



# **Jillian Skinner MP**

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#### **\$100,000 BOOST FOR CAMDEN HOSPITAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS**

Camden Hospital will receive \$100,000 in extra funding for its rehabilitation programs, Health Minister Jillian Skinner announced today while touring the hospital with Camden MP Chris Patterson.

“This funding will allow the purchase of 20 technologically-advanced beds with safety rails to help patients lift themselves into a standing position and electronically-operated controls to adjust height, tilt, backrest, knee-break and calf sections of the bed,” Mrs Skinner said.

“These beds are also easy to clean and manoeuvre, allowing staff to provide high-quality care without compromising workplace safety.

“A new Slidex tilt table will enable patients to slide while performing strengthening exercises such as squats, which will help increase their lower leg strength in a safe environment.”

Mrs Skinner said the funding would allow for the purchase of two electric treatment tables.

“These tables will allow patients to practice standing and sitting from a variety of heights and they can be adjusted easily using electronic foot controls.

“The Rehabilitation Unit will also receive equipment to help patients practise walking up and down stairs, as well as an exercise bike to help build strength and endurance,” Mrs Skinner said.

Mr Patterson said he was delighted to join the minister on her third visit to Camden Hospital in a year, including for the hospital’s 110-year anniversary last May.

“I am proud that the NSW Government is committed to the health needs of our growing community,” Mr Patterson said.

“This funding boost will make a significant difference to the programs offered by the Camden Rehabilitation Unit and improve the health and wellbeing staff as well as patients.”

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