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Silcar kicks off Christmas Appeal

Local company Silcar has kicked off Latrobe Regional Hospital's Christmas Equipment Appeal with a donation of \$1500.

The donation will be put towards the purchase of a much-needed Dinamap Monitor.

Every year Silcar employees Ken Allen and John Maxwell organise fundraising events in their workplace, with the proceeds benefitting local charities.

Gippsland Health Foundation Chair Lorraine Bartling said Latrobe Regional Hospital had been the lucky recipient of donations from Silcar in the past and the Hospital was grateful to receive another donation this year.

"Silcar has long been a supporter of our Hospital and we thank Ken, John and all the employees who recognise the need for community support of Gippsland's regional health service," she said.

"Silcar has provided the Hospital's Christmas Equipment Appeal with a much needed kick-start and we encourage businesses throughout Gippsland, large and small, to follow Silcar's lead and become involved in the Appeal."

The inaugural Christmas Equipment Appeal focuses on four specific items that the Hospital needs to purchase to continue its work.

These items include blood pressure monitors, an electrocardiogram (ECG), specialist trolleys and a BIPAP machine which is used for patients with congestive heart failure and patients with lung disorders.

Donation forms can be found in the television guide in Monday editions of the Latrobe Valley Express. They can also be downloaded from the Hospital website at www.lrh.com.au or call the Hospital on 5173 8577.



Caption: Latrobe Regional Hospital Board member and Gippsland Health Foundation chair Lorraine Bartling receives a cheque for \$1500 from Silcar representatives Ken Allen (left) and John Maxwell.

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