

**Faculty of Science  
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## **Informed Consent**

### **Participant Information and Consent Form Social Eye-Gaze in Virtual Reality**

You are invited to participate in a study of eye gaze in virtual reality (VR). The purpose of the study is to gain insight into patterns and behaviours of social eye-gaze in VR.

Please read this consent form and check the box at the bottom of the page.

The study is being conducted by:

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To participate in this study, you must be aged between 18–70 years.

If you decide to participate, you will be asked to complete a survey and then play a two-player game which will take about 15 minutes. The game is GoMoku and will be playing in virtual reality with another networked player. Covid safe restrictions apply including social distancing, sanitation of equipment and always wearing masks.

Your participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason. Your survey response, eye-tracking data and in game behaviours will be recorded. This anonymised data will only be used for a thesis submission. The data is held in a secure area and accessible only to the project's researchers and research assistants. No participant will be identified in any submission or presentation of results. A summary of the results of the data can be made available to you by emailing the investigators listed above.

If you experience and upset or distress because of the game play, once you have left the laboratory, we advise

you to contact the Campus Wellbeing Counselling Service (phone 9850 7497). Alternatively, there is free counselling available 24 hours a day by phone through Lifeline (phone 13 11 14), or a comprehensive list of clinical psychologists is available through the Australian Psychological Society (phone 1800 333 497, or website <http://www.psychology.org.au>). Please let us know if this occurs after you have left the lab and the experimenter can give you further information about these services or assist you in contacting them if you wish.

I, have read (or, where appropriate, have had read to me) and understand the information above and any questions I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to participate in this research, knowing that I can withdraw from further participation in the research at any time without consequence. I have been given a copy of this form to keep. By clicking the button below, you acknowledge: Your participation in the study is voluntary. You are 18 years of age. You are aware that you may choose to terminate your participation at any time for any reason.

First Name

Last name

Email Address

- ☐ I consent, begin the study
- ☐ I do not consent, I do not wish to participate

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics & Integrity (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email [ethics@mq.edu.au](mailto:ethics@mq.edu.au)). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

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