



Media Statement

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Students with an eye for science invited to public forum

The Lions Eye Institute will join National Science Week events with a free public forum – *Seeing Eye to Eye* – next Wednesday, August 17.

The forum is divided into two sessions and offers an opportunity to hear from some of Western Australia's top ophthalmologists and eye researchers.

The first session involves a round-table discussion with Professor Bill Morgan (glaucoma), Associate Professor Mei-Ling Tay-Kearney (ocular infections and inflammation), Dr Fred Chen (retinal diseases), Professor Geoffrey Crawford (corneal diseases and refractive surgery) and LEI Managing Director Professor David Mackey (hereditary and genetic eye diseases).

This Q&A format will answer questions from the audience on blinding eye diseases and current and future treatments.

The second session will feature early career and student scientists from the LEI.

"This would be a great opportunity for high school and University students thinking about a career in science to meet and talk to our current scientists," Professor Mackey said.

The event runs from 5.30pm to 8pm on Wednesday, August 17, at the McCusker Auditorium, Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, 6 Verdun St, Nedlands. Refreshments will be served between sessions.

To find out more, visit <http://www.scienceweek.net.au/events/> or RSVP at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/seeing-eye-to-eye-tickets-26717611094>

National Science Week, from August 13 to 21, is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology and involves more than 1000 science events across the nation.

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