



Albury-Wodonga Carer Accommodation Centre Update

With Albury Base Hospital having been earmarked to become a major regional cancer centre, Fight Cancer Foundation identified the need for an affordable local accommodation centre.

Cancer patients often require months of hospitalisation and regular visits. With advances in treatments it is becoming more common for them to be treated in day clinics than be admitted to acute care beds. In country situations this presents patients with the need to either travel regularly or find local accommodation.

Preliminary earthworks on the site adjacent to the Albury Base Hospital have commenced. Major construction work will start early in 2012 and Stage 1, comprising 20 ensuite units, communal kitchens and lounge areas is expected to be completed later in the year.



In February 2011, together with the Rotary Club of Albury North, Zonta Club of Albury Wodonga and Lions District 201V6, Fight Cancer Foundation launched the Albury Wodonga Patient and Care Accommodation Centre Public Appeal.

Fight Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Council of NSW have entered into a collaborative agreement for the \$5.5 million project. The Cancer Council has contributed \$300,000 and staff will provide ongoing support, information, education and counselling services to patients and their families. The accommodation centre will be a vital piece of health infrastructure for the region and a hub of local cancer support.

Essential Energy, recognising the importance of this project to the region, has become a major sponsor - donating a 500kVa padmount transformer to support the future electricity needs of the centre.

Recent local events to support the project have included a Charity Preview of the hit movie *Real Steel* starring Fight Cancer Foundation Patron Hugh Jackman and Golf Day at the Commercial Club course.

To help us reach our goal of \$5.5 million for this vital community project, you can donate at www.fightcancer.org.au or call 03 9342 7888. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



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