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## Auxiliary excited by challenge ahead

More than 60 years after it was formed in 1953, Campbelltown Hospital Auxiliary has been spurred on by the excitement of fundraising for a newly redeveloped Hospital.

Auxiliary Publicity Officer Elaine Griffin said the Auxiliary recently toured the new clinical building and were excited by what was to come.

“We were all very excited about the idea of fundraising for such a big new building,” Ms Griffin said.

“Everything is state of the art, and we want to make sure the patients have all they need and are comfortable,” she said.

Ms Griffin said people can help the auxiliary by donating baked goods and crafts and supporting their monthly stall in the Hospital’s foyer.

“All funds raised by the Auxiliary go directly back to the Hospital, to purchase equipment, which in turn benefits the wider community.

“We may just be a small group of volunteers, but we take immense pride in our efforts and the long history of supporting our hospital,” Ms Griffin said.

The Auxiliary has a lot planned for 2015. Their next venture is an Easter stall in the Hospital foyer on 27 March.

Acting Hospital General Manager, Chris Leahy said the Auxiliary has provided an invaluable service to the Hospital over the years.

“The loyalty and dedication of the auxiliary over the years is inspiring and we are grateful for the support they have provided to both patients and staff,” Mr Leahy said.

“They generously give their time to fundraise for the Hospital and purchase equipment that enhances our existing services and ultimately helps us improve patient care,” he said.

There are around 50 members of the Campbelltown Hospital Auxiliary, each involved in a range of fundraising activities such as barbecues, raffles the Baby Boutique gift stall that operates each month in the foyer of Campbelltown Hospital.

In 2014, the Auxiliary purchased Hospital equipment to the value of \$59,468.

The Campbelltown Hospital Auxiliary meets on the third Monday of every month and new members are always welcome. For more information or to become involved, call Auxiliary Secretary Gail Smith on 9820 9320.