



Caring community raises \$130,000



AROUND THE TOWN
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IT is common knowledge that there is something a little bit special about the Macarthur community.

Every community has fund-raising activities and pet local charities and it is always good to see money going to helping those in need.

What is special about Macarthur is the lengths to which the community will go and the amazing results that blossom from these good intentions.

It is heartening to see that money raised through the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer will go to Camden wellness centre (see story page 3).

This will be an invaluable resource for Macarthur residents, and those from further afield, who are going through cancer treatments.

This is just the latest Macarthur-based cancer treatment the 24 Hour Fight has been able to contribute to and it is such an important one.

The DA Global CF Swim Macar-

thur is another of our important and lucrative Macarthur fundraisers (see story pages 1, 8, 9).

Last year saw \$120,000 go towards providing equipment at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, to improve the treatment of cystic fibrosis.

This year has seen more than \$130,000 raised and that figure continues to climb.

The money raised through this year's swimathon will go towards employing researchers to study cystic fibrosis.

While in the last 20 years the life expectancy for cystic fibrosis has risen steadily, it is still an early death sentence.

Treatment makes life more bearable but now is still only a delaying measure. But the atmosphere at both the swimathon and the launch night feels hopeful.

It makes you feel that a cystic fibrosis cure might be around the corner.

Imagine being able to say in the future that it was because of the Macarthur community that cystic fibrosis was now nothing more than a curable annoyance.