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AMPCONTROL FUNDS LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT TO PRESERVE ENDANGERED KOALA COMMUNITY

Ampcontrol has strengthened its long term community support of Port Stephens Koala Hospital with the purchase of critical clinical equipment to treat, rehabilitate and protect endangered koalas across the Hunter and Mid North Coast region of NSW.

The game-changing veterinary diagnostic laboratory equipment includes a Catalyst One Chemistry Analyser with VetLab Station Computer vital to conducting an accurate and comprehensive analysis of organ function and a ProCyte DX Haematology Analyser vital to conducting complete blood counts for screening, presurgical testing and general check-ups.

Ampcontrol Managing Director and CEO, Rod Henderson commented on the impact the new equipment will have on the koala population now and into the future, "Port Stephens Koala Hospital have been a presence in the Hunter community for 35 years and as long standing supporters of the organisation, we are thrilled to be able to provide game-changing equipment."

"To see Ampcontrol providing a real world solution that is making a difference now, whilst enabling the local hospital to advance and continue its work into the future, is incredibly rewarding," Mr Henderson continued.

Conditions such as dehydration, kidney failure and chlamydia, which is considered a major driver behind the rapid decrease in koala numbers, can now be diagnosed in under 30 minutes. Through immediate and accurate diagnosis hospital staff and volunteers can treat injured and ill koalas quicker, ensuring a higher chance of be able to release them to the wild and the breeding pool in the future.

Port Stephens Koala Hospital President Ron Land was effusive in his appreciation of the continuing support from Ampcontrol, commenting that the the donation enabled the purchase of state-of-the-art blood and organ specimen analysers which have already shown to be instrumental in saving koala lives.

"Port Stephens Koala Hospital is extremely proud of its relationship with one of the Hunter Region's most respected firms and looks forward to continuing to work with Ampcontrol in the fight to save one of the last surviving colonies of koalas in NSW" added Mr Land.

Before the arrival of the equipment, valued at over \$70,000, the veterinary team at Port Stephens Koala Hospital would be faced with waiting up to 2 weeks to receive lab results from external providers, which significantly impacted survival rates along with repeated and longer sedation of the koalas to obtain samples.

Formed in 1987, the Port Stephens Koala Hospital aims to provide the world best practice level of care to sick, injured and orphaned koalas to give them the best opportunity to be returned to the wild, while supporting research and collaboration to preserve their habitat to ensure generations to come will continue to enjoy seeing these wonderful creatures in their natural habitat.

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About Ampcontrol

- Ampcontrol is Australia's largest privately-owned electrical engineering company leading advanced global manufacturing of award-winning innovations, products, solutions and service to the resources, infrastructure and energy sectors.
- From humble beginnings founded by four friends in a small shed in Newcastle in 1968, Ampcontrol has grown to over 850 employees across 30 operations worldwide.
- Ampcontrol co-founder, Peter Cockbain AM, is named by Engineers Australia as one of Australia's top 100 influential engineers and in 2015 he became a Member of the Order for Australia for his significant services to engineering.
- Locations include New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory, ACT, Asia, India, Mongolia, UK, and France.
- Consists of 6 member companies; Ampcontrol, Captech, CPS National, ResTech, Verico Group, and Austech.
- The largest operation is located in the Hunter, NSW, with a combined manufacturing space totalling over 21,000sqm spread over 10 different sites.
- Designed and built lifesaving emergency ventilator prototypes for the NSW Government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed the world's first IECEx certification for an explosion protected, hermetically sealed, nitrogen filled and pressurised mining transformer.
- Developed the industry's first 132kV emergency response mobile substation that has received RTA approval as a new special class type of vehicle due to its innovative design and ability to meet all road safety requirements.
- Developed Australia's first variable speed drive (VSD) installed on a longwall armoured face conveyor in Moranbah North Longwall.
- Designed and developed a breakthrough remote water treatment system that transforms undrinkable water into pure water. Pilot project currently installed in a remote indigenous community in Gillen Bore, Northern Territory.

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- 2021 Good Design Award for Excellence In Engineering Design (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Excellence In Product Design' (Solar Qube)
- 2021 Hunter Manufacturing Award for 'Collaboration Partnership' (Hybrid Diesel Electric Boat)
- 2020 Hunter Business Award for Excellence In Innovation & Adaptability for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Collaboration Partnership for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Hunter Manufacturing Award for Manufacturing Pivot for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence In Innovation for 'Emergency Ventilator Project'
- 2020 Consult Australia Awards for Excellence for Technological Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 [Institution of Civil Engineers](#) Chris Binnie Award for Sustainable Water Management for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Engineering Excellence Award Newcastle Division for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 Good Design Award winner for Social Impact for 'Gilghi'
- 2020 NSW Mining Supplier of the Year
- 2020 Australian Water Association NSW Water Infrastructure Project Innovation Award for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Hunter Business Excellence Award for Innovation' Gilghi'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Product Design – Commercial and Industrial for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Good Design Award winner for Engineering Design for 'Rockstarter'
- 2019 Scottish Engineering Awards – President's Award winner
- 2019 Lake Macquarie Business Excellence Award for Innovation for 'Gilghi'
- 2019 Mine Electrical Safety Conference Innovation Award for AFC VSD Moranbah North Longwall Project
- 2018 HunterNet Chairman Awards Excellence In Work Health Safety
- 2018 Hunter Business Awards Excellence In Business (20+ employees)
- 2018 NSW Minerals Council Outstanding Supplier for 'H3RO'
- 2017 Hunter Manufacturing Awards Excellence In Product Design for 'VoiceComm Phone'
- 2015 Engineers Australia Newcastle Engineering Excellence Award for 'Arc Fault Venting – Simulation and Practice'
- 2013 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Innovation' Management of VSD earth leakage currents in fault limited networks'
- 2010 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence' Blakefield South 11kV longwall in partnership with Xstrata Coal and Joy Global'
- 1998 Australian Engineering Excellence Award winner for Engineering Excellence 'IMAC'