Community support leads to generous donation

Caloundra Health Service (CHS) will receive $155,000 worth of important medical equipment thanks to the community-funded organisation Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary.

The beneficial medical equipment will be purchased and used within the Caloundra Health Service’s Renal, Dove Palliative Care and Ophthalmology units.

Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary President, Claudine Hagan said it was an honour to donate the items, but it was the local community that deserved the praise for their concerted effort in raising the funds.

“Truly, we must thank the community for this donation. Without Caloundra locals supporting the Auxiliary Bardo’s Bazaar Op Shop and Mary Rose Café, we would not be able to provide these donations to Caloundra Health Service,” Mrs Hagan said.

“What we are seeing here today is our people supporting our hospital and it is wonderful.”

Acting Chief Executive Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS), Scott Lisle said: “We’re extremely grateful for the work of the Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary and other volunteer support teams across the health service.

“Their donations, fundraising and support make a huge difference to our patients and staff. Caloundra Hospital Auxiliary has been supporting their community for more than 35 years, and their contribution is invaluable,” Mr Lisle said.

“The Ophthalmology Unit will receive a special eye chair and Slit Lamp Microscope, an essential instrument used in the assessment and monitoring of many eye conditions due to its ability to magnify and illuminate the eye at the same time. This will enhance our Ophthalmology service.”

Mrs Hagan said: “The auxiliary is also purchasing a therapeutic bath for the Hospital’s Dove Palliative Care, which will allow patients to either walk directly into the bath or be transferred by a hoist. The therapy bath will provide access to the comforts of a warm bath that would otherwise be inaccessible.

“Not only are we able to support important medical equipment but we also give the hospital the extra items to create a more comfortable atmosphere.” Mrs Hagan said.

“I would like to thank all the volunteers who willingly give their free time to raise these moneys. Their work literally makes donations like this possible,” Mrs Hagan said.

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