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Media Statement

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Hunter Clubs support local breast cancer patients

More than 500 people affected by breast cancer in the Hunter will benefit from the support of local Registered Clubs.

Clubs NSW, Club Keno and local Registered Clubs held a charity race day on Saturday at Newcastle Jockey Club raising \$16,000 for the Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation is a volunteer organisation that provides more than 500 people each year with support including transportation to and from breast cancer treatment, comfort cushion following breast cancer surgery, assistance with house cleaning and lawn maintenance during treatment periods and provides young people who have lost a parent to breast cancer with some financial assistance for school and study.

Foundation President, Rosalie Taggart, said that the Foundation was humbled by the support of local Clubs.

'The support of Clubs NSW, Club Keno together with 14 other local clubs and colleagues will help the Foundation continue to support local people with breast cancer,' Rosalie said.

'Their commitment to this event has also come despite tough trading times in the Club sector caused by higher taxes, smoking bans and the economic downturn - for this extraordinary support we are most grateful,' she said.

ClubsNSW State Councillor for the Newcastle and Hunter Region, Jon Chin, said that this marked the first annual event for Clubs to support the Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation.

'Each year more and more people in this region are contracting breast cancer,' he said.

'The Hunter Breast Cancer Foundation does a magnificent job for local people despite not receiving any government funding.

'Local Clubs believe that this type of commitment to people in our community is worthy of ongoing support,' Jon said.

The charity event was sponsored by: Clubs NSW, Club Keno, Belmont 16ft, Club Macquarie, Hexham Bowling Club, Karuah RSL, Panthers Newcastle, Toronto RSL, Toronto Workers Club, Wallsend Diggers. The event was also supported by; Aristocrat Technologies, IGT (international Gaming Tech), Kahibah Bowling Club, Konami Gaming, Madden & Associate and Newcastle Jockey Club.

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