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Bowral Hospital thanks BDCU Children's Foundation

Staff at Bowral and District Hospital's Paediatric Ward will formally thank the Berrima District Credit Union (BDCU) Children's Foundation for its donation of more than \$33,000 worth of new equipment in addition to financial support for a Mental Health Nurse at a special handover on Monday.

The BDCU Children's Foundation has been generously contributing to the Hospital's Paediatric Ward since 2005, helping to enhance the equipment and facilities of the Ward with thanks to their fundraising efforts.

BDCU Children's Foundation Vice President Ross Stone said various fundraising events across the District and vigorous community support help make the donations possible.

"We actively support the Children's Ward at Bowral Hospital with our events to help purchase new or replacement equipment for the Ward, and to also fund a Paediatric Outreach Nurse that visit children in their home pre or post hospitalisation," he said.

"We have recently embarked on a new local youth mental health outreach program that will employ a Mental Health Nurse who will operate on a full-time basis, and act as a referral source to professionals; assist; educate and provide a link from the community to appropriate resources. It is expected that this position will commence in 2014."

The Foundation has also offered to fund the purchase of new equipment for the Paediatric Unit including a ventilation machine a respiratory monitor and health books.

"The support of the community with the Foundation's fundraising has been exceptional and we are very grateful to so many who have actively made these outcomes possible," Mr Stone said.

Bowral Hospital General Manager Alison Derrett said the donations will help enhance the excellent quality of care children receive in the ward.

"We'd like to thank the BDCU Children's Foundation for its continued support of the Paediatric Unit," she said.

Media opportunity: Representatives from the BDCU Children's Foundation will meet with Hospital and Paediatric Ward staff at 2pm on Monday, where staff will show Foundation representatives the new equipment.