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Hastings Co-op grants Christmas wishes for 10 community groups

Ten local community groups have received good news just in time for Christmas, sharing more than \$15,500 in Hastings Co-op's Community Chest grants for new equipment and projects that will have a lasting legacy for the whole community.

More than 30 applications were received and assessed by Hastings Co-op and an independent community member, and the successful groups include: Hastings 2WAY FM, Kendall Mens Shed, Hastings Valley Motorcycle Club, St Joseph's Primary School Wauchope, Learn from Horses, Wauchope Netball Club, Comboyne Community Association, King Creek Rural Fire Brigade, Port Macquarie National Seniors of Australia and Port Macquarie Arts and Crafts Centre.

The grants will fund projects such as: school sports equipment; firefighting tools; dust extractors; laptops and printers; an outdoor kitchen at Comboyne Museum; a new community radio studio and; defibrillators for Port Macquarie Arts and Crafts Centre and Wauchope Stadium.

Chief executive officer Nick de Groot thanked IGA customers who play a pivotal role in the Community Chest program's success, with funds from specially-marked products, including the Community Co. range, contributing to the grants.

"Every time you purchase a specially-marked product you can feel good about giving back to the community too," he said.

"It's great to see that the not-for-profit groups hail from all corners of the Hastings and represent everyone from schools and sporting clubs to emergency services, volunteer and special interest groups.

"We hope each of the groups, their members, volunteers and the wider community enjoy the benefits of these grants for many years to come."

The grants will be presented to the 10 community groups at a function at Wauchope Senior Citizens Hall on February 13, 2024.

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