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**Lions Clubs raise \$1million for the new Eye Clinic at  
Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick**

A partnership of Lions Club's from central and south Sydney have exceeded their goal of raising \$1million for Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. This generous donation will go towards a paediatric Eye Clinic at the Hospital. Over many years, Lions Clubs District 201N5 have worked tirelessly to reach their million dollar target, so that children who suffer from eye problems will be able to receive specialist treatment in a new paediatric Eye Clinic at Sydney Children's Hospital.

With funding now assured, the first steps can be taken to start renovation and construction on the site where the new Eye Clinic will be situated.

Dr. Ian Kennedy, ophthalmologist at Sydney Children's Hospital, said, "Without the Lions Club's donation this Eye Clinic would be consigned to the drawing board. The commitment of the Lions Club allows us to create a world class facility where we can provide expert care for children with complex eye problems and conditions."

Paul Heeks, Cronulla Lions Club member and the District Chairman of the Lions Club District 201N5 Sydney Children's Hospital Eye Clinic Appeal said, "Cronulla Lions Club is very proud of all the hard work the clubs undertook to raise \$1million. We value the relationship we have with Sydney Children's Hospital immensely, and it is very exciting that a partnership between Lions Clubs from central and south Sydney have enabled a new Eye Clinic to open at the Hospital. "

Max Holah, President of Lions Club of Cronulla said, "We are proud of our association with Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick and look forward to the successful completion of the \$1 Million funding program. It has been great to work with other Sydney area Lions Clubs to help make the Eye Clinic a reality and we are excited to help provide such a valuable facility in the Sydney area."

"Sydney Children's Hospital depends on community support from organisations like the Lions Club to ensure our patients and staff have access to the best equipment and facilities. With this generous donation, the Lions Club is making a positive investment in the health and well being of children from all over New South Wales and beyond" said Adam Check, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

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