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MEDIA RELEASE

Camel Cup pays dividends for Cancer Patients

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Media opportunity today: A vision and interview opportunity will be available at 11.30am Thursday 13 September. Attending media are asked to meet at Allied Health at the front of the Alice Springs Hospital at 11.25am sharp.

One of the Territory's quirkiest events, the Camel Cup, is helping to ease the burden on cancer sufferers in Central Australia.

The proceeds of the Lions Club's Camel Cup are being used to supply Alice Springs Hospital with a specialised laser scanner to treat patients suffering from Lymphoedema, most commonly as a result of breast cancer.

Member for Stuart Bess Price thanked the Lions Club for its generous donation of \$18,000 at Alice Springs Hospital today.

"The generosity of the Lions Club will help local cancer patients receive the best care possible, right here in Alice Springs," Ms Price said.

"I would also like to extend my thanks to the Bosom Buddies NT, a support group for women and their families affected by breast cancer, which approached the Lions Club to use some of the proceeds of the 2011 Lions Camel Cup to purchase the scanner."

The new equipment will help reduce extracellular fluid and fibrosis in patients suffering obstructions in the lymphatic system, most commonly as a result of breast cancer.

The grant from the local Lions Club was matched dollar-for-dollar by the Australian Lions Foundation.

Part of the donation will also enable staff to update their skills and undergo training with the machine.

"Congratulations to these two fine local organisations, Alice Springs Lions Club and Bosom Buddies NT for working together to provide this great piece of equipment which will help many patients for many years to come," Ms Price said.

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