



Bethesda Health Care breaks ground on Bethesda Clinic in Cockburn

- Perth's private hospital provider Bethesda has joined with one of Australia's leading Real Estate Investment Trusts, Dexus, to build WA's first mental health facility south of the river.
- Dexus has acquired the development for an on-completion value of \$58.3 million.
- Bethesda will commence an initial 20-year lease term with options to extend.
- Broad Construction have been awarded the tender to construct.
- First sod has been turned.
- Completion date is late 2022.

Those needing access to mental health services residing in Perth's southern suburbs and southern regions of WA have received a boost today with construction now underway on the Bethesda Clinic.

The Clinic will include 45 overnight beds for inpatient admissions, a Wellness and Recovery Centre (Day Hospital), ECT and TMS services and medical consulting suites.

The service fills a significant gap in the growing demand and strain on the state's mental health system.

The Clinic's multi-disciplinary model of care aims to alleviate pressure on WA emergency departments and reduce repeat admissions through digitally-connected patient records, networks with GPs and programs that support patients to stay well in the community.

Situated in the massively growing Cockburn Central West Precinct, the Clinic will be easily accessible to the community from the soon to be completed rail and road links to Perth's southern and eastern suburbs, with access to ample parking.

Comments attributed to Bethesda Chief Executive Officer, Dr Neale Fong:

"Bethesda Clinic is welcome news to so many people living in the southern regions of Perth and WA who can now access private mental health care closer to home. The project will bring together psychiatrists, psychologists and expert care organisations and will focus on improving mental health and well-being."

"For too long people who are eligible to access private health, as well as Veterans with Gold and White Cards, have had to travel great distances to get care. The additional services will also assist in reducing some of the demand for public mental health services."

Comments attributed to Dexus Executive General Manager, Funds Management, Deborah Coakley:

"Bethesda is a well-established healthcare operator in Western Australia, and we are pleased to welcome a new relationship onto the Dexus platform."

"This acquisition will deliver another premium asset for DHPF, and it is pleasing to see an asset contributing to satisfying the high demand for purpose built mental health facilities."

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