

Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust Chairman's Report – 2015-16

Dear Stakeholders,

As the chairperson of the Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust, I am pleased to present to you the audited Financial Report for the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2016.

On behalf of the Trustees and the Richmond Club I am pleased to inform you that construction of the Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust Chemotherapy Unit at Hawkesbury Hospital is now complete.

Nepean Cancer Care Centre is, at the time of writing, recruiting nursing staff and training them to staff the unit and we are looking forward to the Unit opening soon.

Once again the community has been extremely generous with donations, and local groups have provided funding for the equipment that is required within the unit to ensure patients have a comfortable visit with state-of-the-art equipment to treat them.

Finally local residents will be able to benefit from the improved health infrastructure in the Hawkesbury and no longer face the tyranny of distance – having to travel outside the district - when seeking cancer treatment.

The transition of Hawkesbury Hospital to St John of God has been a smooth process and I have been very pleased with the enthusiasm that they have shown for the chemotherapy unit, and the professionalism and support they have displayed.

In 2008, the oncology and chemotherapy unit was just a vision held by the Directors and CEO of The Richmond Club, however today the Trust they formed has funded the building of the chemotherapy unit and committed to supporting it during its commencement to ensure it is viable.

The Unit is a project that simply would not have been completed without the assistance of the community. Every donation has made a difference and the Trustees are committed to ensuring all funds go to supporting local residents who are needed treatment for cancer.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Vivienne Leggett, Graeme Colless, Peter Chidgey, John O'Brien and Kimberley Talbot for their continued hard work which is completely voluntary and not remunerated. My appreciation also goes to the Richmond Club Executive and Board of Directors, whose vision and support has been integral to the Trust's success.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duncan". The letter 'D' is large and stylized, with the rest of the name written in a cursive script.

Dr Duncan Guy
Chairperson
Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust