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BABIES TO BENEFIT FROM NEW RESUSCITATION COTS AT MAITLAND HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner, Minister for the Hunter George Souris and Member for Maitland Robyn Parker have unveiled two new resuscitations cots for Maitland Hospital.

Humpty Dumpty Foundation Chairman Paul Francis also attended the launch of the resuscitation cots, which are valued at more than \$22,000 each and will be stationed in maternity and the special care nursery of the hospital.

Mrs Skinner said she was happy to purchase the equipment from the Humpty Dumpty Foundation as it provides invaluable, specialised care for the hospital's smallest patients.

"It is wonderful to be able to present these two vital pieces of equipment to Maitland Hospital, which will provide such an important role in the care of newborns in the Hunter Valley," Mrs Skinner said.

"The Humpty Dumpty Foundation has now donated more than \$270,000 worth of equipment to Maitland Hospital, benefitting areas such as maternity, special care, paediatrics and the emergency department.

"Put simply, these two resuscitation cots are life-saving devices and I'm delighted to see them up and running here at Maitland."

Mr Souris said the new cots are a welcome addition to Maitland Hospital and will go a long way to supporting small patients and their families.

"This is an exciting addition for staff here at Maitland Hospital who can now deliver the first class care they are known for alongside first class equipment," Mr Souris said.

Ms Parker said Humpty Dumpty's generosity at Maitland Hospital has not gone unnoticed.

"Humpty Dumpty has been particularly generous to Maitland Hospital and I thank them for their continued assistance," Ms Parker said.

"Humpty Dumpty and its supporters, like Minister Skinner, have ensured the very best equipment is available at Maitland Hospital to assist our wonderful staff to care for the

General Manager of Maitland Hospital Trish Wilson said there has been a noticeable improvement in the equipment for treating children and young people in the past six years, thanks to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation.

“We are extremely thankful for the support of both Minister Skinner and Humpty Dumpty Foundation, their contributions have provided the very best equipment to assist us to care for the children and young people in the Hunter Valley,” Ms Wilson said.

Mr Francis said since 2007 the Humpty Dumpty Foundation has donated 42 pieces of equipment to Maitland Hospital.

“These resuscitation cots have an inbuilt oxygen outlet so that a baby can be resuscitated immediately should they stop breathing,” Mr Francis said.

“The units also have a pulse oximeter which monitors the levels of oxygen delivered to the baby.

“They provide a warm environment which keeps babies comfortable and protected at a time of stress to ensure the best possible outcome for the newborn and their family.”