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## Swags for the homeless

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## ADVOCATES are hoping people can spare some money today to help the homeless secure warmth and dignity.

A Donate a Swag Day display will feature at Market Square between 11am and 4pm, and will be supported by St Laurence Community Services for people living the reality of sleeping rough. The event is a part of Anti-Poverty Week.

Sarah May of St Laurence hoped people might make a difference by helping pay for swags for distribution.

"The swags are water and fire-proof, can be hung up to create a sun and wind block, feature a lockable chain and ID pocket and fold up to look like an ordinary backpack when not in use," she said.

"Donations can be provided in \$19.10 lots or \$76.40 covers the cost of buying a swag outright, but any donation would be appreciated."

Homeless advocate Richard Slevin and SalvoConnect homeless males networker Damien Bernasconi are backing the day, which will also point to the Salvos' November 10 Walking Home event, which raises money for shoes for homeless people.

## **Your Say**

"didnt geelong just donate enough blankets to cover the skilled stadium? where did they go? did the 20 drunk homeless men in geelong get any? STOP ASKING FOR MY MONEY!" craig

The Donate a Swag display will be located upstairs in Market Square.

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