

# Hospital phone has ears



Clifford Blackburn, 10, of Riverwood, was the first patient at Gosford Hospital to try out the new Mickey Mouse telephone installed in the children's ward this week by courtesy of STC Sydney and Telecom. Watching Clifford use the new phone are Mr Noel Thomlinson, service manager of Telecom, Gosford, and Mrs Betty McNab of STC.

## Direct line in big demand

A Mickey Mouse decorator phone has been installed in the children's ward at Gosford District Hospital, by Standard Telephones and Cables (STC) and Telecom.

The managing director of STC, Mr Alan Deegan, arranged the donation of the phone, which retails at \$165, and Telecom at Gosford agreed to install it free of charge.

The Mickey Mouse phone is the largest selling decorator type phone in the world, with an average of 100,000 sold every year in the United States alone.

The first Mickey Mouse phone to be installed in a children's ward was also a donation by STC and it went to the Camperdown Children's Hospital late last year.

The product line manager of STC Sydney, Mr Ron Spithill, who came to Gosford to present the phone to the hospital this week, said Gosford district had been chosen to receive the second donation because so many STC employees lived on the Central Coast.

The Mickey Mouse phone extension has been given to all parents so that they can phone their children on the special phone.

Children wishing to phone their parents will also use Mickey Mouse.

Hospital authorities, however, report that the phone is also in demand by doctors and nurses.

Mr Spithill said production of the Mickey Mouse phone in Australia had been commenced last November to coincide with the famous Mouse's 50th birthday.

The presentation ceremony at the hospital was attended by Mr Spithill and his secretary, Mrs Betty McNab, and by Mr Noel Thomlinson, service manager for Telecom, Gosford.

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