Little patients can breathe easy

Patients in the Children’s Ward at Gympie Hospital are breathing a lot easier thanks to the Gympie APEX club.

Nurse Unit Manager Shaneen Osborne said the club donated two AIRVO2 humidifiers which provide respiratory support to patients by way of warm, humidified oxygen.

“Recent studies have proven the humidifiers beneficial to both children and adults in treating a broad range of respiratory conditions, particularly babies with bronchiolitis,” Ms Osborne said.

“The humidifiers represent the newest and best equipment on the market and Gympie Hospital was the first in the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service to have this equipment.

“The treatment is safe and easy and can be done in regional hospitals such as Gympie, potentially reducing the need to transfer patients to larger metropolitan hospitals,” she said.

“This means children requiring this support can now be treated close to their families, and in their local community.

“Other areas of the hospital are also able to use the humidifiers when they are not needed in the Paediatric Ward,” Ms Osborne said.

Sam Johnson, President Gympie APEX, said his organisation was pleased that the equipment had made such a difference to the hospital.

“I understand this type of humidifier is also used at the new Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital in Brisbane, the state’s largest children’s hospital, giving local Gympie region children and their families access and care closer to home for these type of respiratory conditions.”

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