

5.4 Turning the Sod on Future Research

Recommendation

That the information be noted.

I was honoured to join the Premier of NSW, Minister for Health, Member for Campbelltown, Chancellor of Western Sydney University, Chancellor of University of New South Wales, Chair of the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research, CEO of Walker Corporation, CE of the South Western Sydney Local Health District and other dignitaries, to take part in the sod turning for the Lang Walker AO Medical Research Building this morning.

The \$55 million building will be home to the Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research – Macarthur. This important facility is being developed in partnership with Western Sydney University and the University of New South Wales, on the NSW Health site, adjacent to Campbelltown Hospital, made possible through the generosity of the late Lang Walker AO.

The translative research undertaken will focus on key health issues within our community including mental health, indigenous health, paediatrics and children's wellbeing and diabetes, improving health outcomes for our community. The facility will complement the work in the adjacent Campbelltown Hospital and Macarthur Clinical School.

This facility will generate much needed higher-order jobs for our residents within the Campbelltown Health and Education Precinct, with access to the latest research laboratories and technology in a purpose built space.

I look forward to seeing our local research improve the lives of our community, and extend to patients across Australia and the globe.

Attachments

Nil

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