



Cancer support centre opens

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CANCER patients will have access to more support services after Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre opened a new wellness facility recently.

Located inside Liverpool Hospital, it will run programs for patients who are receiving cancer treatment, and provide services such as information sessions, exercise classes, counselling, massage therapy, physiotherapy and psychology.

It also has an indoor and outdoor kitchen, a beauty room, a physiotherapy room, a wig library and patient resource library.

The Wellness Centre was built in a refurbished section with the help of donations from last year's Dry July no-alcohol campaign.

South Western Sydney Local Health District director of cancer services Professor Geoff Delaney said the centre provided patients with physical, emotional and practical assistance.

"As well as dealing with the immediate effects of their cancer treatment, patients can have [help with] health complications like muscle and joint problems, hormone imbalances and fatigue, as well as psychological and emotional challenges," he said.

The centre gets about 2000 new cancer patients each year and provides approximately 50 chemotherapy treatments and radiotherapy treatments a day.

Liverpool Wellness Centre: 8738 8980



Help at hand: Liverpool Wellness Centre staff with mayor Ned Mannoun help cut the cake at the official opening of the Wellness Centre recently.

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