

Freemasons fill wheelchair gap

St John of God Subiaco's cancer support centre, SolarisCare, has three new wheelchairs, thanks to Italia Lodge of Freemasons.

Andrea Milani, the Master of Italia Lodge, said the lodge had heard about the work the centres offered for people with cancer and their carers and wanted to help straight away.

"We hope these wheelchairs will facilitate the smooth operation of SolarisCare," he said.

SolarisCare general manager David Edwards said the donated wheelchairs meant patients could now access complementary thera-

pies and counselling services.

"This allows them to leave their wards for a short period, and gives them 'time out' in a non-threatening environment," he said.

SolarisCare Cancer Supports Centres (www.solariscare.org.au), including another at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, rely on donations.

RIGHT: Ready to roll ... Pictured with one of the new wheelchairs are, from left, Wendy Mathews of SolarisCare, Tony Coccaro and Andrea Milani from Freemasons' Italia Lodge and David Edwards, general manager of SolarisCare.

