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### **Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre opens**

The Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre at Campbelltown Hospital was recently officially opened by the Minister assisting the Minister for Health (Cancer), Frank Sartor following a \$13.1 million allocation of funds for capital and equipment by the NSW Government in recognition of the major population growth of the Macarthur District.

Before the centre was built patients from Macarthur and Wingecarribee travelled to Liverpool Hospital or the Illawarra.

Macarthur Cancer Therapy Centre director Dr Stephen Della-Fiorentina said the availability of comprehensive high quality cancer services to the communities of Macarthur, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee was a major improvement for one of the fastest growing areas of Sydney.

“Being able to receive treatment closer to home is an important factor in maintaining quality of life,” he said.

Community involvement has been strong since services began, with a community council formed in January 2004 to provide advice on the education and service needs for the community

The new Centre is actively involved in research into cancer treatment and is taking part in a number of international and local clinical trials involving improvements in the treatment of breast cancer, lung cancer and prostate cancer.

As part of South West Sydney Cancer Services it has close links with the Liverpool Cancer Therapy Centre and SWSAHS Palliative Care services.

“A highly trained team of staff are available to help our patients, their carers and families through the diagnosis, treatment and ongoing care and support of cancer management,” Dr Della Fiorentina said.

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