

Mansfield District Hospital

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Mansfield District Hospital has been fortunate to have recently received considerable funding support from the community to provide equipment for patients within our community that have medical issues related to weight related concerns.

Commonly referred to within the medical press as “bariatric patients”, these patients require additional support and equipment during periods of hospitalisation.

Through generous donations from Perpetual Ledger Funding Trust, Mansfield Primary School, Geelong Grammar, Apex and Mansfield Hospital Auxiliary, a suite of equipment was purchased and a room modified to cater to patient needs.

Paul Richardson was the lucky winner of the raffle at Golf Trade Day winning a Samsung 46” LCD TV which was proudly donated by Retravision; with this prize came a bonus prize being a 22” LCD TV. Paul has now kindly donated it to the hospital for the upgraded room.

The suite of equipment includes a fully electric bariatric bed with weigh facility, special bathroom equipment to assist with daily care needs, bariatric wheel chair (donated by the Bonnie Doon Auxiliary) and lifting slings. Further investigation is occurring towards the purchase of a dedicated electric lift chair and, once purchased, Mansfield District Hospital will have a comprehensive range of bariatric equipment that will be the envy of many health care facilities.



Staff have been trained in the use of all equipment which underpins ongoing training in no lift techniques that is practiced in all care settings.

Patients attending Mansfield Hospital can feel confident that the organization has again identified and acted on the needs of our community through the generous support from our dedicated community fund raising groups.