

# Bowls support welcomed

THE Traralgon Bowls Club recently held its annual 'Bowls for Goals' Charity Bowls day.

All proceeds were donated to the Latrobe Regional Hospital's (LRH) Chemotherapy Unit and the Operation LRH fundraising appeal.

Funds raised on the day were matched dollar-for-dollar by the bowls club.

About \$4500 was donated to LRH.

LRH fundraising development officer, Lisa Twigger said the hospital values the support.

"Money from this year's charity bowls day will go towards the Operation LRH campaign which aims to raise half a million dollars over two years," Ms Twigger said.

"The money will be put towards new equipment for the operating theatres.

"The first item on the wish list is an image intensifier worth \$200,000.

"The money from last year's

event was used to purchase a chemotherapy chair.

"The amount of time patients spend in chemotherapy chairs in the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre during one year is more than 11,000 hours."

The proceeds raised will also benefit the chemotherapy unit.

More than 80 people enjoyed the day, which included a barbecue lunch and novelty events and prizes.

"Special thanks must go to the Traralgon Bowls Club, Geoff Marriott and his team of helpers for organising the day," Ms Twigger said.

Traralgon Bowls Club board member, Geoff Marriott said the Bowls for Goals Day will be held again in March, 2010.

"Next year we are looking to make it bigger and better and more of a family event with a jumping castle, face-painting, clowns and entertainment," Mr Marriott said.

