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NHW grateful for Koala Kids' vital support

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A \$10,000 grant from the CommBank Staff Foundation will help the Koala Kids Foundation continue to support sick children in hospitals throughout Victoria, including Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW).

The Victoria based not-for-profit organisation, which provides "small things" to children and young people undergoing cancer treatment, said the grant will help ensure every child and young person is able to celebrate their birthday with a chocolate smash cake.

NHW chief executive officer, Tim Griffiths, said the hospital was thankful for the support of the organisation.

"Koala Kids recently provided us with blank jigsaw puzzles for children to paint and share with their dads, ahead of Father's Day," he said.

"We also received slime kits during Science Week back in August so children spending time in our paediatrics ward didn't get to miss out on all the fun.

"Hospital stays are never easy for children and their families, particularly for those who require extended stays.

"It's wonderful to see the smiles that the donations from Koala Kids put on the children's faces and we're incredibly grateful for their support."