

Building for biotech breakthroughs

IN BRIEF >>>

GC SET FOR 3D

A NEW 3D MOVIE WITH JAMES Cameron of *Titanic* fame as executive producer has begun production on the Gold Coast.

The suspense movie *Sanctum* has joined a range of productions currently underway in Queensland including *I'm a Celebrity*, *Get Me Out of Here Series 9*, *Sea Patrol 4* and *The Elephant Princess 2*. Recently completed filming was *The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*.

"Right now there is over \$52million of Queensland Government-supported film and television production being shot in Queensland," said Premier and Arts Minister Anna Bligh.

"Productions supported by my government through funding by Screen Queensland (formerly Pacific Film and Television Commission) are providing more than \$95million in flow-on economic activity and creating nearly 2000 jobs," Ms Bligh said.

Sanctum is being shot at the Warner Roadshow studio on the Gold Coast, utilising the studio's water tank facility, the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

www.screenqueensland.com.au ■



James Cameron is filming on the Gold Coast.



Image: Ken Keeler/Sky Camera

View over the PA Hospital encompassing the new health, biotechnology and eco-sciences infrastructure expected to help propel Queensland to world leadership in biotechnology and healthcare research and development.

It is already being called 'Australia's Biotechnology Heart' and in coming years the cluster of research infrastructure nearing completion in Brisbane is likely to deliver a series of world-changing innovations in health and biotechnology.

That is certainly the aim, as attendees of the Queensland Innovation Series were told recently by Queensland Treasurer Andrew Fraser, Princess Alexandra Hospital executive director Richard Ashby and Mater Medical Research Institute chief executive, John Prins.

Mr Fraser said the precinct – that links the Queensland Bioscience Precinct at the University of

Queensland with the PA Hospital, the Translational Research Institute, the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence (PACE), Mater Hospital, and the new Boggo Road Eco-sciences Precinct – will "provide bricks and mortar for the real investment, which is the brains – attracting the people who are to be involved in these industries".

Queensland has already been labelled an 'innovation hotspot' by the World Health Forum, Mr Fraser said.

"This has been a journey of bricks to brains ... and we now have a critical mass to capitalise upon it." ■

• See Innovation section, this issue.

UNCONVENTIONAL

A CONRAD TREASURY BUSINESS EVENT

There's nothing quite like it

CONRAD TREASURY BUSINESS

AT CONRAD TREASURY DELEGATES LISTEN & LEARN AMIDST THE SOPHISTICATED ELEGANCE OF OUR 7 UNIQUELY APPOINTED ROOMS.

CALL OUR EVENTS TEAM ON 07 3306 8888 TODAY TO DISCUSS A TRULY UNCONVENTIONAL APPROACH TO BUSINESS.

WWW.TREASURYFUNCTIONS.COM.AU