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Co-op continues tradition of giving back

Twelve local community groups will benefit from the latest round of Community Chest grants thanks to local IGA customers.

"Every time customers purchase specially-marked Community Co. products they're helping the Co-op give back to the community, and we sincerely appreciate your support," Hastings Co-op CEO Nick de Groot explained.

This year's recipients include:

- Wauchope Veterans Women Golf Club
- Wauchope High School
- Comboyne Public School P & C
- Wauchope Public School P & C
- St Joesphs Public School P & F
- Wauchope Lions Club
- Wauchope Rotary Club
- Pink Ladies of Port Macquarie Base Hospital
- Wauchope District Hospital Volunteers
- Wauchope Westpac Rescue Helicopter
- Wauchope Country Women's Association
- Wauchope Bowling Club.

"These groups come from all over the Hastings, but the thing they have in common is a passion for improving the local way of life, not just for their members, but the whole community," Mr de Groot said.

"In these challenging economic times, many groups rely on membership fees and fundraisers, so we hope the grants will provide a significant boost.

"Our ultimate goal is to buid a brighter future and recognise the hard-working community groups, and volunteers, that make our region so special."

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