

# Summary of Appeals Granted



Variety supported NSW children's hospitals, wards and other services with urgently needed medical equipment such as incubators for sick and premature babies, ambulances and monitors. Variety also provided sensory equipment and magical gardens to aide recovery.

Grants for the Variety Children's Intensive Care program totalled \$849,111, and the distribution included:

- \$70,000 to the Children's Hospital at Westmead for a patient transport ambulance. In addition to transporting children to the hospital for treatment, it is also used to take children to follow-up clinic appointments from other hospitals, airports and homes in rural areas such as Orange, Nowra, Maitland, Newcastle, Gosford, Illawarra and Canberra. This is of particular benefit to children with special needs whose families often do not have the means to take them to the hospital for treatment.
- \$104,000 to the Children's Hospital at Westmead for the purchase of Insulin Pumps to establish a program for disadvantaged kids.
- \$180,000 to the Children's Hospital at Westmead for a Portable Echocardiograph. This state-of-the-art machine enables cardiologists to provide the most advanced patient care available, giving children in rural and outlying areas standards of medical care that might otherwise be unavailable to them.
- \$250,000 to NETS 'Moving Intensive Care for Kids' for two ambulances.
- \$60,000 for the refurbishment of a neonatal transport crib at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle.
- \$11,000 for portable hand held capriographs.
- \$51,865 to The Sydney Children's Hospital for a Video Otoscope, Thermacot, Trolley and Electric Parallel Bars.
- \$2,850 for Neopuff infant resuscitators.
- \$15,918 for various pieces of equipment for Mt Druitt Hospital.
- \$16,995 for a Zoll defibrillator, Billibed Phototherapy Unit, DVDs and climbing toys for Lithgow Health Service.
- \$25,495 for a Brainz EEG Monitor for the neonatal unit at Westmead Children's Hospital. Each year nearly 1,200 critically ill newborn babies are admitted to Westmead Hospital, and a proportion of the ventilated babies have brain seizures. The Brainz EEG Monitor enables staff to rapidly diagnose seizures, evaluate the effect of medication and provide prompt treatment for serious brain disorders for these children.
- \$9,888 for a pressure control anaesthesia ventilator for Westmead Children's Hospital. Pressure control ventilation is frequently applied to infants and children needing mechanical ventilator support. One of its advantages is the reduction in ventilator-induced lung injury.
- \$50,000 was granted to help complete the Well Garden at John Hunter Hospital for the Fairy Sparkle Foundation.



Variety granted \$238,745 for 14 Liberty Swings now in communities across NSW including Ballina, Gosford, Gunnedah, Mosman, Kellyville, Northmead, Lakemba, Seaforth, Cessnock, Wollongong and Port Macquarie.



Variety granted \$870,783 for 11 Sunshine Coaches to schools and organisations in 2007. These included seven 12-seater coaches totalling \$362,783, and four 22-seater coaches totalling \$508,000.



Nine scholarships were granted in 2007 totalling \$25,288. Scholarships were granted across all categories including sport, arts and drama, music, academia and self-development. We have had some wonderful success stories from our 2007 scholarship recipients, including two boys going from strength to strength with their golfing prowess, and another two boys with autism improving so much with their musical abilities that they were able to stand up in front of the 400+ audience at our 2007 Heart Awards and entertain the audience with their moving rendition of 'You Raise Me Up'.