

**PROJECT FACT SHEET –
THE CHRIS O'BRIEN LIFEHOUSE AT RPA**

Project name	The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA
Project address	The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA Missenden Road Camperdown, New South Wales
Owner & Client	The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA
Consultants	Architect: Rice Daubney Services Engineer: SKM Structural Engineer: SCP BCA Consultants: Philip Chun
Sector	Health
Value (\$)	\$142 million
Size	43,500 square metres
Type of contract	Design and Construct
Completion	Mid 2013
Project description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new nine storey facility will be fully integrated into the existing infrastructure and the existing Radiation Oncology Centre at RPA. • Lifehouse will provide clinical care, research and education to ensure better outcomes for everyone living with cancer. • It will be a patient centred, integrated facility, providing a broad clinical service including ambulatory care, intervention, treatment and in-patient accommodation. • The design will facilitate parallel therapies including an Integrated Medicine unit offering a broader cancer community focus like the well-known Maggie Centres. • Two levels of basement parking are provided with the site linked to the existing Radiation Oncology facility via service and public routes. • Diagnostic Imaging is located on the lower ground level with natural light provided through three recessed courtyards. • The courtyards on lower ground level will introduce natural light into the clinical and administrative zones on this level.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulatory services are arranged over the open lower three levels with the interventional unit above. • Integrated Medicine is easily accessible to all users on the entry level. • Research and education facilities are located mid-height with the inpatient facilities looking out onto roof-top 'healing' gardens.
<p>Innovative design features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design focuses on patient centred care as a holistic experience with emphasis on "soft spaces" such as circulation routes, waiting areas and private patient spaces. • The centre is divided into two core zones: eastern zone is patient-focused and operates as a 'served' space while the western zone is support-focused and operates as staff spaces. • Patient rooms have access to healing gardens, terraces and spectacular views. • Patient spaces are planned to maximise natural light, incorporating natural materials to create a non-clinical ambience. • The light-filled central atrium serves as the 'the sanctuary' and incorporates a dramatic artwork. • A central zone is featured around a dramatic full height atrium. • The building features open floors over ambulatory services on lower levels. • Strong emphasis on research and education is reflected in the building's overall design with dedicated spaces • Due to the heritage fabric of the RPA campus the overall building height has been limited. Stacking and efficient planning with massing reduces the perceived bulk of the building.
<p>Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The west façade has increased thermal mass and reduced fenestration eliminating the need for external sun-shading. • All inpatient rooms have natural ventilation through balcony doors without compromising on safety.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The glazed eastern/northern façade has glass louvers providing filtered light and privacy, maximising daylight and eliminating glare.• The facility incorporates a tri-generation system for energy efficiencies.
Other features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Material selection reflects the contemporary expression of the design.

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