

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.

This year has been the most important in the Trust's history, as the Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit at Hawkesbury Hospital treated its first patients and was officially opened in March 2017.

It has been a very long journey for the Trustees and our benefactors to bring this much needed community asset to the Hawkesbury, however the end result and the difference it makes in local resident's lives makes it an extremely worthwhile experience.

The Unit has been established in partnership with Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District and Hawkesbury District Health Service within Hawkesbury Hospital and has four treatment beds for residents to receive chemotherapy. It's estimated that in its first year alone the unit is capable of administering 1000 treatments.

Through our partnership with Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District (NBMLHD) patients will be referred to Hawkesbury for treatment, where will be taken care of by highly qualified oncology and chemotherapy professionals in a comfortable and familiar location that is close to home.

Hawkesbury residents who have already received treatment have said that the Unit cuts down on travel time immensely, from a two hour round trip to just 30 minutes for some. I am pleased to say that we have helped ease the burden of travelling to hospital for many people, one of the initial aims of the Trust when it was first established.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wider community for their support over the past nine years. We have managed to raise \$2.3 million through donations and fundraising, and every dollar has helped deliver the service that opened this year. I would especially like to thank Len and Margaret Peel for their contributions, and although Len sadly did not see the Unit completed, would have been very proud of the final result and the impact that it is having.

Even when the future and final result of our work was uncertain, as our plans changed from a stand-alone facility to a service located within Hawkesbury Hospital, support from the community continued. Thank you very much for your ongoing faith.

I am pleased to note that some of the people using the service have also been benefactors of the Cancer Trust and played a vital role in making it a reality.

The Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust is still actively fundraising even now that the centre is operational. We supporting packages for patients receiving treatment, while continuing to underwrite the service and supporting any losses. We made a significant donation to Peppercorn Transport to assist them in their wonderful work and continue to assist in delivering more services for the community in the future.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees, Peter Chidgey, Vivienne Leggett, Graeme Colless, John O'Brien and Kimberley Talbot for their ongoing work and contributions, the Richmond Club Board of Directors, St John of God Hospital and Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District.

Kind Regards,

Dr Duncan Guy  
Chairperson  
Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust