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THANK YOU: Singleton District Hospital's nurse unit manager for medical and emergency departments Jenny Skilton, acting maternity and surgical unit manager Nicole Hightett, The Bloomfield Group managing director John Richards and Rix's Creek Mine manager Luke Murray with one of the specialised paediatric emergency carts.

Hospital, patients the big winners

SINGLETON District Hospital is the big winner following The Bloomfield Group's decision to refocus its hospice support program.

Although the organisation has spent many years providing funds for hospital equipment across the Hunter, it has decided to channel more funds to the local facility, given that Singleton is home to the company's Rix's Creek Colliery, which supports many workers and families who live in the area.

The company's delivered two specialised paediatric emergency carts that are now in place for use in medical emergencies.

One cart has been dedicated to the emergency unit and one

to the surgical area.

Used in paediatric facilities around the world, the carts enable medical staff to make rapid assessments of sick or injured children before making treatment decisions.

Each cart is worth \$5000.

"There are many good community causes to back and we always try hard to invest in things that make a difference to people," The Bloomfield Group managing director John Richards said.

"When we asked the Hunter New England Local Health District how we could assist Singleton Hospital they were quick to suggest funds for the paediatric carts.

"We decided to back the idea and it's pleasing to know that

the carts have been obtained and put to use so quickly."

Singleton District Hospital health service manager Wendy Mason-Jones said the hospital was excited to have the two new carts.

"Broselow colour coded carts allow our staff to easily identify what equipment is necessary to treat a child when an emergency arises," she said.

"They are important and effective and we thank The Bloomfield Group for supporting our local hospital."

The Bloomfield Group currently operates two coal mines in the Hunter – Rix's Creek Mine at Singleton and Bloomfield Mine at Ashtonfield, East Maitland.