

NSW takes a major step towards a new world-class cancer centre

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The Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation and the Sydney Cancer Centre today welcomed State and Federal Government support of the new \$300 million state-of-the-art cancer centre, Lifehouse at RPA. The new Sydney Cancer Centre.

Sydney Cancer Centre Director, Associate Professor Michael Boyer said Lifehouse at RPA will offer a new model of care delivery. By focusing only on cancer, Lifehouse will have the greatest opportunity to meet the needs of people living with cancer, along with the needs of their families.

"Lifehouse at RPA will incorporate clinical care, research and education into a single organisation. This approach is recognised worldwide as the ideal way of delivering cancer care and developing new treatments."

"Lifehouse at RPA will provide a full range of services including diagnosis, surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, as well as support, wellness and complementary healthcare facilities."

Sydney Cancer Centre Foundation Chief Executive, Tim Dugan said Lifehouse at RPA will operate as a not-for-profit charitable organisation. "Lifehouse at RPA will be undertaking a major fundraising drive shortly to raise funds, with the aim of commencing capital works in late 2009.

Lifehouse at RPA was the vision of head and neck surgeon Professor Chris O'Brien who launched the project in 2006, shortly before he was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"This world class facility will be a testament to Professor O'Brien's vision for what we can achieve for patient care by integrating cancer treatment and research." Mr Dugan said, "Lifehouse at RPA will continue to work closely with NSW Health and the Sydney South West Area Health Service in planning the new facility."