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Report for the AGM 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Committee

I am pleased to report to the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur on how the work of the Committee and the generosity of the people and businesses of Macarthur and Wollondilly have continued to help our patients, their families and carers within the Macarthur Cancer Centre, Camden Palliative Care Unit and the Paediatric Ambulatory Care Service.

Requests for expenditure from the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur is based on equipment or services aimed at improving patient care and comfort, patient and staff education and delivery of safe treatment. This allows our community to receive unique care and services not available to other cancer units in NSW. Services from the 2007 donations have allowed the commencement of an education programme for Paediatric Ambulatory Care nursing staff to improve the ability to deliver cancer treatments for local children; Art and Diversional Therapy within a specially built complementary therapy unit within the Macarthur Cancer Centre is due to commence soon.

An agreed process of regular requests for equipment and services with hospital staff, finance and 24 Hr Fight Committee representatives has shortened the time from donation to equipment and services commencing. The 2009 expenditure sees other units in the hospital receiving the benefits of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur with the urology department obtaining equipment useful in the diagnosis and treatment of bladder and prostate cancer and to provide an information DVD for palliative care patients admitted to Camden Hospital.

I am hopeful that these other units will join the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur in actively fundraising and attending the functions and hopefully entering a team for the 17-18 October walk.

Again, I am pleased to work with such a dedicated, generous and hard working team in the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur, who all work with a common purpose and whose dedication is truly inspiring in achieving the goal of providing unique services to the cancer patients in our region.



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