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GRAYTHWAITE REHABILITATION CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENS AT RYDE HOSPITAL

Health Minister Jillian Skinner and Member for Ryde Victor Dominello today officially opened Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde Hospital.

The \$41 million, purpose-built facility will herald a new era for the delivery of rehabilitation care to the communities of Ryde and the North Shore.

“I am delighted the Graythwaite name lives on in this wonderful facility, which offers world-class rehabilitation facilities,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre includes 64 inpatient beds, a hydrotherapy pool and outdoor therapy spaces, underground parking and a patient link to Ryde Hospital for direct access to diagnostics, pathology, pharmacy and the emergency department.

“It will be a place of recovery and renewal for people of all ages in four categories - neurological, orthopaedic, reconditioning following surgical and medical hospital admissions and burns and amputees,” she said.

Mr Dominello said: “Today’s opening of the Graythwaite Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde Hospital is a great win for the local community, for rehabilitation patients and for the skilled and dedicated hospital staff.

“This centre will serve the people of Ryde and beyond for years to come, proving - yet again - the commitment of the NSW Government to delivering the best possible health care to the people of our state.”

The original Graythwaite mansion was located in Minister Skinner’s own electorate of North Shore. In 1915, Sir Thomas Dibbs bequeathed it to the NSW Government to be used as a convalescent home for sick and wounded soldiers and sailors - and it continued to play a rehabilitation role until 1980.

In 2011, Graythwaite was sold for \$35.2 million and, in accordance with a NSW Supreme Court ruling, the net sale funds were used to build the rehabilitation centre at Ryde Hospital.

“I am delighted the history of Graythwaite mansion will live on in the Graythwaite and Dibbs rooms in this wonderful rehabilitation centre,” Mrs Skinner said.