

Camper Trailers Group gives hospital a healthy donation

National meet concludes

A group of delighted campers has handed over a cheque to help purchase an important item on the Baradine hospital wish list.

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The Australian Camper Trailers Group presented the amount of \$3,304 to the Baradine Hospital Auxiliary at the closing ceremony of their annual meet on Friday, 30 September.

The money was raised during their six day annual meet at the Camp Cypress Holiday Camp from a trivia night, an auction, generous donations and raffles.

Baradine Hospital Auxiliary president, Elizabeth Lord, accepted the donation and thanked the Camper Trailers Group on behalf of the committee.

"The amount will go towards the purchase of a special \$15,000 bed for the emergency department at the Baradine Multi Purpose Services (MPS) centre," explained Mrs. Lord.

"Your contribution is greatly appreciated and

puts us closer to purchasing this item that has been on the hospital wish list for some time.

"I am overwhelmed by your generosity and, on behalf of the auxiliary members and MPS staff, I thank you very much."

The largest group ever to stay at Baradine's Camp Cypress Holiday Camp spent almost a week in the town participating in workshops and community activities.

During their stay, the 250 visitors supported specially organised events including a top breakfast catered for by the two local schools, a town market day, sports' fun at the bowling club and a dinner and bush dance.

"We have had a fantastic time and I would like to thank the Baradine community for their wonderful welcome," commented Camper Trailers Group

organiser, Kevin Phillips. "I would also like to thank the National Parks and Wildlife Service for all their assistance. The Pilliga Forest Discovery Centre is impressive and the tag-along tours were very popular.

"We were delighted with the hospitality shown by Camp Cypress and very happy with the facilities and help we received."

Niel McDonald, chairman of the Camp Cypress board of directors, summed up the overall success of the event.

"This is the first time that such a large group has come into Baradine and initially we were not sure how we would handle it," commented Mr. McDonald. "But the whole event has been an enormous success.

"A lot of people have put a lot of effort into making this work. I would like to thank them all; it has been an outstanding week for Baradine and Camp Cypress.

"I would sincerely like to thank the Australian Camper Trailers Group for choosing Baradine and Camp Cypress as their venue for their 2011 annual gathering.

"We deeply appreciate all you have brought to our community and the wonderful way you have integrated; thank you."



Organisers Rob Sanderson, Jason Cox and Kevin Phillips, presented the donation from the Australian Camper Trailer Group to Baradine Hospital Auxiliary representatives, Brenda Croxon and Elizabeth Lord.