



**A HOLE LOT
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Professor
Gin Malhi
and
Associate
Professor
Jim
Lagopoulos
look through
the scanner.**

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IT'S warm, approachable and gets inside your head like nothing else. And it should establish Royal North Shore Hospital's presence in international neuropsychiatry as the Harbour Bridge identifies Sydney.

ARCHI, Australia's first clinical research dedicated scanner, was launched on Thursday. "We called it ARCHI because we wanted a warm name," said Psychological Medicine Department head Gin Malhi. "But it also means something –

ARCHI stands for Advanced Research and Clinical High-field Imaging."

Professor Malhi is determined ARCHI's grunt be used for down-to-earth purposes.

"Whenever people are diagnosed with a disorder, such as bipolar disorder, they always ask three questions," he said. "What have I got?', 'Can you treat it?' and 'Will my children get it?'"

"We have to remember those main questions as we're doing research."

Professor Malhi said it could develop makers to help diagnose mental illness, as well as anticipate and prevent the illness.