

Media Release

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Thiess staff donate \$45,000 for cancer!

Dedicated workers from Thiess in Townsville have banded together to form the Thiess Charity Project and have raised a whopping \$45,000 for Cancer Council Queensland.

Building Manager at Thiess in Townsville, Carmelo DiBella, said his staff committed to raising \$45,000 for the Cancer Council Queensland Palliative Care Centre.

“Our staff have donated half of their pledge to the Cancer Council, and will proudly donate the remaining \$20,000 to the Cancer Council this week,” he said.

The final \$20,000 will be presented to Cancer Council Queensland at the site where all the fundraising happened, the Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, tomorrow Wednesday February 16, at 1pm.

The Thiess Charity Project (a voluntary staff-based initiative) has raised funds for the Cancer Council over the past 18 months in memory of their former Managing Director, Roger Trundle, who died from melanoma.

In recognition of Thiess staff’s fantastic support, Suite 16 of the Cancer Council Queensland Palliative Care Centre has been named in their honour.

The Thiess Charity Project staff have raised funds through weekly raffles, golf days and a Rock’n’Roll ball was held last year.

Mr DiBella said raising funds for the Cancer Council Queensland Palliative Care Centre was an important investment in the Townsville community.

“I am very proud of staff at Thiess Townsville for their hard work in fundraising for Cancer Council Queensland,” Mr DiBella said.

“Cancer affects so many people in our community, so it’s great to give back.”

Major Gifts and Corporate Partnerships Executive at Cancer Council Queensland, Reg Green, will accept the cheque and thanked Thiess staff for their support.

“We are very grateful for the efforts of Thiess, who have made a significant contribution to the community and I am proud to accept their generous donation.

“The Cancer Council Queensland Palliative Care Centre provides the highest quality care, comfort and compassion for terminally ill cancer patients from the region and Thiess have done a wonderful job in supporting the Cancer Council,” he said.

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NOTE FOR EDITORS: Photograph and interview opportunities

Media are invited to attend the cheque handover. Media opportunities will be available tomorrow (Wednesday February 16) from 1pm at the Lavarack Barracks, Townsville.

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