



LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL

A huge step forward

Oncology centre for improving quality of life needs \$1m funding

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SOUTHWEST Sydney's first cancer wellness centre is one step closer to being built after a \$2 million grant from the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

Liverpool Hospital's \$5.7 million Oncology Alliance for the Science of Integrated Survivorship (OASIS) centre will provide care and research, with a focus on the overall well-being of cancer patients.

The centre still needs \$1.1 million in funding, but when built will be one of only a handful of centres in Sydney that collect data on how effective different cancer treatments are for research.

Liverpool's Director of Cancer Services, Professor Geoff Delaney, said the grant was a huge step forward for the innovative centre.

"We are extremely excited, it has taken a lot of effort from the initial idea six or seven years ago," he said.

The centre plans to offer massage, acupuncture, exercise, Chinese medicine and

diet to help improve treatment and quality of life outcomes for cancer patients.

Acting dean of medicine Professor Anthony Kelleher from the University of NSW, which is partnering with the centre along with other universities and research institutes, said the research of these treatments would be of benefit to all Australian cancer patients.

"A wellness centre would not only benefit cancer patients in the care they receive, and help improve their quality of life, it would also advance our scientific understanding of new approaches to cancer treatment," Prof Kelleher said.

The Australian Cancer Research Foundation awarded the \$2 million grant to Liverpool Hospital Cancer Services recently.

Prof Delaney said he was confident they would be able to rally the remaining funding, and welcomed anyone interested in funding the centre and helping to significantly further cancer care research.



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Artist impressions of the inside and exterior of the OASIS Wellness Centre, Liverpool.