Care group is offering customers at the Springfield IGA a free reusable bag that is not made of plastic.

The bags were paid for via a small grant from Lendlease to help the provide materials.

IGA Supermarket owner Terry Slaughter said customers were getting better at bringing their reusable bags for their shopping.

"Previously every customer would take a bag, now its down to one in seven," he said.

"We don't see the 10c cost for the plastic bags as the biggest factor, its more a mindset — people forget to bring their bags.

"It might take a while, but they are getting better."

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Springfield Lakes Nature Care group president Luise Manning and IGA supermarket boss Terry Slaughter check out the free reusable shopping bags available at the supermarket. The Springfield Landcare group is providing the free bags to Springfield shoppers to discourage the use of plastic bags.

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