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Liverpool Cancer Service celebrates 20 years of caring

The Liverpool Hospital Cancer Service is this month marking 20 years of helping local people fight cancer.

The Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre opened its doors in May 1995 and has grown significantly from just two departments to a fully comprehensive Cancer Therapy Centre, providing state-of-the-art care and treatment.

Liverpool Hospital's Director of Cancer Services, Dr Eugene Moylan said the Centre had grown exponentially in its first 20 years.

"Today, the Centre includes Genetics, Gynecology, Haematology, Bone Marrow Transplantation and Apheresis units, Medical and Radiation Oncology and Palliative Care," Dr Moylan said.

"We treat many types of adult cancers here, using some of the best equipment and technology available, including chemotherapy, targeted systemic therapies, image-guided radiotherapy (including Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and have stereotactic and tomotherapy radiotherapy facilities.

"Supportive care treatments have also improved dramatically over the past 20 years, increasing the tolerability and safety of cancer treatments.

"Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre has over 180 staff providing care and treatment to more than 5,000 new patients each year.

"We estimate that we have treated more than 60,000 patients in our 20 years. Which we feel is absolutely an achievement worth celebrating," he said.

Dr Moylan said 20th Anniversary celebrations were centred on a Gala Dinner, to be held on Saturday 23 May at Liverpool Catholic Club.

"It will be a great celebration of how far we've come and will include dinner, drinks and entertainment," Dr Moylan said.

"We'll be recognising our achievements and looking to the future of local cancer services.

"In particular we are excited about the new Cancer Wellness Centre to be built at Liverpool. The Wellness Centre will help patients, cancer survivors and their families with specialised programs, information and advice and psychological support following cancer diagnosis and treatment.

"Funds raised through the Gala Dinner will be used to get our Wellness Centre up and running," he said.

As well as the Gala Dinner, anniversary celebrations will include a Cancer Therapy GP Forum and Open Day at Liverpool Hospital on 16 May. The Forum will provide information on advances

in cancer management and services provided by the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre, as well as referral information and a tour of the centre.

A Cancer Research Showcase will also be held on 22 May to acknowledge past and present staff achievements and showcase future projects, Cancer Services Strategic Plans, education and research presentations.

To purchase tickets for the Gala Dinner visit <https://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/liverpool/events.html>