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MONASH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH – SHARPENING THE FOCUS OF VICTORIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH

The creation of Monash Institute of Medical Research (MIMR) on 1 February 2005, heralds a new era in medical research in Victoria, refining the model under which many new therapies will be developed in the future.

MIMR brings together the key medical research entities of Monash University and the Southern Health network, including the Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development (MIRD), the Centre for Inflammatory Diseases and the Centre for Women's Health.

Professor Ed Byrne, Dean of Medicine, Monash University said, "MIMR epitomizes Monash University Medical Faculty's commitment to medical research at the highest level. In conjunction with our high quality teaching program, this Institute is positioning Monash to be at the forefront of medical care and biotechnology both now and in the future."

MIMR is dedicated to taking basic biomedical discoveries from the scientific bench to the patient's bedside and then onto the wider community.

Talented Monash researchers and biotechnology experts have joined forces with Southern Health clinicians to take these valuable biomedical discoveries through various stages of development to commercial reality.

"Southern Health is dedicated to providing the highest quality patient care available," said, its Chief Executive Ms Linda Sorrell. "We have a strong history of conducting clinical trials of new therapies that have ultimately revolutionized aspects of medical care. This collaborative initiative with world renowned research partners will ensure that we remain at the forefront of developments."

The establishment of the Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development (MIRD) in 1991, brought together many like minded scientists working in related fields.

"Over the past decade, our research has expanded beyond the confines of reproduction requiring broader collaborations with colleagues in other fields," explained Institute Director, Professor David de Kretser.

"Through evolving informal links we have highlighted the appropriate mix of different skills required to solve various complex biomedical and clinical problems," said Professor de Kretser.

"There is clearly great value to be gained by concentrating research activities under the one banner and maximising the use of infrastructure resources and expensive equipment."

"It is an exciting era in medical research and Monash remains at the forefront."

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