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Subject	Charity golf day hits hole in one

Hunter-based disability organisation Life Activities will have the opportunity to expand their services thanks to a donation of more than \$23,000 from NIB Health Funds and the Hunter Golf Professionals.

Proceeds from the annual NIB Golf Day were presented today to Life Activities Chief Executive Officer, Ms Kay Tierney, and will be used to fund programs focused on improving the lives of people with a disability and those who support them.

A second presentation was made to Mr Bruce Vitnell from the Newcastle Rotary Club in support of its Alzheimer's Carers Resource Centre Appeal. "The money raised for Life Activities will be used in a number of projects, including community education seminars, Disability Service Awards and the Life Activities Living Skills Certificate," Ms Tierney said.

"Thanks to the generous donation we will have the opportunity to promote our exciting new programs such as the Living Skills Certificate to people with disabilities and their families within the Hunter.

"The Living Skills Certificate will allow participants to complete course subjects that will help them live more independently within the community. Students will also have a graduation ceremony to celebrate their educational success."

"I'd like to congratulate NIB and the Hunter Golf Professionals for their contributions over the years to many deserving organisations throughout the region, and we are delighted to have been nominated the major beneficiary for the 2001 Golf Day."

Mr Neville Bell, representing the Hunter Golf Professionals, is pleased to be a part of yet another successful event.

"The Hunter Golf Professionals are delighted to play a major part in the continuing success of the NIB Golf Day and the collection of funds for worthwhile causes," Mr Bell said.

NIB's Managing Director, Mr Colin Rogers, said the annual golf day has provided the local community with opportunities to support local organisations.

"This year's Golf Day marks the 16th anniversary of the annual partnership between NIB and the Hunter Golf Professionals, and we are delighted to have again topped the \$20,000 mark on the day," Mr Rogers said.

"NIB sees this day as complementary to our core business of health care. Organisations such as Life Activities and Newcastle Rotary make a valuable contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by people in this region."

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