

Helping Hands



Helping hands: Val Stewart, Lesley Lee, Leena Coates, Dianne Wagg and Penny Williams get together after Macarthur Temporary Family Care's Sunflower Cottage received donations of white goods from Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in Camden.

Picture: Jonathan Ng



Mother Hubbard digs deep into cupboard to help sick kids

The sick children who use Macarthur Temporary Family Care's Sunflower Cottage now have appliances most people take for granted. This is thanks to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in Camden, which raised money for a new washing machine, oven, microwave and dishwasher. Sunflower Cottage, in Narellan Vale, provides a homely environment for children up to 12 who have disabilities or who have high support and medical needs.

"We get grants to run programs but not to pay for equipment, so for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard to give us money for these things is a tremendous help," the program manager at Macarthur Temporary Family Care, Lesley Lee, said.

"It's two community services working together for the good of our community."

Meet Pete — a champ fund-raiser who does it dry

Camden's Peter Durrington looked to his neighbour for inspiration when he gave up alcohol for a month as part of Dry July.

Mr Durrington (pictured front with wife Donna and Professor Geoff Delaney, director of cancer services) wanted to raise money for the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre in honour of his neighbour, who had been diagnosed with cancer and was treated at Liverpool Hospital, which houses the therapy centre.

Mr Durrington has raised almost \$50,000 over the past two years. This makes him the top individual fund-raiser in the state this year and the second in Australia.

Dry July raises money for adult cancer patients and the \$100,000 raised from the 2012 campaign was used to help build the Liverpool Wellness Centre at Liverpool Hospital.





Leukaemia survivor steps out to help the Weekend to End Women's Cancer

Lisa Grenfell (pictured) wants to put an end to cancer – one step at a time. Mrs Grenfell will walk 60 kilometres over two days for the inaugural Weekend to End Women's Cancer in November to raise money for the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. As part of her fund-raiser, she will host a Vivacious Vintage High Tea at Michel's Patisserie at 1.30pm on Saturday, September 28.

"I'm a survivor of 21 years of leukaemia as a child and that had a massive impact on my life," Ms Grenfell said. "I wake up happy every day knowing I have beaten cancer and I'm healthy." Completing the walk was her way of helping others, Ms Grenfell said. And she's buoyed by the generosity of the Camden community – businesses that have donated prizes and people who have helped her raise \$1300 so far.

Tickets are \$40 and include food, drink and entertainment. There will also be raffles.

For tickets, phone Lisa on 0434 045 300 or Elaine on 4655 2707. To donate: www.endcancer.org.au, click on 'donate' and search for Lisa Grenfell.



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