

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA welcomes planning approval for NSW's first integrated cancer centre

The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA ("Lifehouse at RPA") has welcomed the NSW Government's planning approval for the construction of Sydney's first integrated cancer facility.

Lifehouse at RPA is an independent Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) - a self sustaining charitable organisation that will bring together all elements of cancer treatment, education, research, care and support within a single centre of excellence, which will serve both public and private patients.

Lifehouse at RPA Chief Executive Tim Dugan said worldwide experience showed integrated cancer centres are recognised as the most effective model for the very best cancer care.

"This is a critically important milestone for our project to realise Chris O'Brien's vision for the State's finest cancer centre.

"Lifehouse at RPA will integrate clinical care, research and education to create opportunities for innovative discoveries, compassionate holistic care and better outcomes for patients.

"We are delighted that the project is moving ahead and we thank the Australian and NSW Governments for their strong support for the project."

The site is currently being cleared with the removal of the Page building and early construction works have commenced.

Lifehouse at RPA will be built in two stages with total completion, including inpatient beds, expected by 2016. The Federal Government has contributed \$160m and the State Government has contributed the leasehold over the land and buildings.

Stage 1 of the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA will be completed in early 2013. Stage 1 will include ambulatory clinics, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, day surgery, integrative medicine, dry research, imaging facilities, pathology collection and offices. This stage will also include the construction of the shell for two additional floors to house in-patient beds and further research facilities.

Stage 2 will involve the fit-out of the two additional floors. Lifehouse at RPA hopes to bring forward the completion of Stage 2 through the launch of the Chris O'Brien Charitable Bonds to fund the additional capital works.

Investors are still able to take advantage of the Charitable Bonds offering by contacting 1300 852 500 or email im@lifehouserpa.org.au.

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