



# Here's to cancer centre

## ■ A long time between drinks

By Ashleigh Milton

A LIVERPOOL health professional has seen how much of a difference public donations can make for the Cancer Therapy Centre at Liverpool Hospital — and that is why he has chosen to go dry this July.

Medical physicist Michael Jameson signed up to this year's Dry July and hopes to raise as much as he can.

The campaign challenges people to go a month without drinking alcohol as they raise funds through sponsorship.

"This is my first time," Mr Jameson said.

"I'm a long-time donor, first-time fundraiser.

"I decided to participate because I've seen firsthand what the Dry July funds have provided the cancer centre over the last couple of years to make our patients' experience less stressful and more comfortable."

Funds from this year's Dry July campaign will be used to contribute to cancer services wellness programs at the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre.

The centre supports about 3100 new and 10,000 ongoing adult cancer patients from the Liverpool, Fairfield and Bankstown council areas each year.

In previous years, funds raised have enabled the centre to buy chemotherapy chairs, develop a



**Dry July:** Medical physicist Michael Jameson from the Cancer Therapy Centre at Liverpool Hospital.

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relaxation space within the centre and to install a beeper system and coffee machine.

Mr Jameson first came to the centre in 2007 to do undergraduate research and never left.

"My position is a combination of research and clinical work," he said.

"I'm part of the medical physics research group within the Ingham Institute for applied medical research and I'm also a member of the clinical radiation oncology medical physics team within the Cancer Therapy Centre.

"Our medical physics research focuses on a number of areas that aim to improve the accuracy and precision of radiotherapy and better understand how patients respond to treatment through the use of advanced medical imaging and big data."

**Go to <https://au.dryjuly.com/profile/michaeljameson> to sponsor Mr Jameson.**