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**BROOKVALE EYESORE EARMARKED FOR NEW
\$50 MILLION COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTRE**

NSW Premier Mike Baird and Health Minister Jillian Skinner today announced the location for a new bumper community health centre for the Northern Beaches.

Mr Baird said a neglected site opposite Warringah Mall on Pittwater Road at Brookvale would make way for the new \$50 million Southern Community Health Centre.

“This is another exciting milestone for health care on the Northern Beaches, just a week after announcing the preferred builder and operator of the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest,” Mr Baird said.

“The new \$50 million Southern Community Health Centre will be a major hub for community health services on the Northern Beaches.

“This site has been an eyesore for years and I’m sure many people will be pleased to hear it has been selected for a major community health care hub.

“Its central and visible location next to a major public transport interchange makes it an ideal spot for residents to access preventative health care services that aim to keep residents on the Northern Beaches active and healthy,” Mr Baird said.

Mrs Skinner said investing in community health care was a key part of the NSW Government’s plan to reduce pressure on the State’s health system.

“The new \$50 million Southern Community Health Centre will provide treatment and consultation for clients in modern facilities for up to 200 staff,” Ms Skinner said.

“It will also house a range of services focused on preventing illness, including a strong emphasis on mental health.

“I’m delighted BreastScreen NSW will have a permanent home in the new centre, instead of the typical van in shopping centres, which is considerably more comfortable for women having screenings.

“It will also transform what the community has seen as an eyesore into a comprehensive contemporary multi-million dollar health facility.”

Construction is scheduled to start on the Southern Community Health Centre in the middle of 2015, with the doors scheduled to open in 2016. Dalwood at Seaforth is also being upgraded, complementing this service by providing child and family health services.

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