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Environmentally friendly dog waste bags now in City's parks

Compostable, biodegradable dog waste bags are now available in the City of Nedlands' parks.

Following difficulties in sourcing a biodegradable bag that met with the community's expectations, the City has now sourced bag that is stronger, compostable and biodegradable, and has handles.

A sample supply of the new bags was in place in City parks but they ran out before more stock was available, all existing stocks of the bag in WA having been exhausted. This meant the City had to reinstate the old, unsatisfactory bags for a short period, inconveniencing dog owners.

The City had previously used a 100 per cent plastic bag, which is slightly cheaper option, but impacts the environment for many years to come. To counteract the environmental impact, the City had introduced a biodegradable bag that proved to be unsatisfactory as it tended to break when being removed from the holder, or when being used.

These issues have now been resolved with the introduction of the new bags and the City can continue to provide this important community service.

The City has taken feedback in the design and usability of a new bag and we thank community members for their valuable contribution. We also would like to thank the community for their patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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