

# Children's ward well on way

By **ADAM BROCKMAN**

CONSTRUCTION of a paediatric ward for the Peel Health Campus is expected to begin early next year following a significant injection of funding from the Federal Government.

WA Senator Mathias Cormann announced the \$502,700 contribution under the Regional Partnerships Program on Friday.

Peel Health Foundation chief executive Tony Solin said the donation took the fund to within \$300,000 of the \$3 million target set three years ago.

He said the tender process would now begin while the final funds were raised.

Senator Cormann said the Federal funding would provide the paediatric furniture and equipment for the 12-bed paediatric ward.

"The rooms currently being used for children in the Peel area are designed for adult care and do not offer children the safe and monitored environment they need," he said.

Senator Cormann congratulated

the Peel Health Campus Foundation on its hard work in obtaining Federal, State and local government funding for the facility as well as funding from community groups and businesses.

"This is a great example of the Peel community working together to benefit children and families in the Peel Region," he said.

Peel Health Foundation chairman Arthur Marshall praised the work of everyone involved in obtaining the funding which he said had at times seemed doubtful.

"It's just a marvellous contribution to assist the foundation achieve its goal of raising \$3 million," Mr Marshall said.

"This money will fit out the 12-bed ward which allows us to use the money in the bank to start building the ward.

"This money is hard to come by and we are very appreciative of the recognition given to our cause, particularly from Don Randall and Phil Edman (a councillor and Liberal candidate for Brand)."



**Federal funding announcement (from left): Senator Mathias Cormann, Peel Health Foundation CEO Tony Solin and chairman Arthur Marshall and Canning MHR Don Randall.**

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