



MEDIA STATEMENT

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You're invited to the LEI Open Day.

The Lions Eye Institute (LEI) will open its doors to the community this **Saturday, October 4**, for a behind-the-scenes look at the work of its internationally-renowned doctors, scientific researchers and clinic staff.

The annual LEI Open Day is free and gives visitors a chance to view the clinic and research areas, with lots of information on eye health also being made available.

Managing Director Professor David Mackey will host a "coffee with the Professor" session and visitors will also have a chance to view the LEI's new state-of-the-art research laboratories - housed in the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research – for the first time.

"The Open Day gives people a great introduction to eye health with information about the latest in clinical operations and treatments for a range of eye conditions, the anatomy of the eye, research breakthroughs and the world of ophthalmic photography," Professor Mackey said.

The Open Day runs from 11.30am to 4pm and visitors are asked to come to the LEI building at 2 Verdun St to pick up their map and information pack.

More information, including a parking map, is available at www.lei.org.au

Avoidable blindness and vision impairment will also be in the spotlight this month with World Sight Day on October 9.

The theme this year is Universal Eye Health, with a focus on people who are at the frontline eliminating avoidable blindness and vision impairment.

Vision 2020 Australia is hosting World Sight Day events, with Barry Jones and Amanda Vanstone delivering a National Press Club address on the importance of eye health prevention on October 8.

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