

## Olivia Newton-John's new Ambassadors for cancer and wellness centre appeal

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Sir Cliff Richard, Leeza Gibbons and Sigrid Thornton have stepped up their commitment to help Olivia Newton-John's "Cancer and Wellness Centre Appeal", accepting Olivia's invitation to become ambassadors for the appeal.

Having joined Olivia's Great Walk to Beijing fundraiser earlier this year ([www.greatwalktobeijing.com](http://www.greatwalktobeijing.com)), Australian actress Ms Thornton said, "I feel privileged to do whatever I can to support a centre that will further Australia's ground-breaking cancer research, as well as introduce a holistic perspective on cancer treatment."

Sir Cliff Richard, who helped launch Olivia's international career more than 30 years ago, said, "The more I learn about Olivia's Cancer and Wellness Centre, the more I realise that it's going to be something very different and necessary and unbelievably positive for the planet."

Also joining the Ambassador program is Australian identity Tottie Goldsmith (Olivia's niece), Pat Farrar - who used to sing with Olivia as a teenager, and two long-time supporters and friends of Olivia's - Sue McIntosh and Barbra Ward.

The new Ambassadors join Dannii Minogue, who accepted Olivia's invitation to the Ambassador program in June this year.

The Ambassadors will take part in select fundraising initiatives for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre Appeal - for its mission to help change the way cancer is treated and to raise funds for patient-centred medical and wellness centre.

### **About the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre Appeal**

The appeal is a fundraising campaign to create a specially designed cancer and wellness centre with world-leading research, international clinical trials and medical treatments - to help change the way cancer is treated - and ultimately to find a cure for all types of cancers. A dedicated, tranquil, Wellness Centre will provide patients and their loved ones with much-needed psychosocial support; including wellness therapies and counselling services. The Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Centre will build on 126 years of cancer care and treatment at the Austin Hospital - a part of Austin Health.

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