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\$120M North Star Medical Centre of Excellence Project to Establish Hub of Medical Innovation and Research

Gold Coast, QLD – The Gold Coast is set to further cement its reputation as a centre of medical excellence with the launch of the North Star Medical Centre of Excellence project, a \$120M development by Trilogy Pty Ltd. This state-of-the-art 10-level medical building, located within the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct, will be home to the Gold Coast Transitional Care Centre (GCTCC), enhancing the precinct's role as a hub for innovation and research.

The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence will join esteemed research centres like the Institute for Glycomics, Menzies Health Institute Queensland, and the Cities Research Institute, further solidifying the GCHKP's status as a leading destination for medical advancements. The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence building will significantly boost medical and health research capabilities in the region, fostering a collaborative environment where cutting-edge healthcare solutions can be developed.

The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence development is an interconnected, environmentally friendly building strategically positioned at the heart of Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct. This location will facilitate scientific research and enable the translation of that research into life-saving drugs and devices, creating job opportunities and economic growth on the Gold Coast.

As the foundation tenant, the GCTCC in partnership with a major hotel, will provide accommodation facilities comprising 80 to 120 beds that can be utilised as out-of-hospital overnight beds, including for transitional care as well as emergency accommodation for locum and emergency health professionals. This addition will go a long way to support temporary healthcare needs and improve patient care outcomes.

In contrast to the recent announcement of a development application to build close to 900 build-to-rent homes in the Gold Coast's Health and Knowledge Precinct, the North Star Medical Centre of Excellence focuses on providing short-term, interim care and emergency accommodation. This approach ensures that immediate and critical needs are met, offering flexible, temporary housing options that complement the more permanent facilities proposed for the precinct.

Dr. Alan Parnham, project lead for the North Star Medical Centre of Excellence and Chair of the GCTCC Board, is a driving force behind this transformative project. With over two decades of healthcare expertise and a longstanding commitment to investing in medical infrastructure on the Gold Coast, Dr. Parnham is dedicated to advancing medical research and improving patient care in the region. His leadership and vision are instrumental in bringing the North Star Medical Centre of Excellence to life.

Quotes:

Dr. Alan Parnham, Chair of the GCTCC Board, commented, "The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence represents a pivotal investment in our healthcare infrastructure. We are committed to creating a supportive environment where medical professionals can thrive. The North Star

Medical Centre of Excellence facility will play a crucial role in the educational development of future healthcare professionals by offering practical training and placement opportunities for students."

Dr Parnham concluded, "Our investment in the North Star Medical Centre of Excellence shows our strong commitment to solving healthcare challenges right here in our region. This facility isn't just about healthcare—it's about creating stable, long-term jobs in healthcare, research, and support services, helping to strengthen our local economy and benefit our community. Designed by and for health professionals, this centre aims to attract Queensland's top talent in medicine, science, and research, offering state-of-the-art facilities for both clinical work and groundbreaking medical research."

Mr Matthew Grbic, Founder and Managing Director, MG Group Project Management, will oversee project management for Trilogy Pty Ltd, he commented, "The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence project is a purpose-built medical facility designed to provide a modern and efficient environment for medical services, research activities and patient care. Its advanced facilities ensure that it meets the highest standards of healthcare delivery and innovation."

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About Dr Alan Parnham

Dr. Alan Parnham, the project lead for North Star Medical Centre of Excellence and Chair of the Gold Coast Transitional Care Centre (GCTCC Board), has extensive experience in healthcare. Since 1998, he has served as a medical specialist consultant on the Gold Coast. He currently holds the position of Director at the Gold Coast Private Hospital Dialysis Unit. He is a Visiting Medical Officer (VMO) at Gold Coast University Hospital, Robina Hospital, Gold Coast Private Hospital, and Pindara Hospital. Dr. Parnham is an active member of the nephrology network, both nationally and internationally, and has held significant roles, including Chairman of the Queensland State-wide Renal Network and Lecturer at Griffith Medical School. He is also a principal investigator for several international clinical trials at Griffith Clinical Trials Unit.

About North Star: Medical Centre of Excellence

The North Star Medical Centre of Excellence project is a \$120 million investment to build a state-of-the-art 10-level medical building within the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct.

Read more about the development <https://mg-group.com.au/project/northstar/>

About Gold Coast Transitional Care Centre (GCTCC):

The GCTCC is a private sector-led healthcare initiative founded by leading medical experts in the Gold Coast region, aimed at enhancing healthcare capacity and supporting medical advancements. The GCTCC is dedicated to improving healthcare access, fostering medical research, creating job opportunities, and contributing to the region's economic and social well-being.

Visit the website <https://transitional.healthcare/>

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