NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Optometry Tasmania
ACN 332 330 199
ABN 18 332 330 199
("Optometry Tas")

To: Optometry Tasmania Member

In accordance with clause 11 of Optometry Tasmania's Rules, a special general meeting of Optometry Tasmania will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Place: Queens Head Hotel. 400 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart

Time: 6:45pm AEST

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

Voting Members of Optometry Tasmania have the right to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote instead of the Member, in accordance with clause 21 of Optometry Tasmania's Constitution. The proxy must be a Voting Member. If you cannot attend and wish to appoint a proxy, a proxy form is enclosed for your use. The form must be completed, signed and returned to Optometry Tasmania at least 48 hours before the meeting commences at one of the following addresses:

executiveassistant@optometry.org.au

By order of the Board.

Lisa Kingshott
President

8 April, 2026

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1 Welcome

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SPECIAL BUSINESS

4 Endorsement of the proposal to unify the Optometry Australia Federation to a single organisation, and approval to transfer property and assets to the company that will house the single organisation (Ordinary Resolution).

The five State Division Boards and the National Board have run a joint process, the Strategic Futures Project (**the Project**), to explore in detail unification of the Optometry Australia Federation (**Federation**), with the intent of positioning the Federation for future success.

The Project has been undertaken by a Working Group which includes representatives from:

- Optometry Australia
- Optometry New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- Optometry Qld/NT
- Optometry Tasmania
- Optometry Victoria/South Australia
- Optometry Western Australia

The Working Group has produced a detailed business case in conjunction with governance and strategy, financial and legal consultants, and which has been endorsed by the Board.

A summary of the business case, referred to as the Proposal Overview, was provided with the notice of general meeting. The proposed Constitution of the single organisation is provided as an attachment to the Proposal Overview.

The Proposal Overview supports the case for streamlining the operations of the National and State Division entities forming the Federation into a single organisation within a single legal entity.

Benefits and considerations have been provided in the Proposal Overview and these have also been highlighted in the member engagement process run prior to members undertaking a formal vote. Key benefits include:

- streamlining governance and decision-making, strengthening member engagement and enhancing services and member support;
- increasing the organisation's influence with governments and regulators, and a strong voice to advocate for funding, scope and workforce solutions;
- reducing duplication and associated costs, thereby lowering member fees; and
- a structure fit for securing the long-term future of optometry.

The Board has recommended the ordinary resolution below as an integral step to implement Optometry Tasmania's involvement in the proposed unification of the Optometry Australia Federation.

Following careful and thorough legal, financial and commercial scrutiny by the Working Group and its advisors, **the Board has endorsed, and recommends that the Members also endorse, the Proposal Overview** which includes a proposal to transfer the property and assets of Optometry Tasmania to the company (legal entity) that will be used to house the single organisation.

The company to be utilised to house the single organisation is Australian Optometry Ltd (ACN 693 343 645), a special purpose company incorporated by Optometry Australia for the purposes of unification. It has not traded. Its name will be changed to "Optometry Australia" and have its membership, governance, management and operations structured in accordance with the Proposal Overview. There is no proposal to change the Federation's name and branding.

Australian Optometry Ltd has been registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission, under the charity sub-types 'advancing health' and 'Health Promotion Charity' (HPC). This registration is recognition that the existing activities of the Federation, which the single organisation will continue, meet the relevant criteria for charity registration.

The registration will provide significant financial and non-financial benefits, supporting financial sustainability and the organisation's ability to lead, engage, unite and promote optometry, optometrists and eye health. This registration and its benefits have been further outlined in the Proposal Overview and in the member engagement process run prior to members undertaking a formal vote.

The Board of Optometry Tasmania supports putting this motion to members and has the power to do so pursuant to clause 11 of Optometry Tasmania's Rules.

The members have the power to approve this resolution if a majority of members casting a vote are in favour of the resolution. **The Board has endorsed the Proposal Overview and recommends members vote in favour of this resolution.**

It is proposed to consider and, if thought fit, approve the recommended unification with the State Divisions and National organisation that make up the Optometry Australia Federation in accordance with the following proposed ordinary resolution:

"That:

1. *the Proposal Overview circulated with this notice be endorsed.*

2. *the proposed transfer of property and assets of Optometry Tasmania/ ACN 332 330 199 / ABN 18 332 330 199] to the* Australian Optometry Ltd (ACN 693 343 645) *be approved by the members of Optometry Tasmania to give effect to the unification of the Optometry Australia Federation; and*

3. *that the Board be authorised to do all things reasonable and necessary to give effect to the unification and the associated transfer of the property and assets of Optometry Tasmania in accordance with a binding commitment agreement and/or proposed transfer deed executed by the parties."*