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24 Hour Fight Against Cancer commits \$300,000 to Cancer Wellness Centre at Camden

The planned Cancer Wellness Centre at Camden is off to a strong start, with 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Macarthur committing \$300,000 to the project.

This follows the recent announcement that Australian Cricket Captain Michael Clarke would be joining the project as an Ambassador.

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

Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre Director, A/Professor Stephen Della-Fiorentina said the Macarthur community through the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer team has been helping local cancer patients for many years, funding additional equipment and complementary therapies.

"We are thrilled that the team at 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer have pledged their support for the Cancer Wellness Centre at Camden," A/Prof Della-Fiorentina said.

"They are a fantastic community partner and we welcome them on board as a major foundation sponsor of the project. 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," he said.

24 Hour Fight Against Cancer Chairman Cr Fred Borg said the Cancer Wellness Centre at Camden was a good fit for his organisation.

"We are very pleased to be a part of this important local project which will fund important services for cancer patients," Cr Borg said.

"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.

"Over the past nine years, the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer has raised more than \$2million for the local community. We are proud of this figure and very happy that this money benefits Macarthur cancer patients and their families.

"As we head into our decade year we can think of no better initiative than a Wellness Centre to help local people stay as healthy as possible during and after their cancer experience," he said.

The design phase of the project is expected to begin by early next year. The proposed design for the Camden Centre which will service patients from across the Macarthur area includes a resource centre, kitchen, multi-purpose media rooms, gymnasium, therapy rooms, clinic/treatment rooms, shower/change rooms with disabled access, relaxation gardens and outdoor areas.

A/Professor Stephen Della-Fiorentina said a site on Menangle road had been earmarked for the project.

“We have selected a site for the stand-alone Camden Wellness Centre and now need the community’s support to get the Centre up and running,” A/Professor Della-Fiorentina said.

For more information or to donate directly to the Cancer Wellness Centre:

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For more information or to donate to 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer:

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