



# Centre will support cancer recovery

THE first images of the proposed Camden Cancer Wellness Centre have been released following the appointment of the architecture contract to DeAngelis Taylor + Associates.

The centre in Menangle Road will support patients, cancer survivors and their families with information, advice, psychological support and tailored programs following cancer diagnosis and treatment.

It will include therapy and treatment rooms, resource centre, gym, relaxation garden and outdoor areas.

Associate Professor Stephen

Della-Fiorentina, Camden and Campbelltown hospital's director of Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre, said the centre at Camden and another at Liverpool would be built with funds raised through the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur, Dry July campaign and donations from the community

and local organisations.

"Cancer survivors, and those who have completed treatment, have specific ongoing needs that are best addressed in a comprehensive cancer wellness centre," he said.

"A purpose-built wellness centre provides a greater focus on add-

itional support services in a more comfortable setting, away from the hospital environment where patients underwent treatment.

"As well as supporting people living with cancer, we hope that this facility will also be responsible for undertaking research to improve understanding of cancer survivorship problems and help to find solutions."

DeAngelis Taylor + Associates director Daniel Donai said the firm would work with staff at South Western Sydney Local Health District "to ensure the realisation of a worthwhile and much needed facility for our region".

The Camden Cancer Wellness Centre will include:

- reception and waiting area;
- resource centre;
- kitchen;
- large multi-purpose media rooms;
- gymnasium;
- therapy rooms;
- large clinic/treatment rooms;
- shower/change rooms with disabled access; and
- relaxation gardens and outdoor areas.



**On track:** Artists' impressions of the proposed Camden Cancer Wellness Centre.