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FINAL BOOST FOR ALBURY CANCER PATIENT ACCOMMODATION

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Albury Greg Aplin today announced more than \$120,000 in funding to ensure that the new Albury Wodonga Cancer Patient Carer and Accommodation Centre is completed.

Mrs Skinner said the funding is in addition to a NSW Government contribution in 2011 of \$750,000, bringing the total contribution from the NSW Government for the project up to \$872,000.

“The Albury Wodonga Cancer Patient Carer and Accommodation Centre will provide a vital service for families and carers of cancer patients who travel large distances to support their loved ones,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Greg Aplin’s support for this centre has been unwavering and his dedication to the project has played a key role in securing this additional funding.

“I know the community has been working hard to raise the last of the money needed to complete this magnificent new facility and it gives me great pleasure to give the project this final boost to get it over the line,” Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Aplin welcomed the news saying the NSW Government is committed to ensuring patients and carers across the state have access to modern, comfortable facilities.

“I’m proud to be able to make this announcement with the Minister who has made her commitment to NSW rural communities clear.

“This is a wonderful day for the local community and it’s with great pride that I can say this project is now a reality which will benefit many patients, families and carers.

“Battling cancer is one of the hardest things a person can face in their lifetime and this purpose-built centre will support families and be their home away from home.

“Families and carers will have access to cooking facilities, lounge and dining areas and communal meeting rooms,” Mr Aplin said.

“I would like to congratulate The Fight Cancer Foundation, in partnership with Rotary, Lions and Zonta clubs for all their hard work and fund raising efforts to bring a facility like this to the Albury community.”

The accommodation centre, located next to the Albury Hospital and planned regional cancer centre, will be operated by the Fight Cancer Foundation.