Helping other children
“WE’VE all got children ourselves and we wanted to do something for other children on the Central Coast”, said a young Terrigal mother, a member of the Bellbird Committee.

Last week the committee president Mrs Beverly Hobson handed over the first of the three Repco clinical air pumps promised to Gosford District Hospital.

A second pump is on order and the 19-strong group is working to provide money for a third.

The pumps give relief to children with chest complaints such as asthma and bronchitis.

Physiotherapist Pamela Mason described the use of the equipment.

“A child admitted to hospital with breathing problems is given a course of treatment with the pump – approximately three minutes every four hours.

“The machine administers some air together with a bronch-dilator drug which forms a vapor in the nebuliser and is given to the child through the face mask,” Miss Mason said.

The Bellbird Committee is raising money for the $165 pumps through social outings such as coffee mornings and progressive dinners, demonstrations and stalls.

The picture shows Pamela Mason demonstrating the machine to the mothers last week.

The child is Timothy, 15 months, son of Bellbird Committee’s secretary, Irene Claydon.

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