

# Jodi McKay

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## Neurological research receives a boost with new facilities unveiled

New South Wales' strength in neurological research will be further enhanced thanks to expansion of the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute's facilities and the opening of the \$3 million state-of-the-art Prince Henry Wing today.

Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay, who will officially open the new facility today, said it will accommodate clinical researchers working with patients and studying dementia, falls, spinal injury, schizophrenia and motor neurone disease.

"This research will contribute to our understanding and effective treatment of neurological conditions and spinal injuries," Ms McKay said.

"The work carried out by the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute is an example of the innovative research carried out in NSW that makes our State a leading research location in the Asia-Pacific."

Member for Coogee Paul Pearce said the NSW Government had been a proud ongoing supporter of Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute, one of Australia's biggest independent research institutes and a leader in neuroscience research.

"Between 2006 and 2009 the Government has provided more than \$4.5 million funding for the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute," Mr Pearce said.

"This latest expansion has been made possible thanks to the generosity of the Prince Henry Hospital Centenary Research Fund trustees, who provided \$1 million support to enable the building of this new wing."

Professor Peter Schofield, CEO of the Prince of Wales Medical Research Institute said NSW Government support is crucial to providing the infrastructure that allows research to be undertaken.

"The \$4.5 million funding for POWMRI helps us to leverage Commonwealth and philanthropic support.

"The Institute, staff and those who benefit most from our research outcomes are most appreciative of this support from the NSW Government," Professor Schofield said.

Ms McKay said \$64 million in funding has been provided to researchers across NSW for high quality laboratories, equipment and facilities through the Medical Research Support Program between 2006 and 2009.

For more information on NSW research support and funding opportunities go to [www.osmr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.osmr.nsw.gov.au) .

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