

# Kids find business a pillar of support

IT'S always great to find examples of corporate philanthropy in the Illawarra.

It is particularly good when it involves employers supporting the initiative of their employees, especially when it benefits sick children.

Elise Riley, 9, of Woonona, is one of many patients in the Children's Ward at Wollongong Hospital who will appreciate the generosity of Coniston-based superannuation administration firm Pillar Administration and its 500 staff.

New televisions were recently installed in the ward after the Pillar Social Club organised a

shopping event at the Illawarra Master Builders Club, which raised \$1200. Pillar Administration chipped in another \$1200.

Eight new television sets have now been mounted above beds and cots in the ward.

Hospital staff said they were a great way to distract children from feeling anxious.

Elise agreed, saying it made the two weeks she spent in hospital go much faster.

Her mother Margo praised hospital staff and Pillar as she prepared to take Elise home this week.

"Everyone has been fantastic since the day we walked in," she said.



**Thanks for the TV:** Pillar's Mandy Varley and Cindie Ratcliffe with Elise Riley, 9.

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