

Construction of state-of-the-art addiction treatment centre in Fairfield, will set the standard for addiction treatment worldwide.

The Club is continuing its long term support of Oakdene House Foundation with the construction of a new state-of-the-art problem gambling and alcoholism treatment centre, commencing in May 2023. The centre, a global first-of-its kind, conceptualises what is possible in the realm of problem gambling and alcoholism treatment in Australia and across the globe.

The purpose-built facility will offer free services to any Australian in need, offering Oakdene House's unique Life Choices program, along with hosting 12-step meetings. The new centre will feature ultra-modern amenities and dedicated program spaces, including a calming Zen Garden situated within an expansive outdoor area. Oakdene's focus is on rehabilitation and holistic wellness, removing the stigma and shame addicts often face when they reach out for help. There are also plans for the facility to include a laundrette and clothing hub in the future.



Artist impression of the new Oakdene House Foundation centre

This new centre has always been the ultimate goal of Oakdene House, which has been operating under an existing centre in Fairfield for the past 13 years. The team is extremely proud to see their vision come to fruition.

Anthony Sobb, founding Chairman of Oakdene House, said he hopes this new facility will set a new standard of care that can be adopted not just around Australia, but around the world.

“Oakdene House has been operating for 13 years and has already proven to be an exemplary model of what can happen when the stigma around addiction is broken. This new facility is set to be a gamechanger – taking our standard of care to a whole new level. We want to show the world what can happen when you break down barriers and expel the shame from addiction treatment,”

Anthony said.



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Mark, a recovering gambling addict and Education & Outreach officer at Oakdene House has experienced first-hand the stigma associated with accessing treatment for problem gambling.

“GA and AA meetings all over the world are held in dimly-lit basements and community halls which add another element of a shame to the fight against addiction. The Oakdene House framework will be unlike anything Australia or the world has ever seen, it should set the standard for the rest of the world,” Mark said.

Once complete Oakdene House will be a welcomed addition to what is becoming a dedicated precinct of support in the heart of Western Sydney. Fairfield currently plays host to Oakdene House’s existing facility, along with Oakdene Kitchen which provides hot nutritious meals to the food insecure as a result of the escalating cost of living and Oakdene Ladies Boutique which aims to empower disadvantaged women.

The opening of the new Oakdene House facility marks a significant milestone for the Western Sydney community and will provide much-needed support to those who may be struggling with addiction.

In 2023 Oakdene House helped over 8,000 people through its various programs, and they are just getting started.

It is expected that construction of the new Oakdene House facility will be complete in early 2025.