



Purpose

The aim of the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre (AWRCC) is to bring together, where possible, all the cancer related services which are currently scattered across Albury and Wodonga, making it easier for cancer patients and their families.

The AWRCC will enable the improved coordination of care through:

- Having cancer treatment services located at the one site;
- Space for clinics to be provided by visiting local and metropolitan specialists such as surgeons, cancer genetics, allied health, and palliative care;
- Cancer nurse coordinators will be co-located with the clinicians;
- Common meetings rooms for all service providers to enable collaborative care of patients and their families; and
- State of the art videoconferencing facilities will enable collaboration with specialists outside Albury Wodonga.

Staff Appointments

Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) has appointed Robyn Gillis as the Operations Director of the AWRCC. Robyn commenced with AWH in January 2016 and brings a wealth of experience to this new role. Prior to commencement with AWH, Robyn was the CEO at the Tallangatta Health Service.

Robyn has hit the ground running and is working alongside all the tenants providing services from the centre to ensure their individual requirements are being met during the final phase of the construction of the building.

Charles Dean has joined Robyn as the dedicated Information Technology Project Officer for the centre. Charles' focus will be the implementation of IT infrastructure for the centre and its tenants.



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When is it opening?

There are a lot of details currently being finalised including exact dates for the services to move in. It is planned that service providers will begin relocating in the middle of the year. The moves will be staged to minimise disruption to patients, staff and the community.

Once all the service providers are operational the Wellness Centre will evolve with the input of the community later in the year.

Who is running the centre? Is it private providers?

The centre will be co-ordinated and managed by Albury Wodonga Health.

The services that the centre will provide to the community will be delivered by the same private providers who are already working within the Region. These providers will become the tenants of the centre. This is all part of a much broader cancer service which is being planned and co-ordinated across the Region.

Is AWRCC for public and private patients?

Yes. There is currently a mix of public and private beds and day chemotherapy across multiple sites where you can receive cancer treatment. The AWRCC will become the central site and provide both public and private inpatient and day chemotherapy from the same location.

Can I run my service from AWRCC?

It will be possible for cancer service providers to operate from AWRCC. Further information and details regarding different options and terms will be available during May.

Will all cancers be treated in the centre?

No. Most adult patients will be able to receive radiotherapy, chemotherapy, new immune therapies and clinical trials locally however, some patients will still need to travel for highly specialised surgery.

Paediatric patients will still have to travel to specialists in Melbourne and chemotherapy services will still be delivered in the paediatric ward of Albury Hospital.

Where will I park?

130 new carparks have been added to the existing carpark. Included in the new parking spaces are an ambulance bay, disabled parking, and specific short term parking for oncology and day chemotherapy patients. There are no plans to charge fees for parking. The carparks will be completed and opened when the services are ready to move into the facility.

It seems like a really big building, why did it need to be that big?

It is big, it is made up of three levels! When the building was being designed the future needs of the community were taken into account so the final design allowed for expansion over the next 20 years. Additionally one of the features of the design is the two big courtyards in the middle of the building, letting natural light into the internal rooms.

The three levels are laid out as:

Ground floor: radiotherapy and the Wellness Centre;

Level 1: 30 day chemotherapy chairs and consulting space; and

Level 2: 30 inpatient beds.



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Frequently Asked Questions

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