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## **Kiosk volunteers give Sutherland Hospital an injection of cash**

Sutherland Hospital Kiosk volunteers are celebrating a major milestone this week – a total of \$3 million raised over a 58-year period, for the purchase of medical equipment.

Since its inception in 1960, the Kiosk Committee has supported hundreds of pieces of medical equipment to all clinical areas of the Hospital.

The most recent donation has purchased two electric cots for the Children's Ward. Designed for patients under two years, the side rails and height of the cots can be fully raised or lowered using a control panel allowing staff to make adjustments without disturbing patients.

In the past two years alone, approximately \$350,000 has been donated towards the purchase of equipment for the operating theatres. This includes a \$100,000 donation for the purchase of an Integrated HD Camera System that will allow for minimally invasive keyhole surgery. This will give surgeons a clear vision to accurately view bone structures and soft tissue.

Among the 80-strong volunteer team is Kiosk President Warren Watkins who has been assisting in the Kiosk for the past 11 years.

"The Kiosk volunteers are very excited to reach such a significant fundraising milestone of \$3 million. This has been the result of many years of tireless work by hundreds of volunteers; and the support of patients, visitors and staff who purchase food, drinks and items from the Kiosk," Mr Watkins said.

"When you see your hard work improving the quality of life of a patient, it's an amazing feeling."

General Manager, Valerie Jovanovic, said the local community was extremely fortunate to have the support of such a hard working group of volunteers.

"It's a credit to the women and men who created the Kiosk and the volunteers who have supported this endeavour over the past 58 years to have raised so much money in support of their local Hospital," Ms Jovanovic said.

"Sutherland Hospital has a dedicated band of volunteers who give freely of their time for the benefit of patients and staff. They are a fine example of the community spirit that is certainly alive and well in the Sutherland Shire."

To register your interest in becoming a Sutherland Hospital volunteer, please visit:  
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