Research boost

CANCER research at The Children’s Hospital, Westmead, has scored a major boost from West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Lions Club.

The club and the NSW Lions Public Health Foundation presented a Kinematics Polytron System to help scientists.

Club president Ken Budden said it would help scientists isolate and analyse genetic material for various cancer research projects.

Mr Budden said the club was a major donor to the oncology unit’s work.

“This is because our members have a high focus on cancer projects that assist the survival rate of young children patients,” Mr Budden said.

“As the equipment did not qualify for government funding, The Children’s Hospital is reliant on community volunteer organisations like Lions International to provide vital tools for ongoing research.”

During the presentation ceremony, President Ken Budden presents the Polytron to Jennifer Byrne, acting head of the Children’s Cancer Research Unit.

Associate Professor and acting head of the Children’s Cancer Research Unit Jennifer Byrne thanked the Lions for their hard work in raising much-needed funds from the community.