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## EDITORIAL



It is a new era for your association with the operation of Optometry Victoria South Australia (OV/SA) commencing from 1 July 2019. I'm delighted to be ushering in this new era with you, and on behalf of the Board and all of the secretariat staff, I'd like to acknowledge the important role that members have played in making this a reality.

While in many ways the establishment and operation of OV/SA will be business as usual, I am excited that we have been able to offer a reduction in membership fees, and an expansion and diversification of our professional education offerings.

By combining the strengths of the two organisations, and reducing overheads, we will continue to deliver the services and support that members have come to expect.

I'd like to thank all of the Victorian and South Australian Board Directors who have done so much for the association during their tenure, some who have contributed up to 20 years of service to the organisation.

Those who are continuing on to the new Board will look to faithfully execute their duties and honour the legacy of those Directors who are stepping off, and those who have governed in Victoria and South Australia over the last 100 years.

I'd also like to thank South Australia's Member Liaison Officer Nicole Ostrogny who has made a significant contribution to the South Australian division in her time with the association.

As preparations are being finalised for O=MEGA19 in Melbourne in July, I encourage all members who are attending the conference to come and say hello, in particular any South Australian members who may be making the trip to Melbourne.

I'd also particularly like to acknowledge all South Australian members who are receiving this June edition of *Scope* for the very first time. I hope that you, and all Victorian members, enjoy this edition, and I look forward to seeing and speaking with you, very soon.

Warm regards,

Pete Haydon  
Chief Executive Officer

## STRONG DEMAND FOR 'ECOV'S BACK TO BASICS: GLAUCOMA' SEMINAR

Around 80 members attended the most recent ECOV seminar 'Back to Basics: Glaucoma' in Melbourne.

Guest presenters were early career optometrist John Komser and former optometrist and now early career ophthalmologist Nicholas Toalster.

The demand to attend the seminar was incredibly strong, with a larger venue at the University of Melbourne sourced, to maximise the number of members who could attend.

The seminar provided participants with updates in glaucoma management, key clinical pearls for early detection and

management, as well as collaborative care. Differences in equipment and impact on clinical findings, what to do with glaucoma suspects, and when to refer and when to retain patients, were all discussed.

Participants received 6T CPD points (with assessment).



## 'A DAY IN MAY' WARMLY RECEIVED BY SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS

Around 100 South Australian members attended the inaugural "A Day in May" CPD event, which was held on Sunday 19 May at the Pullman Adelaide.

This 'Musicals' themed CPD event aimed to provide all that loyal delegates of the two-day SA Blue Sky Congress have come to love, but packaged into a bite-size, one-day extravaganza, with twenty-one CPD points available.

The high-quality program included three lectures on myopia from Daniel Tilia from the Brien Holden Vision Institute. Ophthalmologist Associate Professor Celia Chen presented on useful tests to implement in practice to diagnose functional vision loss, as well as providing examples of when OCT in neuro-ophthalmology is useful and/or limited.

Dr Adam Rudkin lectured on uveitis and providing effective care when things go bad, while Dr Weng Chan discussed peripheral retinal lesions.

Delegates and speakers alike were entertained between the education programme by emcee, magician and comedian Gary Edwards. They were also kept on their toes with energising musical exercise routines led by outgoing Optometry South Australia CEO "Sister" Libby Boschen.



The event was sponsored by Coopervision and supported by a targeted group of exhibitors relevant to the education programme: Menicon, Cornicopia and Gelflex/Australian Contact Lenses.

The event concluded with 'Sundowner' drinks and nibbles offering delegates the opportunity to relax, network and debrief after a full day of education.

Feedback from delegates about the event was overwhelmingly positive, with participants warmly applauding this new, one-day format which will

be held in the year that SA Blue Sky Congress is not running.

A second one-day CPD event will be held in Adelaide on Sunday 17 November, ensuring that members will have an equivalent number of CPD points available as they would from the two-day SA Blue Sky Congress.

SA Blue Sky Congress will be held in Adelaide in November 2020.





## OPTOMETRY STUDENTS VALUE CHILDREN'S VISION SEMINAR

Around 110 optometry students attended Optometry Victoria's Student Seminar 2019 held on 24 May, which had a focus on children's vision. The seminar brought together students from both Deakin University and the University of Melbourne, and from across all year levels.

Guest speakers were ophthalmologist (and former optometrist) Dr Christolyn Raj and optometrist Peter Nixon. The presentations provided the students with tips and tricks for effectively managing children, and key clinical issues to be aware of when seeing children.

Students were also provided the opportunity to test their new found knowledge, by undertaking assessment as part of the CPD seminar.

Refreshments were provided after the event, offering the students from across the two universities a chance to network and get to know each other.



## FANTASTIC SUPPORT FOR MYOPIA SEMINARS IN GEELONG AND MELBOURNE

Victorian members were out in force for the final myopia seminars for 2018-19, which were held in Geelong on 29 April and Melbourne on 27 May.

Forty-nine members attended the seminar in Geelong, which included 15 students, with the event held at a lecture theatre at Deakin University. An Optometry Victoria Board meeting was held in Geelong earlier in the day, with a number of Directors staying on to attend the seminar afterwards and meet and network with members.

Local members Lucy Ainge and Jacqueline Kirkman also provided an update at the seminar on some of the VOS services delivered in the region. Representatives from the VOS fund holders Rural Workforce Agency Victoria (RWAV) were also on hand to answer questions from members about the program.

The myopia seminar held in Melbourne was delivered twice, with one afternoon and one evening session. Both events booked out well in advance and despite

the inclement Melbourne weather, were very well attended. Fifty-eight members attended the matinee, and 61 attended the evening session.

Feedback from members about all three events was very positive.

Thank you to our guest speaker Tim Fricke who presented at all six myopia seminars held at various locations across Victoria in 2018-19. Tim delivered evidence-based presentations that were insightful, practically focused and highly engaging for members.



## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS A NEW ERA BEGINS FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION

As many members will be aware, from 1 July 2019 Optometry Victoria and Optometry South Australia are amalgamating. So this year members are invited to renew their membership with Optometry Victoria South Australia.

The amalgamation of the two state divisions has received resounding support from members, and we are very proud of this exciting new stage in the association's history.

We're also very pleased that, as a direct result of the amalgamation, we are able to offer a reduction in membership fees for 2019-20, across all membership categories.

Across the last financial year we have worked hard across both states, to deliver face-to-face CPD seminars and conferences, to support early career practitioners, to raise awareness with families of the benefits of regular optometric care for children and, to



*The new Optometry Victoria South Australia Board will commence work from 1 July, 2019.*

advocate to improve the delivery of optometry services at the state and national levels.

It's only through strength in numbers that we can make positive change

that benefits individual members, the profession and ultimately, patients and the delivery of community eye care.

Membership subscriptions are due by 30 June 2019.

## GP RESOURCES SUPPORTING PRACTICE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Optometry South Australia utilised funding from the Rural Doctors' Workforce Agency to develop a suite of resources aimed at facilitating an increase in the number of patients booking appointments with members under the Visiting Optometrists Scheme in South Australia.

The resources have identified the teams in GP Practices or Aboriginal Health Clinics as being key to ensuring that their community know that the optometrist is visiting and who should book an appointment.

The resources aim to promote the fact that good eye health underpins a thriving community and a visit to the optometrist is relevant for everyone, young and old.

The resources include a five minute video for practice staff which explains what an optometrist does and, a call to action for the community 'Eye Health Champion'. The pack also includes



*A still image from the video developed for GP practices by Optometry South Australia.*

promotional posters and power point slides to support the visiting optometrist's delivery of 15 minute training sessions to staff on common eye conditions.

Whilst the video has been developed for the Visiting Optometrists Scheme, it's anticipated that it will be useful in a range of GP education scenarios.



## MEMBER PROFILE

KATRINA YAP:  
PUSHING BEYOND HER COMFORT ZONE

Katrina Yap graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2013. Having grown up in Melbourne, she wanted to push herself outside of her comfort zone after graduating, and so she moved to Bendigo to work for two years.

"Moving to Bendigo was a great decision. It really allowed me to learn and grow in a supportive environment," Katrina said.

Following this Katrina worked at an independent practice in Melbourne with occasional locum work on her days off. She says that working as a locum has allowed her to practice in corporate environments and experience how different clinics are run.

"I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A GOOD BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE IN THE INDUSTRY. WORKING IN DIFFERENT CLINICS GIVE YOU HINTS AS TO WHAT SUITS YOUR PRACTICE STYLE," SHE SAID.

Katrina now works at an independent practice in Melbourne's north, with clinics in two different suburbs. "We practice full scope optometry with an interest in paediatrics - I can see three generations of patients booked in one after another!"

"Seeing so many new and progressing myopes, I have developed an interest in orthokeratology, and patients often are intrigued when I mention that I wear orthoK lenses. It's a great way to build your practice, and keep your everyday work interesting and varied," Katrina said.

Katrina is also a member of Optometry Victoria's Early Career Optometrists Victoria (ECOV) committee, which is merging with the South Australian ECOSA group from 1 July 2019.

"As an early career optometrist, I could see gaps in the usual CPD offerings, and areas where I felt I could be better supported. When the position came up on the ECOV committee I realised that being a part of it, and being in the leadership space, was the best way to be able to influence change," she said.

"The ECOV committee works to support optometrists in the first ten years of practice - we ask people what they want, and help in the delivering of CPD events and other services. I am conscious that the first few years in our industry can have a huge impact in shaping your career," Katrina said.

"I HOPE THAT IN MY TIME IN THE COMMITTEE I CAN WORK TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT ECOS, AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS SPECIFIC TO FINDING YOUR WAY IN THE PROFESSION," SHE SAID.

Katrina has also recently been appointed to the OCANZ Board of Directors. OCANZ provides an accreditation service to both the Optometry Board of Australia and the Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board of New Zealand.

"IT WAS QUITE INTIMIDATING APPLYING FOR THE POSITION ON THE OCANZ BOARD, BUT I'VE REALISED THAT FOR ME IT'S VITAL TO PUSH AND EXTEND MYSELF TO KEEP GROWING BOTH AS A PRACTITIONER AND A PERSON," KATRINA SAID.

"I wasn't sure what I could contribute as an early career optometrist, but I have learnt that it's important that a Board is composed of people with differing and complementary skill sets," she said.

We asked Katrina what she enjoys most about her work and what achievements she's most proud of.

"Being a 'people' person, I really enjoy seeing patients and having

the satisfaction of delivering the highest clinical standard. In terms of achievements, I have been an invited speaker at multiple conferences, and I am excited to be presenting at this year's inaugural O=MEGA19 conference," Katrina said

"I AM PROUD THAT AS AN EARLY CAREER OPTOMETRIST, YOU CAN WORK HARD AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROFESSION," SHE SAID.

In considering what she finds most challenging about her work, Katrina noted it is "keeping relevant and up to date with the latest research papers and journal articles. I think it's important to be self-assessing how we practice, and I'm constantly learning about better ways to see patients and manage conditions," Katrina said.

Katrina reflected on what keeps her motivated in day to day practice now.

"The optometry room can be isolating if you don't reach out to exchange ideas and gain insights with colleagues in the industry. My committee work with ECOV and CCLSA Victoria, as well as outreach work through the Brien Holden Vision Institute and overseas volunteer missions, means there is always something to organise or be involved in. As you can tell, I don't like to sit still for too long!" she said.

"Keeping everything in perspective keeps me motivated and grounded, and this translates to me being able to provide the best care for my patients."

Katrina Yap is co-presenting 'Optometry cases from around Victoria' with Karina Sinclair and Victor Liu at O=MEGA19. To view the conference program or to register, visit [www.omega19.com.au](http://www.omega19.com.au)

## HENRY TSUI: FOCUSED ON PATIENT-CENTRED, COMMUNITY EYE CARE



Henry Tsui was born in Hong Kong and his family relocated to Auckland, New Zealand when he was young. He completed a Bachelor of Optometry at the University of Auckland in 2004.

After graduating Henry worked for a family owned optometry chain in Adelaide. It was here that he met an optical dispenser with whom he would become a business partner, and together they opened Riverland Optical in Renmark in 2006.

During this time Henry also completed a Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics and a Master of Optometry through the University of New South Wales.

"I now own and run two practices, one in Renmark and another in Loxton. Both are located within the Riverland, a region of South Australia with a population of approximately 41,000," Henry said.

"I AM FOCUSED ON PATIENT-CENTRED EYE CARE. BEING IN A REGIONAL AREA, IT IS OFTEN HARDER FOR OUR PATIENTS TO GET ACCESS TO EYE SPECIALISTS. THEREFORE, I AM THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WHEN IT COMES TO MY PATIENT'S VISION AND EYE HEALTH. I LIAISE WITH VISITING OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, LOCAL GPs AND PHARMACISTS, AND WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO PROVIDE THE BEST EYE CARE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

We asked Henry what he enjoys most about his work.

"Being the owner operator, I get to decide how to run my practice. I am exposed to a wide scope of practice for different needs. I could be removing a corneal foreign body, fitting contact lenses for keratoconus, treating severe dry eyes, or completing drivers licence assessments. This range of needs means every consult and every day is different," Henry said.

"I'M MOST PROUD OF BEING ABLE TO PERSONALISE THE TREATMENT I GIVE TO MY PATIENTS. TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEM FROM START TO FINISH AND BUILD LASTING RELATIONSHIPS ALONG THE WAY. I ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUALLY FURTHER MY OWN AND MY STAFF'S KNOWLEDGE TO PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE," HE SAID.

We also asked Henry what he finds most challenging about his work.

"BEING THE OWNER OF A SMALL BUSINESS, I HAVE TO SWITCH BETWEEN BEING IN A CLINICAL ROLE AND MANAGERIAL ROLE, SO TIME MANAGEMENT IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT," HENRY SAID.

"I only allocate around 20 per cent of my time to managing the practice, but the things I have to do range from external ATO compliance and lease negotiation to internal staff management and marketing. Luckily, we have a brilliant practice manager to ease off most tasks," he said.

We asked Henry what inspired him to become an optometrist and what keeps him motivated.

"I've worn glasses since the age of eight, and I always found it intriguing to see so many different tests and gadgets in the room of the optometrist. The challenge of different eye conditions and fulfilling the different needs of each individual patient keeps me motivated. Every pair

of eyes is different, and it keeps my workday interesting," Henry said.

"BEING THE OWNER OF AN INDEPENDENT PRACTICE IN A REGIONAL AREA HAS ALLOWED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP CLOSE TIES TO THE COMMUNITY. I'VE JOINED LOCAL CLUBS SUCH AS ROTARY, AND WE SPONSOR SPORTING AND SCHOOL EVENTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HAVING JUST STARTED A FAMILY, THE SUPPORT I'VE RECEIVED FROM PATIENTS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY HAS BEEN IMMENSE AND IT'S SOMETHING I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR," HE SAID.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

## O=MEGA19 DON'T MISS OUT, LAST WEEKS TO REGISTER!

O=MEGA19 is shaping up to be the biggest optometric conference and trade event ever held in Australia, with over 880 optometrists already registered to attend the clinical program, and more than 990 optometrists, optical dispensers, practice staff and others expected through the Trade Expo.

Held from Friday 19 to Sunday 21 July 2019, O=MEGA19's three-day, dual stream clinical program includes two international key note speakers, Dr Danica Marrelli and Dr Jordan Keith, as well as a raft of national and local experts. Up to 48 CPD points are available for optometrists across the cutting-edge clinical education program.

The Trade Expo includes over 130 exhibitors, as well as a master class program aimed at optical dispensers and practice staff. Over 250 people have already registered for the master class program, however places are still available.

Attendees can also register interest in accessing childcare at the conference, with half-day and full-day care options available across the three day program. To express interest email Optometry Victoria South Australia at [office.vicsa@optometry.org.au](mailto:office.vicsa@optometry.org.au) or call the office on (03) 9652 9100.

## STUDENT MEET UP AND CAREERS EXPO FOR FINAL YEAR OPTOMETRY STUDENTS

The Student Meet-Up and Careers Expo will provide final year students from Deakin University, Flinders University and the University of Melbourne with practical and relevant information on making the transition from study to practice.

The Student Meet-Up will include three clinical presentations from early career optometrists on what they learnt in the first five years. This will be followed by a presentation and panel discussion with recently graduated optometrists which will highlight career-specific information such as employment opportunities, location and salary considerations and, tips and tricks for making the transition to practice.

The Careers Expo will provide students with the opportunity to speak with up to a dozen prospective

employers from corporate and independent practices as well as public health.

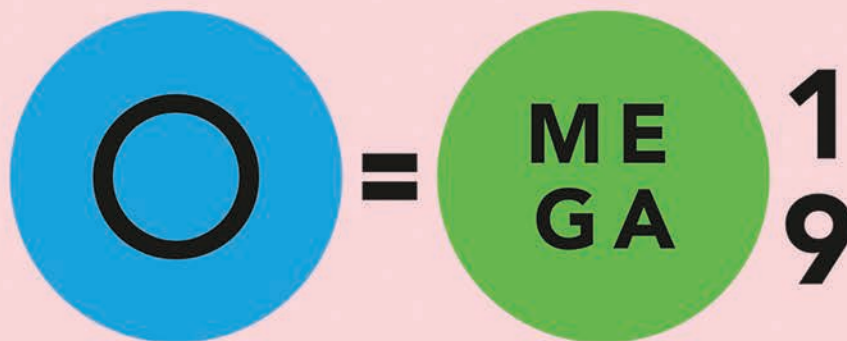
The Student Meet-Up and Careers Expo is free for Optometry Victoria South Australia final year student members to attend, and includes afternoon tea as well as access to the O=MEGA19 Trade Expo on the Sunday morning.

**Registration is essential.**

To register visit [www.optometry.org.au/cpd-publications-events/](http://www.optometry.org.au/cpd-publications-events/) and select Student Meet-Up and Careers Expo on the CPD calendar.

Alternatively contact Optometry Victoria South Australia on [office.vicsa@optometry.org.au](mailto:office.vicsa@optometry.org.au) or call (03) 9652 9100.

<b>Date:</b>	Sunday 21 July
<b>Time:</b>	1pm - 5pm
<b>Venue:</b>	O=MEGA19, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne
<b>Cost:</b>	Free to Optometry Victoria South Australia final year student members



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## - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MEMBERS?

From 1 July the new Optometry Victoria South Australia (OV/SA) will be a reality. This is a new era for the association, and an exciting step in the evolution of the organisation, but what does it really mean for members?

As a direct result of the establishment of OV/SA, a reduction in membership fees has been achieved across all member categories. This has been attained through, amongst other things, cost savings as a result of removing duplicate administration and office functions and centralising the secretariat office in Melbourne.

Optometry South Australia's highly-respected and long-serving CEO Libby Boschen will work for the new entity from Adelaide, and will have a new title of Special Advisor Member Services and Policy. South Australian members can rest assured that Libby will continue her strong focus on advocacy and member support, while sharing her vast expertise and knowledge with the rest of the OV/SA staff.

We will be farewelling Nicole Ostrognay, who has provided outstanding support to South Australian members over her ten years with the organisation. Nicole will be fondly remembered for her warmth and willingness to go above and beyond to assist members, and her terrific organisational skills which have contributed to the successful development of SA Blue Sky Congress across her time with the association.

O=MEGA19 in Melbourne and SA Blue Sky Congress in Adelaide in November 2020 will continue to

provide outstanding clinical education opportunities each on a bi-annual basis. These will be supplemented by one-day conference offerings in both states, and an expanded evening CPD seminar program, ensuring members will have access to the same amount of CPD points annually, but delivered in a variety of formats.

Early Career Optometrists Victoria and South Australia will combine to become one advisory committee for OV/SA working across the two states and drawing committee members from both locations. Victoria's Optometric

Clinical Policy Committee will continue to provide high quality operational advice to the Secretariat, with an equivalent committee established in South Australia for the same purpose.

Of course the Boards of the two organisations will also amalgamate, with the new OV/SA Board beginning work on 1 July 2019.

We are confident that members will continue to receive the service and support they've come to expect from the association, and that the transition to the new OV/SA will be smooth and efficient.

### OV/SA STAFF FROM 1 JULY 2019

**Pete Haydon**, Chief Executive Officer

**Michelle Marven**, Member Services and Policy Manager

**Libby Boschen**, Special Advisor Member Services and Policy

**Maddy Deveson**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator

**Sue Mason**, Member Events Coordinator

**Jenny Hall**, Operations and Finance Coordinator

**Margaret James**, Member Liaison Events Support and Administration

**Melanie Andrews**, PA to the CEO and Governance Liaison

### CONTACTING OV/SA

As part of the cost savings associated with centralising the OV/SA secretariat, the office contact details have been updated.

South Australian and Victorian members can use this one phone number to contact the office and your

call will be forwarded to the relevant staff member. Staff members will be available to take your call from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.

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## NATIONAL NEWS

FEDERAL ELECTION OUTCOME RESULTS  
IN REINSTATEMENT OF MBS INDEXATION

Optometry Australia was buoyed by the enthusiastic engagement of members during the Federal election campaign, with over 4,000 communications sent by members to federal politicians around the country.

The campaign focused on ensuring that politicians understand the important role played by optometry and the actions needed to ensure all Australians can access primary eye care.

We also received positive support from politicians and political candidates – many of whom reached out to note either their personal support, or that of their party. We will build on this engagement to ensure our representatives understand the importance of our profession to eye health, and to push for political support when needed.

With the 2019 election seeing the Coalition Government re-elected, as well as the reappointment of the Hon. Greg Hunt MP as the Minister for Health, we expect little policy change in the short term that is of direct relevance to optometry.

The Government's pre-election health platform promised continued commitment to Medicare, and an ongoing prioritisation of delivering relevant new PBS listings and medical research, and increased investment in mental health. Minister Hunt has recently reconfirmed that these remain his key priorities.

**The Government remains committed to reinstating indexation to optometry items on the MBS from 1 July 2019, and to continuing the review of the MBS including optometry items.**

Following the election outcome, there has been a significant change in the health space in the Shadow Ministry. After six years as Shadow Minister for Health, the Hon. Catherine King MP has been replaced by the Hon. Chris Bowen MP in this role. With past roles as Treasurer of Australia and Shadow Treasurer, and previous portfolio responsibilities for Small Business, Immigration and Financial Services, there aren't a lot of clues about the particular policies Shadow Minister Bowen will pursue in the health space.

However in line with established Australian Labor Party (ALP) policy, in the day following his appointment he committed to 'protecting and nurturing Medicare'. The ALP had hinted at pursuing a broader reform agenda in health during the pre-election campaign, however had provided little specific detail, and seems unlikely to announce or pursue broad system reform in the early days of opposition.

Optometry Australia will continue to seek to work with the Government and all major parties to secure a positive future for optometry, optometrists and community eye health. To read Optometry Australia's policy priorities visit [www.optometry.org.au/advocacy/issues-at-a-glance/2019-federal-election/](http://www.optometry.org.au/advocacy/issues-at-a-glance/2019-federal-election/)

NEW OA WEBSITE USES THE LATEST  
TECHNOLOGY TO SUPPORT MEMBER'S PRACTICE

Optometry Australia's new website has embraced the most advanced technology available to meet member demands for fast and easy access to information, education programs, networking and communication.

The new website has been designed to provide members with relevant information to support highest-quality practice, clinical management and, individual professional advancement. National and state content is fully integrated throughout the site, providing one cohesive website rather than the old, segmented, state microsite model.

Key features of the new website includes a single login system, enabling members to seamlessly access all areas of the

site from member only clinical and practice related information, through to member's individual CPD point's record and CPD events registration.

The advanced search function ensures that information is easy to find. Intuitive content delivery means that information is tailored to individual interests each time a member returns to the site.

There is also a multiple menu structure which makes it easier to find information in a number of different ways. Of course this means that the navigation structure is different, and may take some time to get used to.

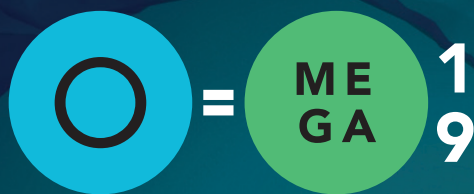
The website is optimised for all devices, with an emphasis on mobile screens.

Over time the website will continue to evolve as additional features are added including an advanced online education portal, a jobs board, live concierge services and a community engagement platform.

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**Venue:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre  
**Date:** 19-21 July, 2019  
**Cost:** OA member, full conference \$599  
Non-member, full conference \$1,049

## STUDENT MEET-UP AND CAREERS EXPO

The Student Meet-Up and Careers Expo will provide final year students from Deakin University, Flinders University and the University of Melbourne with practical and relevant information on making the transition from study to practice

**Venue:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre  
**Date:** 21 July, 2019

**Time:** 1pm-5pm (with Trade Expo access in the morning)

**Free to** Free to Optometry Victoria South Australia final year student members.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Optometry Victoria South Australia membership is an investment in your future and the future of the profession.

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For more information on any of the above events or to register online visit [www.optometry.org.au](http://www.optometry.org.au)



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