

New Cardiac Facility Improves Patient Care

On Sunday, 2 March, Health Minister, Daniel Andrews MP unveiled the new purpose-built \$6 million Ewa and Ezriel Rabinowicz Cardiac & Thoracic Centre.

Boasting one of the most comprehensive cardiovascular services in the country, the new 48-bed centre and Tattersall's George Adams Foundation Cardiac Day Procedure Unit ensures that seriously ill heart patients have access to streamlined specialist care.

For the first time at The Alfred, cardiology and cardiac surgery patients are co-located in the one area. This integrated service allows for a more supportive environment for patients and their families and ultimately encourages a faster recovery time.

“By having one centre that can do both medical and surgical treatments means that the patient gets to know one team. We want to create that family feel and continuity of care, so that treatment is more efficient and patient-oriented,” said Nurse Manager, Hilary Stedman.

The state-of-the-art ward is also well equipped to support the major technological advances in cardiac clinical practices over the last 30 years – which was the last time the former ward for heart patients had been substantially altered.

The Alfred is grateful to the many generous donors who have fully funded the development of the centre. It is a testimony to what dedicated community spirit can achieve for health care in Victoria.



Mr Ezriel Rabinowicz and daughter, Ms Roseanne Amarant at the official opening