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MT CLAREMONT LITTLE ATHLETES TO RECEIVE GRANT FOR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

The University of WA Little Athletics Centre has received a \$3700 grant from Coles to buy brand new sports gear thanks to funds raised through the sale of Coles' Community Chiller Bags.

The Little Athletics centre in Mt Claremont is one of over 160 centres across Australia to receive funding from Coles to replace or expand its sports equipment.

Funds for the grants are raised through the sale of specially-marked chiller bags designed by eight-year-old Lachie Macdonald from Victoria and 11 year-old Charlie De Bruyn from Western Australia. For every bag sold, 25 cents is directed to the Coles Little Athletics Community Fund to provide sport equipment grants.

Coles State General Manager Pat Zanetti said Coles was delighted to provide grants to help the Little Athletics centres in locations such as Mt Claremont.

"Thanks to our customers who have bought our range of chiller bags at Coles stores, we are able to provide around \$565,000 in grants for Little Athletics centres around Australia to help them purchase equipment to support activities such as High Jump, Discus, Hurdles and the various running events," he said.

"The UWA Little Athletics Centre told us they would like to receive a grant to buy a high jump mat, trolley and stands and we were delighted to help because we know these are an essential part of Little Athletics to support young budding athletes and volunteers."

UWA Little Athletics' club president Damon Hansen-Knarhoi said the grant was important to their centre which needed new equipment to continually provide a high quality and safe weekly experience.

"The \$3700 grant from Coles will have a huge impact on our centre and the local community. The new equipment will not only help our 590-strong athletes continue to 'be their best' but also the schools and community groups that use our equipment for sports days, coaching courses and specialist clinics," he said.

In addition to the chiller bags, Coles sells Community Bags which help to raise funds for SecondBite, Guide Dogs Australia and Clean Up Australia. All Community Bags were designed by school children as part of a bag design competition.



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