



Perth Children's Hospital Foundation appoints West to West Group as construction partner to build WA's first children's hospice.

Wednesday, 6 November 2024 — Perth, Australia: Perth Children's Hospital Foundation (PCHF) has appointed West to West Group as its construction partner to build WA's first children's hospice, Sandcastles (Boodja Mia).

A local and independent construction group established in 2012, West to West Group brings a strong track record of experience to the development through its projects including Serai Apartments in North Fremantle and the construction of The Lodge Wadjemup on Rottnest Island.

An industry leader specialising in design, construction and fit outs; the Sandcastles project will add the state's first children's hospice to West to West Group's growing portfolio of Western Australian landmarks.

West to West Group will be responsible for the construction and fit-out of Sandcastles, which will see the Swanbourne site transformed into a 'home away from home' for some of Western Australia's sickest kids, with seven single-guest bedrooms, three family suites and a bereavement suite.

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation CEO, Carrick Robinson said: "West to West Group have expressed a shared vision to transform our Swanbourne site into a beautiful place of respite, and connection and care for some of Western Australia's sickest kids and their families.

"We are both grateful and proud to partner with West to West Group, and our development team at Hassell, Hesperia and Encon, to work together to deliver this landmark project to the highest standard. A truly collaborative initiative, Sandcastles will be a one-of-a-kind space designed and built by Western Australians, for Western Australians."

West to West Group General Manager, Construction, Adam Harvey said: "We fully understand the significance of this project, which aims to enhance the quality of life for terminally ill children and their families. This deeply resonates with our team at West to West Group and has fuelled our commitment and passion for the project.

"We aim to deliver an environment that is much more than just a physical structure. It will be a sanctuary of respite, where sick kids and their families can find comfort and community through purpose-designed facilities," said Harvey.

The construction of Sandcastles, which will begin later this month, is estimated to create 100 local jobs.

Sandcastles is funded by PCHF thanks to generous contributions from the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, Cancer Council WA via a generous bequest from the late John



Street, Minderoo Foundation, Lotterywest, the Federal Government and the WA community. The ongoing clinical operational costs of Sandcastles will be provided by the State Government through the facility partner, the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS).

Sandcastles is anticipated to open in 2026. To learn more or to donate, visit pCHF.org.au/childrenshospice

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About Sandcastles

Sandcastles (Boodja Mia) is Western Australia's first purpose-built children's hospice. Upon completion, Sandcastles will be a 'home away from home' built close to Swanbourne Beach and nature, featuring seven single-guest bedrooms, three family suites and a bereavement suite.

The facility will provide services in key areas including:

- Care for children who have a life-limiting medical condition with little prospect of being well and who require 24/7 care. The Hospice will assume care of these children for a period of time allowing their families much needed respite.
- End of life care for children with the safety net of clinical care in the comfort of a highly respectful and supported environment.
- Support for the families of life-limited children.
- State-wide bereavement service for families following the death of a child.

About the Sandcastles Project Team

The Sandcastles Project Team is comprised of Perth Children's Hospital Foundation (PCHF), Hassell, Hesperia, Encon and the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS).

PCHF is funding construction, fit-out and ongoing non-clinical support services for the Hospice, while CAHS has secured the land holding and will provide ongoing clinical funding, and overall clinical management of the hospice.

About Perth Children's Hospital Foundation – The foundation on the frontline

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is the official fundraiser for Perth Children's Hospital. We fuel the fight on the frontline, to help sick children get well and stay well.

By working closely with those on the frontline, the Foundation has an in-depth understanding of what clinicians, researchers and families need to ensure we make a tangible impact where it counts most. This knowledge guides the solutions we fund, ensuring sick children have access to world-class care through the most advanced equipment and



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