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## **NEW SERVICES AT NEPEAN CANCER CARE CENTRE SET TO OPEN**

A traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony today marks the completion of construction at Nepean Cancer Care Centre to expand and upgrade essential cancer services.

The new services, which open to patients on 16 September, include a chemotherapy day ward and third radiation therapy bunker.

Local Elder, Wes Marne performed the important cultural ceremony in front of guests which included Nepean Hospital General Manager, Brett Williams, Nepean Local Health District Board member, Greg Allchin, Cancer Care staff and patients.

Mr Williams says the expanded cancer care services are a welcome addition to the campus.

“Nepean Cancer Care Centre sees a large volume of patients from all over the state and it’s vital that we have the right services and technology in place to continue to provide high-quality care to patients and their families.

“The new chemotherapy day ward and third radiation therapy bunker will have a significant impact on our patients’ health outcomes and experience at Cancer Care. It will also give our highly-valued staff more space to do their job,” said Mr Williams.

The expansion of services at the Nepean Cancer Care Centre has been delivered as part of the Nepean Redevelopment Stage 1 project.

The NSW Government has committed \$576 million for Stage 1 and a further \$450 million for Stage 2.

Now that construction is complete, Cancer Care is commissioning the new services, including staff training within the new areas before the doors open to patients on 16 September.

Construction completion for the Nepean Cancer Care Centre follows the opening of a 600+ space multi-storey car park in July, and the start of main works construction for the new 14-storey clinical tower – all part of Nepean Redevelopment Stage 1.

When complete, the new 14-storey tower will include a new and expanded Emergency Department, Maternity Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Operating Theatres and more than 200 in-patient beds.

Stage 1 of the Nepean Redevelopment is scheduled for completion in late 2020.

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