

MANLY Lorraine Wood, founder of Curl Curl's South Pacific Private addictions clinic, dies

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THE founder of an addictions clinic which has helped tens of thousands of Australians has died.

Lorraine Wood, who co-founded Curl Curl's South Pacific Private with her late husband Bill in 1993, died following a long battle with cancer.

The clinic is one of a small handful globally which uses the trauma-informed framework developed by Pia Melody at The Meadows Treatment Centre, Arizona — where people such as Michael Phelps, Kate Moss and Tiger Woods have looked for help.



The South Pacific Private Hospital in Curl Curl. Picture: Hollie Adams/The Australian

Since opening it is estimated the northern beaches facility has helped more than 80,000 Australians.

Mrs Wood grew up surrounded by alcoholics and spoke of her wish to heal "intergenerational trauma".

Her spark for opening the clinic came when she herself sought help at the Arizona clinic.

Her husband passed away in 2000 but she continued to run the business up until very recently.

The clinic has said she had a succession plan in place to ensure her legacy would continue.

"South Pacific Private plans to continue Lorraine's legacy, running as it always has, with the same spirit and compassion," her daughter Frances said.



Lorraine Wood started the South Pacific Private Hospital. Picture: Hollie Adams/The Australian

"Mum is forever grateful that we will remain a beacon of hope for all people and their families who are suffering from addictions and mental illness."

Her funeral will be held on Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cardinal St, Mosman at 1pm.

Donations can be made to Stewart House children's charity in Curl Curl.

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