

PEEL HEALTH CAMPUS FOUNDATION

Kids' ward on horizon

THE Peel Health Foundation has released the design of the new Children's Ward for Peel Health Campus undertaken by architects Hames Sharley. In recognition of their major contribution to the fundraising, the ward will be named the *Ralph and Patricia Sarich Paediatric Ward*.

The ward will provide four double bedrooms and four single bedrooms and will be located immediately behind the existing administration/consultation wing of the hospital.

Access to the new ward will be from the main reception foyer.

The new ward was designed through extensive consultation with clinical staff and provides the latest facilities specifically related to children from postnatal to mid teens.

Local paediatric consultants were the driving force behind the plans, drawing on their knowledge and expertise to deliver a unit suitable to the needs of the Peel community.

The design has shown particular attention to the safety and security of children, with monitored and controlled access.

To make a child's stay as comfortable and happy as possible and provide some comfort for the parents, a family room will be available with tea and coffee-making facilities.

A parent can even sleep over while getting rest but being nearby for their child.

An internal playroom and an outdoor playground with modern play equipment is also included.

Hames Sharley associate director Phillip Parker said the new facilities matched the existing hospital and would blend well in the area immediately south of the administration wing.

He said all necessary consultation and approvals were obtained from the Health Department and all was ready to start the tender process.

Peel Health Campus Foundation chairman Arthur Marshall said he was delighted the project had reached the stage of having to raise just \$200,000 and the final contractual matters were in negotiation with the Government.

"We are very impressed with the quality of the design and believe the facilities will provide long overdue dedicated hospital accommodation for children in the Peel Region," he said.

Mr Marshall paid tribute to the support of the community without which the ward would not have been possible.

Peel Health Campus Foundation chairman Arthur Marshall and Cape Bouvard Investments marketing and sales manager Greg Byrne with a concept plan of the new children's ward.