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Generous gift will help out refuge

THE Hastings Women's and Children's Refuge is now able to run a kids' club program for an entire year thanks to the lobbying of one Port Macquarie firm.

Trademark Building Supplies, a member of the John Danks & Son-owned Home Hardware and Timber group, successfully lobbied to win a slice of a \$1 million pie from a trust fund.

Port Macquarie's Trademark building Supplies director Brian Burgmann said the donation is the trust's way of celebrating 150 years of business.

"We successfully lobbied for an allocation of \$5000



□ **Charitable donation:** Dennis Shepherd, Bob Partridge and Brian Burgmann from Trademark Building Supplies have helped out a Hastings refuge.

to be given to a charity of our choice in the area," Mr Burgmann said.

"We thought the refuge was very deserving of everything they can get."

The refuge's manager Gemma Morley said the donation was a welcome Christmas surprise.

"We are very appreciative of this generous donation,"

she said. "We can now run the kids' program next year for primary school-aged children in the area who have been affected by domestic violence."