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## Free public talk on epilepsy research ... and progress towards better treatment

With epilepsy affecting over one million people in Australia, and with nearly one third of them not responding to current medications, there are some big questions that need to be answered.

The public is invited to hear a talk by Dr Phil Robinson of the Children's Medical Research Institute (CMRI) about current research. His lab has made a discovery that opens the path to a truly new treatment for epilepsy.

Dr Robinson has found a new opening into the control of brain excitability, a major factor in epileptic seizures.

Many of today's treatments for epilepsy target similar aspects of the brain and some cause side effects such as slowed thought processes and a general 'fuzziness.' Dr Robinson's research holds enormous potential for future improved treatment of epilepsy.

Join Dr Robinson for an evening lecture about the research behind this new discovery and how it may one day be used to development treatments for epilepsy, schizophrenia and mood disorders.

There is also an opportunity to take a "back-stage" look into the CMRI's state-of-the-art research facilities and hear from a world-leading scientist. Evening refreshments will be provided to sustain you through the lecture and tour program.

This program is part of National Science Week, an initiative of the Australian Government.

- Where:** The Children's Medical Research Institute  
214 Hawkesbury Rd Westmead
- When:** Friday 8 June 2007, 6:15 for a 6:30 pm start
- Cost:** **FREE**
- Bookings:** Ruth Hardman or Jane Fleming 9687 2800

**Please RSVP by Monday 4 June**



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