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Call for Hastings Co-op grant applications

Hastings Co-op is inviting applications for their annual Community Chest grants program, which celebrates the great work of local, not-for-profit community groups.

Designed to help fund equipment, infrastructure and projects that leave a lasting legacy, grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 for each eligible project are on offer.

“This is a great opportunity for local groups to get a helping hand,” chief executive officer Nick de Groot said.

“What’s great about the Community Chest grants program is the community projects are helping to build a brighter future, and more importantly, recognising the hard-working community groups that make a real difference to the local way of life - whether that’s sports clubs, schools, volunteer organisations or disability and special interest groups.

“In the past, the grants have supported long-awaited projects such as tennis court nets, school outdoor learning areas, surf club boards, FAWNA training equipment and suicide prevention workshops.”

Hastings Co-op’s four IGA supermarket customers play a pivotal role in the program’s success, with funds from specially-marked products pooled to provide the grants.

“Every time you purchase one of these specially-marked products you can feel good about giving back to the community too,” Mr de Groot said.

Applications can be downloaded at www.hastingscoop.com.au/communitychest, and will close at midnight on October 29, 2023.

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