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Professor's long hair gets the chop for Dry July

South Western Sydney Local Health District's Professor of Nursing is losing her long locks for the third time to raise money for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital's Dry July appeal.

Professor Josephine Chow, who is also the District's Director of Strategy and Partnerships, said she was happy to have her 1m long hair chopped again for such a good cause.

"I had it chopped in 2013 and 2016 for Dry July at Liverpool Hospital and it is time to do it again – this time for Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital," Professor Chow said.

"Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital staff do a marvellous job every year raising money for their cancer centre during Dry July. I am happy to join their efforts."

Professor Chow is dedicating her chop to a close friend and a family member who lost their battles with cancer and the healthcare workers who cared for them.

She will have her hair cut at the Dry July trivia night on Friday 5 August at 6pm at Revesby Workers Club. The hospital is also holding a cake stall on Wednesday 27 July.

Hospital General Manager Peter Rophail thanked the staff and community members who are supporting "Team Bankstown" during Dry July.

"Last year we raised \$16,227 which was then matched by Dry July. We had more than \$32,000 which was used to purchase chemotherapy chairs for our cancer centre," he said.

"In previous years we have purchased artworks for the cancer centre and provided massages for our patients with funds raised. We are planning to continue these wellbeing initiatives this year."

Dry July is an annual fundraising campaign which encourages participants to go alcohol free in July to raise funds for people affected by cancer.

Tickets to the trivia night cost \$20. They must be pre-purchased by phoning 9722 8283 during business hours Monday to Friday.

To support the Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital Dry July team visit <http://www.dryjuly.com/teams/bankstown-hospital-2>.

