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Rice Daubney appointed to design Lifeshouse at RPA

Lifeshouse at RPA Chief Executive Officer Tim Dugan today announced the appointment of architects Rice Daubney to design its new state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer centre at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

Mr Dugan said Rice Daubney had been appointed to design the \$180 million facility to be located in the RPA precinct in Camperdown.

“Rice Daubney is one of Australia’s leading architectural practices with a 30-year track record in innovative design for health and research facilities, as well as in the commercial, retail and defence sectors.

“Above all, Rice Daubney shares Prof. Chris O’Brien’s vision for an integrated cancer centre which puts the needs of patients front and centre, and creates a place of hope and innovation.

“Lifeshouse at RPA will be designed to allow patients to easily navigate their way around the facility to access the services they require.

“As an integrated cancer centre, it will also encompass state-of-the-art research facilities, which will allow much quicker application of findings to patient treatment.

“We are delighted to announce Rice Daubney’s appointment, representing another major milestone in the journey started by Prof. O’Brien so many years ago.”

Other major health projects by Rice Daubney include the continuing redevelopment of Liverpool Hospital, Australian School of Advanced Medicine at Macquarie University, Wellington Hospital in New Zealand and major regional hospitals at Wagga Wagga and Tamworth.

Mr Dugan said site preparation was expected to begin before the end of the year, with construction to commence during the third quarter of 2010. Lifeshouse at RPA is expected to begin operation in late 2012.

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