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# Charity hits \$4m

## COMMUNITY

ONE of Macarthur's biggest annual charity events raised a whopping \$317,000 last year.

The 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur has now raised more than \$4 million for local cancer services, patients and their families since the charity's inception 12 years ago.

The 2017 walkathon – which is the organisation's marquee event of the year – was the first held since the death of 24 Hour Fight founder Fred Borg.

"Last year was our first year without Fred Borg and I realise now just how much time and effort he put into making sure that this charity did all it could to support people dealing with cancer," new chairman Warren Morrison said.

"Thank you to the people of Macarthur for recognising the difference we can all make in the lives of our family and friends when they need it most."

Cr Morrison said more than \$200,000 of the money raised in 2017 had already been donated to Campbell-

town and Camden hospitals.

"We were able to provide a wide range of equipment and services that were much needed for patient care, comfort and education," he said.

The 24 Hour Fight has funded a Bowel Cancer Care Coordinator for a period of

four years, provided a dieti-

cian and physiotherapist to the Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre and purchased equipment such as fall monitors, infusion pumps, bladder scanners, and an electronic noticeboard support.

Cr Morrison said the work of the charity would be increasingly important in the coming years.

"Campbelltown Hospital will undergo a massive expansion worth \$632 million over the next few years," he said. "While this is exciting news, these new facilities will mean that the support provided by the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur will be more important than ever."



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE:** The 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur raised more than \$300,000 last year. **Picture: Jeff McGill**