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Young cricketers go in to bat for cancer patients at Sutherland Hospital

Sutherland Hospital was bowled over by the generosity of young cricketers in the Sutherland Shire, who raised \$3,480 for the Gonyah (Oncology) Ward

The Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association held a *'Green and Gold'* charity round on Saturday, 12 November, 2011, when all participants donated a gold coin or more.

According to Samantha Martin, Finance Officer for the Sutherland Shire Junior Cricket Association, players, coaches and umpires wore green and gold arm bands and sweat bands.

"Some painted their faces green and gold, and some young players donned green and gold shirts instead of wearing traditional white," Ms Martin said.

"There was a strong community spirit on the day, with many of the 1,500 players registered to play in the Association pitching-in in imaginative ways. Some of the teams held barbeques, others sold green and gold merchandise, with profits going to the cause," she said.

Tina Kulevska, Nursing Unit Manager, Gonyah (Oncology) Ward at Sutherland Hospital, said staff were touched by the support from the young cricketers, aged from five to 16 years.

"The Gonyah Ward specialises in oncology and neurology, with patients receiving specialised care for cancer and stroke. Their generous donation will be used to buy medical equipment to assist with the rehabilitation of these patients," Ms Kulevska said.

The Caringbah Sports Cricket Club 12As won the right to present the \$3,480 donation to the Gonyah (Oncology) Ward by raising \$250, the largest amount from any team.

Photo opportunity: young cricketers will visit the Gonyah (Oncology) Ward at Sutherland Hospital on Thursday 12 April at 4pm.

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