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Gather your crew to support Cancer patients

Start getting your crew together – it's almost that time of year where you can give up alcohol to support your local Cancer Therapy Centre.

The Cancer Therapy Centre at Liverpool Hospital has again been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the Dry July campaign and has some exciting new ideas about how the community can get on board to support adults living with cancer.

Dry July challenges people to commit to one month without drinking alcohol, while raising funds through sponsorship from family, friends and colleagues. This year, Liverpool Hospital is also holding a number of other fundraisers including Dodgeball, BBQs, and a Shave Off.

Liverpool Hospital's Director of Cancer Services, Dr Eugene Moylan said the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre supports people living in the Liverpool, Fairfield and Bankstown areas.

"We provide services for about 4000 new adult cancer patients a year, and provide about 115,000 consultations per year for people during and following their therapy," Dr Moylan said.

"When you're diagnosed with cancer, it's hard to find the time or energy to think about anything other than getting through the cancer treatment.

"Through Dry July, we are raising money to ease that burden, provide support during a stressful time and add a bit of comfort for our patients.

"All the money we raise will directly impact the lives of people being treated for cancer in the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre and this year, we have asked patients what they could benefit from.

"They have given us lots of ideas for the funds, including an updated music system, a painted mural on the ceiling of the radiation therapy treatment bunker, chemotherapy chairs with dvd players in them, ipads, an acupuncture clinic, Tai Chi, yoga and zumba classes, self check in stations and recliners," he said.

So gather a team and register for Dry July today to help support cancer patients treated at Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre. Visit www.dryjuly.com and be sure to have your funds allocated to the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre.

You can also get involved in the Hospital's fundraisers. For more information call 87389838 or visit www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/cancer/support.

How to get involved:

- Commit to being 'Dry' throughout the month of July and register at www.dryjuly.com.
- Don't forget to have your funds allocated to the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre.
- Send out an email, text message, tweet it or log on to facebook to tell all your friends that you are a 'Dry Julyer' and ask them to sponsor your efforts.
- Like being part of a team? Grab a bunch of friends to come on board and go 'head-to-head' to see who can last the longest and raise the biggest bucks.