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ST GEORGE HOSPITAL THANKS COMMUNITY FOR ITS SUPPORT

The local community has rallied behind St George Hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic with numerous offers of support and donated goods.

Front-line healthcare workers have received donations including care packages, food, Easter eggs and coffee.

St George Hospital acting general manager Rebecca Tyson thanked the local community for their generous donations which have been arriving at the hospital over the past few weeks.

“St George Hospital is fortunate to have the support of its local community, particularly during these challenging times,” Ms Tyson said.

"It's great to see our local community supporting our healthcare workers and recognising the work they do.

“The most recent donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) received today is greatly appreciated. The hospital continues to have appropriate supply of all PPE but our staff appreciate that the community is focussed on their safety.

“The best thing that people can do is stay at home and maintain social distancing.

"Our staff are working harder than ever at the moment and acts of kindness like these are appreciated. It's encouraging to know that our staff are recognised for their hard work," Ms Tyson said.

The NSW Government has already committed \$800 million extra funding for NSW Health to help boost ICU capacity and purchase additional services and medical equipment, including PPE to help respond to COVID-19.

In addition to this, the NSW Government is also injecting \$25 million to fast-track state-wide research and clinical trials to tackle the global COVID-19 pandemic and reduce its impact on the community.