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## **The Hub opens its doors to the Maroubra Community**

The Hub at Lexington Place, Maroubra, officially opened its doors to the community today to provide free support to locals across a wide range of services including health, housing, family support and child care.

South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (SESLHD) has partnered with several other agencies including Family and Community Services, Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network, Randwick City Council and the Deli Women and Children's Centre to ensure the needs of people living in the area are met.

Julie Dixon, Director Planning, Population Health and Equity, SESLHD, said the services provided are the result of community engagement that has identified community aspirations and key needs that need addressing.

"Local residents, through many conversations, have identified the need for a place they feel safe and everyone feels pride and respect for their community, along with a service that provides support for issues such as social isolation, economic and housing challenges," Ms Dixon said.

"As more residents visit the Hub, we will develop social and wellbeing activities and projects driven by the residents for the residents."

A General Practitioner (GP) will visit the Hub once a week to provide a free health clinic, there will be a free weekly playgroup available for all families with children aged 0-5 years and there will also be a Community Services Officer on-site to assist with any housing related enquiries.

The Hub is part of a wider community collaboration called Communities at the Centre: A Place-Based Equity and Well-Being Initiative in Maroubra with the aim of building community resilience, improving resident's wellbeing and reducing inequities within a generation.

"The Hub welcomes all residents of Maroubra and surrounding housing estates to drop in and connect with other residents and use the services and community space," Ms Dixon said.

"Engaging and involving local residents and other community stakeholders is paramount to the integrity and success of the initiative."