



# Weapon against cancer

Yet another local benefit is about to emerge from Macarthur's 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer — a specialist wellness centre.

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 near Camden Hospital — will support local 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,"

said Dr Della-Fiorentina — who is also part of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer organising committee.

"A purpose-built wellness centre provides a greater focus on additional support services in a more comfortable setting, away from the hospital environment where patients underwent their acute 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."

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