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Up to \$5000 on offer for valuable community projects

Hastings Co-op is continuing its proud history of giving back to the community by launching the annual Community Chest grant program for 2016-17.

“What’s great about this program is it helps drive community-based projects that have a lasting legacy and benefit us all,” chief executive officer Allan Gordon said.

“It’s all about building a brighter future and recognising the tapestry of community groups that make a real difference to the Hastings way of life.

“The grants provide anywhere from \$500 to \$5000 for each eligible project and past recipients hail from a wide cross section of the community, from sports clubs and schools to special interest groups and volunteer organisations.

“If your not-for-profit group has a project that needs funding, we strongly encourage you to apply.”

To ensure equity and fairness, a new application process has been introduced this year, with all groups required to complete a simple application form which is available at www.hastingscoop.com.au or the Hastings Co-op Corporate Centre in High Street.

Mr Gordon explained that IGA Supermarket customers play a pivotal role in the Community Chest program, with funds from specially-marked ‘Community Chest’ 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 Gordon said.

Applications opened on September 1 and will close on October 30. Successful applicants will be notified in writing in mid-November and funds will be distributed in January 2017.

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