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Liverpool Hospital ends Dry July with a splash

The team at Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre have discovered the best way to celebrate the end of Dry July – dunking their bosses.

Liverpool Hospital staff will make the official end to Dry July on 1 August a fun event at the hospital, culminating in the sponsored dunking of several South Western Sydney Local Health District and Liverpool Hospital directors.

One of those raising money for his own dunking is Professor Geoff Delaney, the District's Cancer Services Director.

“We’ve been taking part in Dry July since 2011 and every year we look for a fun way to end the month,” he said.

“I’m not sure if it’s a good thing or a bad thing, but the staff have embraced the idea of dunking us into a huge tank of water wholeheartedly.

“But we’re prepared to take the plunge – literally – for such a good cause and 75 per cent of all the money raised will come back to the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre.”

Professor Delaney said Dry July funds were used to provide the little extras for cancer patients to make their time at the hospital undergoing treatment as comfortable as possible.

“Undergoing cancer treatment can be challenging and we know patients can recover faster if they are in a good frame of mind,” he said.

“Comfort items include music, portable DVD players, cheerful light boxes and curtains, television and decorations.

“Items like these help to take the patient’s mind off their treatment and give them something to do while they are receiving their chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment.”

Funds will also be used to fund a variety of cancer survivorship and wellness programs provided in the hospital’s Wellness Centre including symptom management, massage, acupuncture, Tai Chi and counselling.

Professor Delaney encouraged everyone to donate to the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre’s Dry July team until the end of August when fundraising officially finished.

“And of course, donate to the individual pages on the website so you can see us have a bit of fun to celebrate Dry July.”

To donate to the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre team members visit www.dryjuly.com/teams/liverpool-cancer-therapy-centre.

The NSW Government has invested \$740 million to redevelop Liverpool Hospital and transform it into an academic, health and research precinct.

The redevelopment will include a comprehensive, integrated cancer therapy centre and new maternity and neonatal intensive care units along with improved diagnostic and outpatient services and research facilities.

Media opportunity:

What: Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre Dry July celebration

When: 1 August 2018, 12pm to 2pm

Where: Anzac Courtyard, Liverpool Hospital

If media would like to attend please contact the media unit on 8738 6848 or swslhd-media@health.nsw.gov.au.