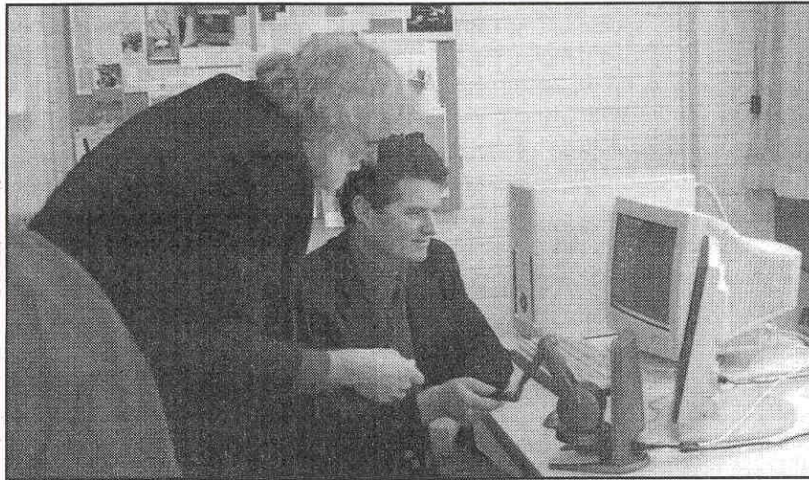


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## New Bionics Centre at Monash Gippsland

THE Federal Science Minister and Member for Gippsland Peter McGauran, officially opened the Bionics & Cognitive Science Centre at Monash University, Gippsland, on Friday 5 September.

"It's an exciting moment and its an exciting centre," said Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian McKenzie.

"Bionics is basically extending human sensory and motor capacity through the use of intelligent machines," continued Mr McKenzie.

In December 2002, the School of Humanities, Communications and Social Sciences obtained \$360,000 from the Federal Government to establish the

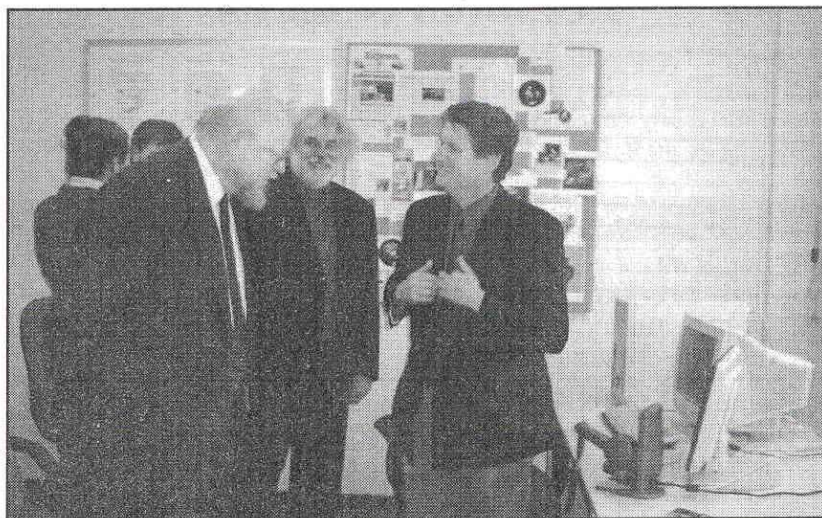
Centre and introduce the Bachelor of Cognitive Science.

The purpose of the centre is to apply knowledge in the areas of sensory, perceptual and cognitive processes, computing, engineering and philosophy.

The research being undertaken in this area opens up a huge range of possibilities, for example, a surgeon performing an operation on a patient in a different country.

"It's very exciting," said Mr McGauran. "World-class, cutting-edge science is being undertaken at a regional university."

The possibilities for the future are "limitless" he said.



**Official Opening of the Bionics & Cognitive Science Centre:**  
Above - Centre Director Dr. Barry Richardson and Science Minister Peter McGauran.  
Below - Pro-Vice Chancellor Brian Mackenzie, Dr Barry Richardson and Minister Peter McGauran.