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HORSHAM POWERCOR STAFF GIVE GENEROUSLY TO DAY ONCOLOGY UNIT

Staff from Horsham Powercor have donated two high back adjustable height chairs to Wimmera Health Care Group's Day Oncology Unit.

The chairs were donated in memory of Linea Barber, who passed away earlier this year. Linea lobbied hard to get the Day Oncology Unit up and running in Horsham more than 10 years ago.

Phil Stevenson of Horsham Powercor said that Linea's husband Tim is an employee of Horsham Powercor. "Our staff wanted to do something practical for the Day Oncology Unit in memory of Linea. Linea was very passionate about having a chemotherapy service in Horsham and this is a way we can support a very worthy cause that was close to her heart" he said.

Oxley Nurse Unit Manager Janette McCabe said that the new chairs were purchased in response to patient feedback and are intended for use in the Arapiles building waiting area. "The Oncologist visits Horsham twice a month and is very busy, which may result in a considerable waiting time for patients. Some patients may be feeling unwell and these new chairs are more comfortable than standard chairs and provide head and arm rests" she said.

Mrs McCabe said that through other donations to the Day Oncology Unit, Wimmera Health Care Group was able to purchase two more chairs. "We now have four new high backed chairs in the waiting room. They are very expensive to purchase, and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of Powercor and the private donations we received" she said.

Mr Stevenson said that Powercor's donation was made possible through their Lost Time Injury scheme, which is designed to encourage and promote the best health and safety practices. "The Horsham depot was financially rewarded by the company for operating consecutive days without an employee sustaining an injury that required time off work. Our Horsham employees have close ties with the local community and it is fitting that our donation goes to such a worthy cause" he said.



Wimmera Health Care Group's Day Oncology Unit Nurse Majella Hunter and Chief Executive Chris Scott road test the new chairs whilst Horsham Powercor staff (back from left) Carley Gunn, Phil Stevenson and Dean Lakin look on
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