



# Hats off to cancer donation

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CHEMOTHERAPY patients at Liverpool Hospital will be able to carry the treatment's most visible burden a little easier thanks to a \$67,000 donation made by the John Richard Kuhlmann Foundation.

The foundation donated \$15,000 worth of wigs to help support cancer patients who lose their hair during treatment. Plus, it pledged \$50,000 to support the Liverpool Cancer Wellness Centre, and almost \$2000 to help buy a massage table for the centre.

Breast cancer survivor Vicki Lobb from Bossley Park said hair loss was one of the main concerns of chemotherapy patients.

"It is a very different look without hair and you just can't imagine it until you are there," she said.

"Wearing a wig makes you feel a bit more confident again."

The hospital's head of can-

cer services and director of the Cancer Wellness Centre Doctor Eugene Moylan said with wigs costing upwards

of \$500 each, the foundation's donation was greatly welcomed.

"It is fabulous to have somebody to take this particular sponsorship on," Dr Moylan said.

"For some people [hair loss] can be an absolute deal

breaker, even if the treatment could cure.

"It is often a concept of self... just that process of losing your identity can be threatening."

Dr Moylan said hair loss started about two weeks after the first treatment and full hair loss occurred after about six weeks.

The foundation was formed in 2003 in honour of John Richard Kuhlmann who lost his battle with cancer.

His father, John Kuhlmann said he was happy to support the centre.

"My son was treated here at Liverpool Hospital and had left about \$40,000 to the hospital," Mr Kuhlmann said.

"He left a substantial amount of his estate to my wife and I, but we didn't feel comfortable - it is one of the worst things to inherit from

your son or offspring.

"So we decided to set up a foundation in his name and do something for all cancer patients.

"We were glad to help. And we could, so we did."

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**HEADY DONATION:** Head of cancer services Doctor Eugene Moylan with breast cancer survivor Vicki Lobb and John Kuhlmann. **Picture:** Simon Bennett