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Luke's dream to revamp gym comes alive

Liverpool Hospital will mark Brain Injury Awareness Week (15 – 21 August 2016) with the unveiling of new equipment, purchased following Luke Stojanovic's inspirational fundraising efforts last year.

After almost losing his life in 2012 to a motocross accident, Luke's road to recovery has been a long one. His persistence to pedal a recumbent trike from Nowra to Liverpool saw him raise \$76,000 for new equipment in the brain injury rehabilitation unit's gymnasium that will be unveiled for the first time at 3pm on Friday, 19 August.

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit Director, Dr Adeline Hodgkinson said the new equipment will support continued strength and flexibility training to improve patient recovery.

"Luke has had to overcome many hurdles since his accident but is now an inspiration to other patients who are undergoing a similar recovery," Dr Hodgkinson said.

"True to his legacy, Luke will leave his mark on the Brain Injury Unit through the donation that has bought our unit ceiling hoists for standing and walking, parallel bars, an upright exercise bike, patient tables and large mirrors.

"Having the right equipment is vital with assisting our patients' rehabilitation, maintaining their physical health and to increase strength and active movement. We'd like to thank Luke and everyone who supported his ride, for their generosity.

"We look forward to seeing Luke's face when he sees the equipment he's helped upgrade," she said.

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WHAT: The unveiling of new equipment in Liverpool Hospital's Brain Injury gymnasium thanks to funds from Luke Stono's 'Never Give Up Ride'.

WHEN: Friday 19th, August at 3pm.