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Fundraising for women and babies at Sutherland Hospital

Sutherland Hospital's Charity Ball has a long and proud tradition and this year's fundraising event did not disappoint.

People dug deep to support women and babies at Sutherland Hospital with more than \$40,000 raised at a recent fundraising event held at the Manta Restaurant in Woolloomooloo.

The Riccio family has been hosting the event since 1999.

The connection with Sutherland Hospital was forged when the late Bruno Riccio, a philanthropist, fundraiser and life governor of the Victor Chang Institute approached the hospital with an idea to give back to his local hospital by raising funds for medical equipment.

Eighteen years on, more than \$550,000 has been raised for the benefit of patients and staff at Sutherland Hospital.

Sutherland Hospital Acting General Manager, Vanessa Madunic, said the staff were very appreciative of the efforts of the fundraising committee led by the Riccio family, Marie Simone and Mark Vincent, grandson of Mr Riccio.

"We are extremely fortunate to have the invaluable support of such a hard working group who give so generously to help improve patient care and comfort," Ms Madunic said.

"The proceeds from this year's event will be used to purchase wireless, mobile foetal heart monitors which are used to monitor women during labour.

"The new foetal monitors enable the clinical team of the unit to effectively observe important information about unborn babies such as picking up abnormal foetal heart rate patterns. The monitors will effectively assist the safe monitoring of the foetus while still allowing the mother to mobilise and utilise pain relief in labour such as water birth."

Photo opportunity: Tuesday 28 November, 2017 at 2.30pm, Sutherland Hospital Maternity Ward – demonstration of mobile foetal heart monitor. Meet at Kingsway foyer entrance.