

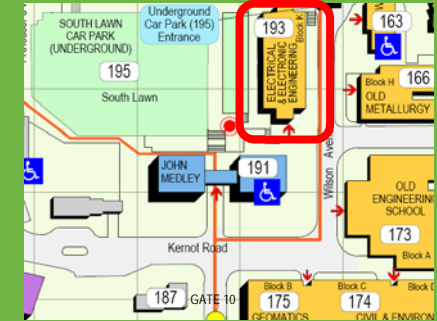
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# National ICT Australia invites you to the Victoria Research Laboratory Big Picture Seminar Series Thursday November 2, 2006

The talk will be followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet the speaker.

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS FREE EVENT**  
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Public Parking is available at an hourly rate at the University Square car park. Enter via Bouverie Street. Local street parking is also available.



**When:** 4-5pm, Thurs. November 2 2006 **Where:** Brown Theatre, Electrical & Electronic Engineering (Building 193), University of Melbourne, Parkville

## Peter Hughes, Director and CEO, Epworth Eastern Private Hospital Harnessing Technological Innovations in Healthcare

**ABSTRACT:** Epworth HealthCare's newest acute facility, Epworth Eastern, has incorporated an innovative digital approach to improving and streamlining workflow processes to enhance patient safety and security, improve potential error rates, mitigate duplication and waste and productivity levels. This talk will articulate how the hospital sought to improve patient outcomes via access to real time data and decision support tools whilst improving job satisfaction and staff retention rates. The presentation will discuss the challenges involved in implementing a "high tech" vision in an environment that has been typically slow to respond to practice change, and will include a hypothetical patient case study to showcase the breadth and efficacy of technologies adopted

**BIOGRAPHY:** Dr Peter Hughes has world renowned expertise in health planning, health systems and facility development and health financing and asset placement. He has overseen the construction and establishment of the Epworth Eastern Private Hospital, including procurement, recruiting, operational and administrative procedures. His career commenced as a practising Architect prior to the planning and project management of major health facility developments. Dr Hughes established a major health business unit for the Lend Lease Corporation, and has worked and joint ventured with some of the world's leading health institutions. Dr Hughes has founded and operationalized a number of major entities and serves as a current board member of the Victorian Cytology Service and Nutrition Australia (Vic Division Chair). He also owns a number of private healthcare companies. His academic qualifications include environmental science, architecture and both a masters degree and doctorate in business administration. Dr Hughes has frequently lectured within the Graduate School Of Business at RMIT in areas of Corporate Strategy and Mergers and Acquisitions.

