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Local health services to benefit from donation

Vascular patients and heart research in Liverpool are set to benefit from funds raised at this year's Liverpool City Cup Charity Luncheon.

The luncheon raised a total of \$21,000 for six local charities, with \$6,000 donated to Liverpool Health's Vascular Diagnostics Department for the purchase of a much-needed cuff inflator and air source.

Head of Liverpool Hospital's Vascular Surgery Unit, Dr John Crozier, said the acquisition of a cuff inflator is of enormous benefit to the vascular technologists and even more to the patient.

"Safety of the patient is improved and the technologists are able to measure pressures easier.

"The machine inflates cuffs around the limbs and non-invasively assesses blood pressures, so from the patient's point of view comfort is greatly improved.

"For staff, the occupational health and safety benefits are greater due to the non-invasive nature of the machine, used to carry out the Vascular Diagnostic Unit's most commonly performed procedure.

"This is the first cuff inflator for Liverpool Health Service and we are extremely pleased that the funds have been provided through one of Liverpool's greatest fundraising events, the Liverpool City Cup Charity Luncheon.

"We would like to thank Liverpool City Council for its continued involvement in this major event on the Liverpool social calendar and extend our gratitude to all of the local businesses who supported this worthy cause," said Dr Crozier.

The Health Research Foundation Sydney South West (HRFSSW) also benefited from the charity luncheon, and was presented with a cheque for \$3000.

Executive Officer of HRFSSW, Imelda Moore, said that on behalf of the Foundation she was extremely grateful for the donation.

"Community support is so important to our cause and the best thing is that, in return, the research benefits the health of so many people in this region," Ms Moore said.

Other local charities to benefit from the Liverpool City Cup Charity Luncheon included the Liverpool Night Patrol - \$3,000, the Sydney Employment Development Service (SEDS) - \$3,000, the Royal Blind Society (\$3,000) and the Shepherd Centre - \$3,000.

Chairman of the Liverpool City Cup Committee and Liverpool City Council's Group Manager Support, Mr Mitchell Morley, said Council was proud to continually support the Liverpool City Cup Charity Luncheon.

"On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank all of the charities for their invaluable contribution to the Liverpool region and its citizens," he said.

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