



**Help wanted:** Nurses Claire Cozlowski and Corey Barling with a ventilator and IV stand.

# Hospital needs help

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LATROBE Regional Hospital's (LRH) Critical Care Unit staff are trained to help all kinds of patients but this week they need the community's help.

The Intensive Care Appeal runs from 14-27 April and raises funds for Intensive Care Foundation research grants which aim to discover how to better treat critically ill patients.

LRH critical care associate unit manager Claire Cozlowski and principal patient care nurse Corey

Barling said the unit required a lot of resources to properly treat patients.

They urged people to donate to the appeal to ensure patients dealing with bacterial infections, respiratory conditions, road and industrial trauma and heart problems get the best possible treatment.

"The most up-to-date equipment allows us to provide the best care and decreases patients' stay which means they get home quicker," Mr Barling said.

Ms Cozlowski said intensive care

staff were "committed" to their work, which included bedside care, drug and dialysis administration, and blood analysis.

She said staff felt a sense of achievement to see patients leaving the unit in good health.

"To see them walking and talking is the best outcome you can hope for," Ms Cozlowski said.

Intensive Care Appeal merchandise is available at LRH or donate to the foundation at [www.intensivecareappeal.com](http://www.intensivecareappeal.com) or call 1300 650 254.