



New cancer centre plans

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THE 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur has promised \$300,000 to boost the coffers of the planned cancer wellness centre at Camden.

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

The local community has funded extra equipment and complementary therapies for patients through the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer for many years.

Hour Fight chairman Fred Borg said the centre at Camden would fund vital services for cancer patients.

"Our aim has always been to make sure the money raised in Macarthur stays in Macarthur and by pledging \$300,000 to the new cancer wellness centre at Camden, we are making sure that is exactly what happens," Mr Borg said.

"Over the past nine years, the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer has raised more than \$2 million for the local community."

Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre director Associate Professor

Stephen Della-Fiorentina said he was thrilled to have the support of the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer, which was backed by the *Advertiser*.

"We are very grateful for their assistance over the years, which has been invaluable to the Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre, the Camden Palliative Care Unit and in turn the local community."



The wellness centre will be built on a site on Menangle Road, Camden, with the design expected to begin by early next year.

It will include a resource centre, kitchen, multi-purpose media rooms, gymnasium, therapy rooms, clinic and treatment rooms, shower and change rooms with disabled access, relaxation gardens and outdoor areas.

■ To donate to the Cancer Wellness Centre, phone 9616 4471 or visit swslhd.nsw.gov.au/cancer/support.html.

■ For more information or to donate to the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur, phone Rebecca Purcell, 0402 327 499.





Planned site: It might not look like much now, but this Menangle Road site will soon be home to the Camden cancer centre. Pictured is Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre director, Associate Professor Stephen Della-Fiorentina, Campbelltown Hospital general manager Lynne Bickerstaff and 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer chairman Fred Borg.

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