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## FRANKSTON LITTLE ATHLETES TO RECEIVE GRANT FOR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Frankston Little Athletics Centre has received a \$3200 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 Frankston is one of more than 200 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 Mark O'Connor said Coles was delighted to provide grants to help the Little Athletics centres in locations such as Frankston.

"Thanks to our customers who have bought our range of chiller bags at Coles stores, we have been able to provide over \$800,000 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.

"The Frankston Little Athletics Centre told us they would like to receive a grant for starting pistols, markers and hurdles and we were delighted to help because we know these are an essential part of Little Athletics to support volunteers and young budding athletes," he said.



Frankston Little Athletics' Treasurer Malcom Huddle said the grant would make a big difference to the centre, which needed new equipment to continually provide a high quality and safe weekly experience for its young athletes.

"The Coles grant will have a huge impact on our centre. Being able to replace essential athletics equipment such as starting pistols, markers and junior hurdles will allow our club meets to run more efficiently thus providing our athletes with the best possible experience from the sport. The equipment from Coles will allow our club to start the summer season with up to date, functional and safe equipment," 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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