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Dear Neighbour,

The past few months have been a very busy and exciting time at St Vincent's Hospital. In keeping with our commitment to keep you informed, I am writing to notify you of some of our projects currently underway.

O'Brien Redevelopment

Last year we wrote to you about our plans to build an integrated mental health, alcohol and drug and community health services facility on the site of the existing O'Brien Building adjacent to St Vincent's Hospital. The purpose-built facility will enable St Vincent's Hospital to provide improved treatment, care and support to some of the local community's most disadvantaged individuals.

The NSW Department of Planning announced concept plan and project application approval for the redevelopment in May and we appointed Coffey Projects as the project managers.

Early works construction commenced this week and is scheduled to continue for 28 weeks. This phase will include demolition of the building and removal of hazardous material in preparation for the main building works. I want to assure you that all legislative and statutory occupational health and safety controls will be in place on the construction site. Construction is due to be completed by mid 2008.

Should you have any queries regarding the development, please feel free to contact:
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Sesquicentenary Celebrations

As you may be aware, many special events have been held throughout the year to celebrate St Vincent's Hospital's 150th anniversary including our successful Community Open Day.

To end this memorable year of celebration, a closing ceremony is planned for Thursday 31 January 2008 in Barcom Avenue Park behind the Hospital. The afternoon function will include some formalities, a barbecue and music.

While it is primarily a staff event, local residents are very welcome to attend. We will advise you of the details of the function closer to the date.

Garvan St Vincent's Campus Cancer Centre

In other exciting news, St Vincent's is partnering with the Garvan Institute of Medical Research to establish a state-of-the-art Cancer Centre incorporating research and clinical care.

Our vision is to create a centre of excellence linking ground-breaking research with high quality patient care and treatment. For patients, the Centre will provide a single point of contact for their cancer care journey, offering multidisciplinary specialists and health professionals, the latest in treatment and therapy and the opportunity to participate in clinical trials.

By combining excellence in cancer research at the Garvan and excellence in cancer care at St Vincent's, we believe we are uniquely positioned to deliver outstanding results to the community.

The world class facility will be housed on the St Vincent's Campus between the existing Garvan Building and Green Park Hotel on land provided by the Trustees of St Vincent's Hospital. It will extend along the Victoria Street frontage and incorporate heritage-listed terraces into its designs.

Planning for the Centre is just beginning with the facility scheduled for completion in 2010. We will keep you informed of the latest developments through an extensive consultative community process.

If you have any inquiries regarding our plans for the Cancer Centre, please contact David Faktor on 02 8382 2866 or dfaktor@stvincents.com.au.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the work of St Vincent's Hospital.

Regards,



(Ms) Kerry Stubbs
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