

# Media Release



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## BOWLING OVER CANCER

Members of four local bowling clubs have joined forces again for a fundraising campaign to 'bowl over cancer', aiming to raise over \$15,000 to provide comfort and care to cancer patients at Calvary Mater Newcastle.

Member for Swansea, Robert Coombes, will officially launch the nine-month fundraising drive on Monday 3 March at Swansea Workers Bowling Club, with over 100 bowlers taking part in the match on the day.

Members from Swansea Workers, Teralba, Heaton - Birmingham Gardens and Warners Bay Bowling Clubs will gather on the first Monday of every month for a day of bowling, raffles and lunch.

Des Gardiner, Treasurer of Swansea Workers Bowling Club, said that the bowlers wanted to continue the good work they did last year when they raised \$13,000 for the hospital's oncology service in their initial campaign.

"We were very proud of the amount we were able to raise last year and happy to know that we were able to help cancer patients at the Mater. We have all been touched by cancer in some way so are pleased to be involved again this year, to be able to help other people dealing with cancer."

Each club will share hosting duties at various stages throughout the year with a closing presentation planned at Heaton-Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club on Teralba Bowling Club on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dates for the first rounds of 'Bowl Over Cancer' fundraising bowls days are as follows:

<b>Swansea Workers Bowling Club</b>	<b>Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Heaton - Birmingham Gardens Bowling Club</b>	<b>Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Warners Bay Bowling Club</b>	<b>Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Teralba Bowling Club</b>	<b>Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008</b>

Members of the public and bowlers from other clubs are encouraged to join in the fun and the fundraising by contacting any of the clubs involved.

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**Note:** Media are invited to attend the 2008 'Bowl Over Cancer' launch at Swansea Workers Bowling Club on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.00pm. Organisers and Calvary Mater Newcastle representatives will be available for interview.

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