

richmond club & hawkesbury living development

The recent development of Magnolia Place has been a great success and the third stage of the master plan for the site is progressing well, heading towards the submission of the development application to council.

What was originally going to be a two storey wing extension with 22 beds, is now going to be developed into a three storey extension. This additional floor is largely due to the \$1 million donation from Len and Margaret Peel to the Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust.

The Cancer Trust concept was released by Richmond Club Board of Directors some three years ago with an annual race day sponsored by Dad and Dave's Turf being the major fundraiser for the Trust. This year we were delighted to have Glen McGrath attend the fundraiser. Prior to the donation we had raised in excess of \$200,000.

So what does the proposed new floor, The Len and Margaret Peel Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit, mean for the Hawkesbury? We all know the Hawkesbury is an expansive area. To travel to hospital from some areas of the Hawkesbury means the normal daily routine is disrupted. To add to this cancer is not one disease, it's many. So importantly the unit will be able to

administer other treatments that are given by infusion for conditions such as multiple sclerosis, arthritis, osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel diseases and many other chronic diseases.

Both a clinical psychologist and medical oncologist will be consulting in Richmond to provide co-ordinated care for patients focusing on the needs of people of the Hawkesbury District.

We have the support of the Hon. Ray Williams MP, and newly elected the Hon. Bart Bassett MP. Their commitment for financial support will also be sought.

Each infusion chair will cost approximately \$125,000 to completely set up with oxygen, special waste outlets and emergency call services. The possible relocation of specialist services will also be situated on the ground floor. This in itself will hopefully bring gerontologists to the Hawkesbury to assist the GPs in servicing the needs of our elderly who, as they age, present with more complex illnesses.

Hawkesbury Living provides our region with a variety of community services and facilities, as well as a vision for innovative, sustainable development of the aged care industry.

Hawkesbury Living is a trusted and sustainable partner in the community, with a proven record for the development and management of existing community facilities. They are committed to working with the people of the area to provide innovative aged care services and an ongoing model for a sustained and practical relationship with the community. This is demonstrated by the recent extension of the Magnolia Wing of their aged care facility, which has added ten beds for patients suffering from dementia. This recent project shows Hawkesbury Living's understanding of the increased need for specialist services in the area, as well as their ability to deliver such services in an efficient manner. All facilities managed by Hawkesbury Living operate in a position of strong financial stability, as Hawkesbury Living is a subsidiary company of Richmond Club.

A specialist cancer care facility would be beneficial to a broad cross-section of the Hawkesbury region's residents, going beyond those who directly receive treatment from this service. The construction and planning stages would provide short term stimulus to the local economy through the creation of jobs and the provision of resources.

This project will have a number of positive benefits within the Hawkesbury region. Hawkesbury Living has worked with the community to meet



THE PEEL FAMILY PRESENT THEIR CHEQUE FOR \$1,000,000

their growing need for health care infrastructure.

The construction of a specialist medical facility in the Hawkesbury will allow residents to receive treatment without the need to travel great distances or to leave the district altogether.

Funding from the RDAF will assist in the construction of a multi-purpose health care facility that will include specialist cancer and oncology services. The project will contribute to Hawkesbury Living's long term plan to establish sustainable and innovative health and aged care facilities in conjunction with other community partners. In the anticipation of an aging population in the near future, Hawkesbury Living has worked with the community to provide crucial infrastructure that is underserved in the region.



THE NEW DEVELOPMENT: CONCEPT IMAGE BY PAYNTER DIXON

"The future Len and Margaret Peel Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit."

You can help too.

Anyone who is interested in donating to the Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trust can contact either Vivienne Leggett, Hawkesbury Living Cancer Trustee on 0418 292 184 or at vivleggett@hrc.net.au, or Kimberley Talbot, Group CEO of Hawkesbury Living and Richmond Club on 0417 218 532 or at ktalbot@richmondclub.com.au.

100% of each dollar raised will go to the set up costs and maintenance of the Len and Margaret Peel Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit.

Brochures outlining the objective of the Cancer Trust and what they have achieved so far are available at Richmond Club, Hawkesbury Living and Specialist Services.