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Humpty Dumpty Foundation and IGA help Wauchope and Port Macquarie hospitals

The Humpty Dumpty Foundation and Independent Grocers of Australia (IGA) will make a significant difference to the lives of locals after presenting specialist equipment valued at more than \$35,000 to Wauchope District Memorial Hospital and Port Macquarie Base Hospital today.

Wauchope District Memorial Hospital's Special Care Nursery was presented with a RAD-5 Pulse Oximeter and Port Macquarie Base Hospital's Maternity/Special Care Nursery received a state-of-the-art Giraffe Warmer for premature babies.

The handheld RAD-5 Pulse Oximeter measures pulse rate, oxygen saturation and perfusion index for paediatric patients, while the Giraffe Warmer is specifically designed to keep sick babies in a stable, life sustaining environment. Vital for premature babies, the purpose-built examination bed provides uninterrupted thermal support with an integrated, life-saving, resus system with inbuilt oxygen, SPO2 and other essential features.

The Nursing Unit Manager for Port Macquarie Base Hospital's Special Care Nursery, Sandra Eadie, said she was grateful for the support of the children's charity Humpty Dumpty Foundation and IGA stores in Port Macquarie.

"Port Macquarie's Special Care Nursery provides a very specific and much-needed service in this part of the Mid North Coast, so to have such an important piece of life-saving equipment donated to our special care nursing is remarkable," Ms Eadie said.

"This equipment is high-tech and expensive, but absolutely necessary in caring for premature and sick babies. Thank you doesn't seem adequate, but we really do appreciate the ongoing support from Humpty Dumpty Foundation and IGA."

The Director of Nursing/Executive Officer at Wauchope District Memorial Hospital, Ann Bodill, said the ongoing support of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation and Hastings Co-op's IGA stores was greatly appreciated.

"Wauchope hospital has a fantastic Urgent Care Centre, which now has a specialist piece of paediatric equipment thanks to our local Hastings Co-op and its IGA stores, which donated a Pulse Oximeter through the wonderful children's charity, Humpty Dumpty Foundation," Ms Bodill said.

"The oximeter is ours because of exceptional teamwork, and we are very grateful for that community support.

"It means we can better care for our patients, which is at the heart of everything we do."

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