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## **Club helps Braeside Hospital assist people returning home Donation for range of equipment for loan or use in community**

Donation of \$11,456 to Braeside Hospital by St Johns Park Bowling Club will go towards a range of specialised equipment allowing patients to be discharged home, with the loan of the equipment, while awaiting their own funding of equipment through government programs.

Representatives of the Club presented their donation to Hope Healthcare Chief Executive Officer Bill McLaren on 26 August. The donation was made under the Community Development and Support Expenditure scheme.

The donation allows purchase of an electric adjustable bed and special pressure mattress, a lifting hoist and sling, a set of portable ramps, pressure cushions and contribute to an electric wheelchair. All these will be part of Braeside's equipment loan pool. In addition a portable bio-feedback muscle retraining machine will be purchased for use in the hospital as well as the community.

In thanking the Club, Bill McLaren said St Johns Park Bowling Club have been major supporters of Braeside Hospital. "They have regularly responded to our requests for help. Their donation on this occasion enables us to loan equipment to people recovering from a range of illnesses or traumatic injury, giving us the opportunity to discharge them to their own home. We couldn't do this without St Johns Park Bowling Club's wonderful community support."

*Sydney 26 August 2004*

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