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Racing to beat cancer

by Kietley Isrin

HAWKESBURY Racecourse will transform into a field of fashion and fillies today (Thursday, August 18) when hundreds gallop in to help raise much-needed funds for the Len and Margaret Peel Chemotherapy and Infusion unit.

Hundreds of fashionistas, punters and community members are tipped to pull out their best race wear and attend the annual Charity Race Day run by The Richmond Club, in conjunction with Hawkesbury Living and Cancer Trust.

As the phenomenal success of the race

meeting continues, Richmond Club CEO Kimberley Talbot said organisers hope to top the \$30,000 in funds raised last year.

"This is the club's largest fundraising event of the year," Ms Talbot said.

"It is our goal this year to exceed last year's total funds through sponsorship, ticketing and donations."

Ms Talbot said support from community partners has been essential in the success of the event in the past and this year is no exception, with a number of notable sponsors such as Blacktown Workers Club and

North Richmond Panthers on board. "The Len and Margaret Peel Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit will be the first multi-care cancer facility in the Hawkesbury," Ms Talbot said.

"This development promises to be an invaluable asset to residents in the region who are suffering from cancer, giving them much greater access to treatment and facilities without travelling outside the district."

All of the proceeds raised on the day will go directly to the Hawkesbury Living and Cancer Trust.

"The feedback we have received has been astounding," Ms Talbot said. "Residents of the Hawkesbury are well aware of the benefits that the development will provide."

"It will ease the difficulty for cancer sufferers travelling out of the area for treatment, and ensure that both public and private sector patients have access to vital services and resources." The first race is expected to jump at noon.

The racetrack is just off Hawkesbury Valley Way, at Clarendon.





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