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On Tuesday 10 June, Bill Dodd who is a quadriplegic and permanent resident of the Mitchell Health Service received donations of medical equipment and personal aids to make his everyday activities easier and to improve his quality of life.

The equipment valued at approximately \$12,000 was donated by three generous organisations – The Investors Club, the Mitchell Rotary Club, and the Paraplegic Benefit Fund. Mr Kevin Young founder of The Investors Club travelled to Mitchell to present Bill with the items.

“We are really glad to be able to help Bill. He is a man in his 40s who had an accident when he was 17 that has left him unable to move from the neck down. He has received good care at the hospital ever since, however we want to provide him with a few extras to make life a bit easier,” said Mr Young.

The Investors Club helps people establish and secure their financial future through property investment. Mr Young supports a number of community organisations in the cities and wanted to also make a difference to somebody in need in a rural area.

The Investors Club helps out in Mitchell

“Bill is a bright young guy with a positive attitude. He has written and published two books and we hope this equipment will make life a bit easier for him,” he added.

Bill has received a device to turn the pages of a book so he can read independently, a tilting and reclining wheelchair to allow him some movement when he is not in bed, a laptop computer, special switches to allow him to operate his wheelchair and a remote call button. These items will be of great use to Bill who is confined to bed for most of the day and has to rely on nurses for all of his needs.

Tony South from the Paraplegic Benefit Fund received a call from the Rotary Club of Mitchell to provide assistance to Bill and in turn, contacted Kevin Young from the Investors Club so they could each work together to provide support.

“The Investors Club is such a wonderful organisation. Its support of Bill and the Paraplegic Benefit Fund is helping so many people across Australia. With their support, the Paraplegic Benefit Fund is providing greater awareness of spinal and neck injury prevention across Australia. We applaud and appreciate their community spirit,” said Tony South.

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