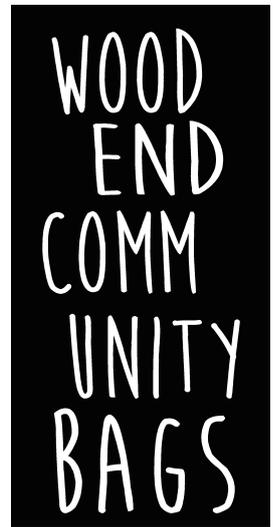


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Bags of Ideas

Your chance to bag \$500 for your



Woodend Community Bags have raised \$500 to give to a great community idea or project.

Since February 2017 Community members from all walks of life have come together on a Thursday at Woodend Neighbourhood House to make reusable bags from donated fabric.

Community support, in the quest to go plastic bag free has exceeded all expectations.

“We started off selling a few bags at the monthly Woodend Farmers’ Market to raise money to buy two new machines and pay for supplies,” said Sally Scanlan, Convener of the Community Bag working team.

“Sales have rocketed, people even buy the bags for gifts and visitors to Woodend take them home as souvenirs. We’ve now found ourselves in the fortunate position of having more funds than we need,” Sally added.

So, over a cuppa at a recent bag sewing session, the team came up with the idea of giving back to the community, with a little bit of help from the team at Woodend Neighbourhood House, by giving \$500 to a Woodend community idea or project.

How to bag the money?

Anyone in the 3442 postcode is welcome to apply for the money. The Community bag group will then select their top three entries and, the whole community is welcome to vote for the winner – everyone has the chance to be involved and voice their choice!

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To be in the running for the \$500 it's simple. All you need to do is tell us about your idea/project in no more than 100 words (that's about two paragraphs) or if writing isn't your *bag* send us a 30 second video (that's about how long it takes to say 100 words.... believe it or not). Complete the application form at www.woodendnh.org.au/bagsofideas or visit the Woodend Neighbourhood House and they'll register you and your idea/project.

Fine print

Entrants need to live in the 3442 postcode. Entries are open from Monday 2 July 2018 and close on Wednesday 25 July 2018. All entries will be judged by the team from Community Bags and points will be allocated for: community focus, inclusiveness, environmental impact, social impact, uniqueness and creativity. The top three projects will then be open for public voting both online or in person at the Woodend Neighbourhood House. The winner will be announced at the Community Lunch on Friday 17 August. Visit www.woodendnh.org.au/bagsofideas for more information and follow @woodendcommunitybags on Facebook for updates.

It's time to get your thinking bags – we mean **caps** – on!

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