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Media Release:

Singleton District Hospital boost their emergency department equipment

The emergency department at Singleton District Hospital is better equipped to manage urgent patient care with new trauma stretchers, thanks to a \$34,000 joint donation from Mount Thorley Warkworth and Ashton Coal mines.

The funding enabled the purchase of four emergency department trauma stretchers that are specialised, high-mobility patient trolleys designed for rapid response situations.

It is vital that hospital staff, doctors and nurses have the latest and greatest equipment available to treat and transport their critically injured patients.

Susan Paull, President of the United Hospital Auxiliary in Singleton was delighted with the new emergency beds.

“Our emergency and trauma department requires equipment that can withstand extreme use and patient safety is vital.

“The new emergency trauma stretchers are made from high-quality and heavy-duty materials, straight tracking wheels and accurate steering allowing for good maneuverability and control.

“The stretchers are also very versatile, allowing a patient to be transported smoothly and have a full body X-Ray, without needing to be moved. This will speed up the X-Ray process and reduce pain for our patients, not having to be moved onto another bed.

“We are always looking at ways to improve the hospital and we are thankful to Ashton Coal and Mount Thorley Warkworth for their funding to help make this project happen,” said Susan.

The United Hospital Auxiliary in Singleton assists people in hospital and drives fundraising for vital equipment to better support patients at their time of need. The Auxiliary began in 1932 and meets monthly to discuss what equipment is needed at the hospital and the various fundraising activities.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager, Michael Bartlett, was proud to continue supporting the hospital.

“Hospital emergency departments are under immense pressure, providing urgent care to a high-volume of patients daily.

“They play a vital role in our community, and it is imperative they have high-quality equipment for the benefit of everyone in our area when they need it most,” said Michael.

The Ashton Coal and Mount Thorley Warkworth Community Support Programs run annually and are funded by Yancoal Australia, aiming to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the Hunter Valley.

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