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Welcome to Vision June 2019



EXECUTIVE
OFFICER'S
REPORT:
**EVAN
MACRAE**

Where has the year gone, I hear many of you say. As you read this, the dreaded or much anticipated end of financial year (depending on your point of view) approaches rapidly.

One thing is certain, it has been and continues to be a busy and we hope productive year for you.

It would be remiss of me not to mention WAVE in March 2019 at the iconic Esplanade Hotel. Two WAVE events within 6 months, a date and venue change along with programming additions including dispensing sessions made for an extremely hectic period. Your feedback has been enormously supportive, and I am very pleased to announce that WAVE 2020 will be held back in Fremantle at the Esplanade Hotel March 21st and 22nd. Save the date now and look out for further announcements. Having mentioned WAVE please indulge me as I thank Jude, the OWA Board, trade suppliers who helped out with equipment and supplies and everyone who attended and made it such a success.



Since I last wrote to you in Vision of March 2019, I have been fortunate in visiting Acacia Prison and witnessed first hand

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PRESIDENT'S
REPORT:
**ROBERT
HOWIE**

and how society changes. In our culture, change is virtually certain.

In the next decades it is likely technology will offer even better value and become an expectation both in diagnosis and communications, contact lenses will become even safer and more comfortable, eyewear will evolve and address needs yet to be imagined and myopia will become more common. Since we are the primary eye care profession, Optometry has a big role in managing myopia. Myopia control is an opportunity to serve and benefit future generations, develop relationships and be seen as a caring, evidence based profession.



the Curtin/Flinders pathway. OA and OWA have expressed this view to UWA on the understanding that a balanced workforce efficiently services community needs and effectively develops and maintains professional expertise.

The Medicare Benefits Schedule for optometrists will lift by 1.6 % on July 1st. I am grateful for OA's persistence and achievement in having the benefits

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June & July

The winter months can be sometimes quiet when we take the opportunity to plan for the future and tidy odds and ends.

Last year Optometry Australia spent months, including winter, working on the 2040 project. Using the best future mapping processes this aimed to visualize the "where Optometry could be" possibilities in twenty years' time. The alternatives depend on how we choose to adapt, encourage and regulate change, how we work together with other stakeholders

UWA is assessing plans for an Optometry course in WA. With currently five new optometry graduates for every optometrist leaving the profession, OA and OWA believe that the established courses more than adequately serve Australian needs. Although there may be local optometrist shortages in WA now, we expect these to be addressed in the near future by interstate graduates, especially graduates using

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the work that goes into recycling the donated spectacles we collect from you. Please keep the donations going for this extremely worthwhile cause.

President (Rob Howie) writes about the Special General meeting in his report and the unanimous adoption of the new rules of OWA. This project was a large task done partially because it was a legislative requirement however more importantly to ensure rigorous governance and strength of OWA to ensure our members are supported for now and well into the future covering everything from strategic planning, professional services, education, advocacy and advice.

Commitment to providing the best quality CPD remains. During the period since the last newsletter OWA has arranged and delivered 3 regional CPD events and multiple metropolitan sessions along with stand alone ECO evenings. My Eastern states counterparts continue to marvel

at the attendance levels and support you provide for these evenings. We thank you and will do our best to continuously strive to find the most relevant and challenging content. Our trials with broadcasting to regional Optometrists continue although we are working to overcome some privacy / confidentiality issues that a few of our speakers have with the technology.

Our work to provide Aboriginal people with enhanced access to subsidised spectacles is ongoing and a working group is progressing rapidly to make this happen. Aligned with this initiative is the formation of a subgroup of VOS interested Optometrists that began at the WAVE conference and is continuing.

I was very fortunate to be part of my first OWA Golf Day. I have to say it was a sensational event and very well supported by our event sponsor Vision Australia who made the challenge of playing golf that much harder on the practice putting green by finding ways to make sighting a putt just that little bit more difficult. To my playing partners - Yes, I know I can be a

hard man to set a field to off the tee. If we were all consistent and hit it straight down the middle where would the challenge be in that I ask you? (I did have a couple of excuses up my sleeve).

Strategic planning and budgeting for 2020 and far beyond is front and central to the work I am doing in consultation with the OWA board. As initiatives and outcomes are detailed and delivered, I will keep our members posted on these valuable activities. Our vision to ensure Optometrists are promoted and recognised is front and central to all of our work.

As I have said in the past, without you our voice becomes weaker, with you we have strength and a healthy future for you and the profession.

Please do not hesitate to talk to me about any issues you may have now or in the future.

Evan MacRae
Executive Officer - Optometry WA



The poster features a vibrant, abstract background of water and light, with a large, stylized blue wave graphic on the left. In the center, the Optometry Western Australia logo is displayed, consisting of a blue eye icon above the text "Optometry WESTERN AUSTRALIA". Below the logo, the word "Wave" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font, with "2020" in a smaller, white, bold font to its right. Underneath "Wave", the text "WESTERN AUSTRALIAN VISION EDUCATION WORKSHOP IN THE WEST" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is a small blue square containing the Optometry Australia logo and the text "Up To TBC". At the bottom right, there is a yellow speech bubble containing the text "Registration Open Soon!".

ESPLANADE HOTEL FREMANTLE BY RYDGES
FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
21-22 MARCH 2020

Registration Open Soon!

2019 Vision Australia Golf Day

It was a beautiful sunny day, the skies were clear and the positive mood was set, this was not going to be a bad way to end the working week.

It was the annual OWA golf day and we were attending representing Vision Australia for the first time as sponsors, we had our table set up, hats for everyone, and of course the puppies (they may have just been stuffed puppies but they still drew a crowd). As sponsors we were also pleased to be able to invite Jenny McCallum previous ISPS HANDA World Blind Golf Champion to join one of the teams. Jenny impressed her team mates and with assistance from Vince Fitzpatrick as her spotter had a successful day.

We welcomed players, discussed weather, pointed out amenities then proceeded to blind fold people one by one.

You see our job at Vision Australia is to provide services for clients who are blind or have low vision and sometimes, to aid in doing this we need to build understanding. What is it like to perform tasks without vision or with only low vision? We decided that the pre course warm up would include some putting competitions with a twist, one involved participants being blindfolded and having to get their ball closest to pin and the other involved wearing cataract simulation glasses, with the object to get the ball in the hole with the least amount of puts, and in the quickest time.

Let's just say I think the majority of attendees got a bit of a shock when putting with the simulation glasses on.



• The Winning Team;
Rodney Udall,
Aidan Cooper,
Julie Lourie &
Gary Crerie.



• Richard Main, Cameron Rule, Vince Fitzpatrick & Jenny McCallum.



• The Vision Australia Team - Jon Fahie, Paul Fahie, Evan MacRae and Roy Boulay.

Gary Crerie took the title for closest to pin and we are proud to say that all players kept the ball on the green, just.

After the initial games, teams kicked off and the real competition began. Check out the talent from the day and award winners. Overall it was a fantastic day and we thank Jude and Evan (OWA) for allowing us to be part of the day. Will hopefully see you again soon.

Kate Verkuylen – Vision Australia

President's Report

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freeze lifted one year earlier. As many will recall, the history of Medicare and Optometry is that over several decades the increases in the Medicare Benefits Schedule has consistently lagged cpd.

Optometrists were constrained by a fee cap until January 2015 when the fee cap was lifted, optometrists were allowed to set their own fees and Medicare benefits were reduced by 5%.

OA and OWA will always do their best to advocate Medicare benefits that are appropriate for the provided services. However, the final decision is one for the Government.

Please consider: I have yet to speak to an optometrist who regrets changing to private billing. Optometrists who bulk bill can privately bill for extra services such as imaging.

The new "Rules" are done and dusted. Approval at the SGM in late May was unanimous and they have now been accepted by the State Government.

A few weeks ago I was asked a question related to crowd funding an optometrist in need.

My response was, of course, yes, we are an optometry family community, we need to look after and support each other.

I believe we will always achieve more by working together as a profession. I hope you agree.

Take care,

Rod

ProVision Supporting Early Career Optometrists

In May this year ProVision celebrated its 30 year anniversary. Their Mission has always been to ensure the ongoing viability of independent optometry.

A critical part of that journey is to make sure they have a meaningful connection with ECOs. This was recently illustrated at WAVE in March when Retail Operations Manager Rob Ellis made a presentation to our members on the skills required to be an influential communicator with team members and patients.

Wanting to further strengthen the relationship, ProVision asked a number of our members to provide feedback on what was important to them as they embarked on their optometry journey. This extended to other state-based ECO groups. ProVision wanted to share some of their findings:

- **Do independent optometrists offer mentoring and other support?**
- **Answer:** Yes, this focuses on clinical mentoring and is delivered in a fluid and organic manner
- **Is the focus on achievement of key performance indicators or bringing to life what we learnt at University?**
- **Answer:** ProVision member optometrists are driven by a patient first ethos and you have access to new technologies in order to provide the most thorough eye examination and best patient experience
- **Is professional guidance and support available if I'm thinking about practice ownership?**
- **Answer:** Yes, ProVision offers membership to their Associate Program. There's no fee and you can get assistance with site evaluations, business planning or you can use them as a sounding board

Moving forward, ProVision can provide access to other useful tools and resources to assist our members. This includes

a handbook identifying what skills are required to make us more employable and they are also providing a monthly update on employment opportunities, access to relevant ProVision education, practices for sale and partnership opportunities.

If you want to take advantage of these resources, please contact Member Liaison Krysten West at kwest@provision.com.au or (03) 8544 3923.



An illustration of a woman with dark hair, wearing a blue cardigan over a yellow top. A speech bubble originates from her mouth, containing the text "You're hired!" in orange. The background is a solid light orange color.

Graduate Employability Guide

How to set yourself up for career success

The ProVision logo, featuring the four stylized orange and yellow shapes arranged in a cross-like pattern, followed by the word "ProVision" in a bold, dark grey sans-serif font.

Vision Australia Delivers for WA

Vision Australia's Perth team is growing to meet the demands of WA's blindness and low vision community and lead the transition to the federal National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) system.

This year Vision Australia will open its' first purpose built Perth based Vision Australia office with a team of Specialist staff to provide a broad range of services to WA's low vision and blind community.

Vision Australia Perth Regional Business Manager, Donna Fahie said, we've had a small presence in Perth since 2012 but with over 15,000 potential clients, the organisation has identified the need to provide more services in WA and has committed wholeheartedly to doing so.

Donna Fahie said people who are blind or have low vision in WA will have the best of both worlds with Vision Australia – a collaborative and highly experienced staff with extensive local knowledge but also the strength of the national Vision Australia network.

"Knowing WA and all the additional local support services is so, important as we move from the West Australian NDIS system into the federal government's system. Our clients will also benefit from what Vision Australia has learned about NDIS in the eastern states," she said.

"Nationally we have some great resources, our Vision Australia library and our experienced advocacy team. Our clients also benefit from what Vision Australia has learned about the NDIS in the eastern states. "We put our clients at the centre of everything we do"

It's our mission to ensure our clients have the support they need to live the life they choose. We do that in four key areas – education, employment, independence and social inclusion – and often co-operate with clients' medical specialists and other agencies to tailor services to their wishes."



Donna said the Perth Vision Australia team includes:

- Orthoptic services that help to assess functional vision and make recommendations on how to get the most out of the functional vision
- Orientation and mobility and occupational therapy services that support people who are blind or have low vision mobile, active and engaged in their community. This also includes Seeing Eye Dogs
- Assistive technology and digital accessibility experts whose experience and knowledge of specialist products and services to support children and adults to pursue study, remain productive at work or engage in their interests
- Emotional support and groups for social inclusion, including peer support and counselling services either via phone or face-to-face, linking people with similar experiences to learn from and support each other
- Vision Australia's Disability Employment Service, which aims to upskill people who are blind or have low vision and connect them to fulfilling career opportunities, and
- Service engagement consultants who can assess a client's needs and connect



them with the supports and services they need to pursue their interests.

- Vision Australia Radio Services which provide local and specialist content on new technology, current affairs, book and film reviews, health and wellbeing, the arts, finance, travel and more

"We are WA people, and we have a passion for supporting our clients to achieve the goals they set for themselves," Ms Fahie said. For more information on the service offered at Vision Australia call 6246 4505 or visit Visionaustralia.org

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAVE RED, WATERY EYES?



To pre-qualify for the RUBY study, a patient must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have evidence of viral conjunctivitis for 72 hours or less in at least one eye
- Be willing to attend 4 study visits over 2 weeks



RUBY TRIAL AT-A-GLANCE

Phase 2 clinical trial testing a new therapeutic to treat viral conjunctivitis at select centres in Australia

If you see a patient with suspected
VIRAL CONJUNCTIVITIS
they may be a candidate to participate

 info@rubytrial.com

 rubytrial.com.au

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Lions Eye Institute seeking patients for trial into world-first treatment of viral conjunctivitis

Okogen, a biotech company developing ophthalmic therapeutics, has announced that the Lions Eye Institute is actively seeking patients for a clinical study of viral conjunctivitis, the #1 cause of eye infections globally.

The Phase II clinical study, known as the RUBY Trial, will evaluate the safety and efficacy of Okogen's lead candidate, OKG-0301, in the treatment of the highly contagious adenoviral conjunctivitis, affecting up to 25 million people worldwide each year.

Lions Eye Institute is one of seven trial sites participating in RUBY, and with enquiries regarding influenza already at the highest level in the past six years (according to the federal government), the clinic is actively enrolling patients into the trial.

Okogen CEO, Dr. Brian Strem, said the drug worked by reducing the ability of adenovirus to reproduce itself.

"Acute adenoviral conjunctivitis is a highly contagious, widespread disease which frequently reoccurs and causes significant

• Okogen CEO,
Dr. Brian Strem



discomfort, and in some cases, permanent damage to a person's vision," he said.

"To limit the spread of the infection within the family and the community patients are typically instructed to avoid work, school or day care so finding new treatments which reduce its impact both on eye health and day-to-day living is important.

"The purpose of our clinical trial is to test whether this drug can reduce the length of time patients are infectious, as well as reducing the signs of symptoms like eye redness and eye discharge."

While bacterial conjunctivitis is typically

treated with antibiotics, these drugs do not work in treating viral forms of the infection. Despite the high incidence of viral conjunctivitis, there are no approved therapies for the disease.

Viral conjunctivitis can persist for up to three weeks, and patients are highly contagious for 10-14 days. This puts families and communities, including schools and daycare centers, at risk for rapid spread of the infection and persistence of the virus within the population.

To learn more about the RUBY Trial, visit www.rubytrial.com.au

Big thanks to Vision Australia - OWA Golf Day



Big thanks to Vision Australia for their energetic sponsorship of our OWA Autumn Golf Day back in May.

See the Vision Australia article on page 3 for the full information. This year the competition was held at the beautiful and challenging, private Cottesloe Golf Club, and as you can see from the

photos, the weather was superb. The 2019 winners were again Julie Lourie & Aidan Cooper, joined by Gary Crerie and Rodney Udall this year.

Donna Fahie and Kate Verkuulen did a fantastic job in getting our players involved in their visually challenging pre game competitions and also took on the job of official photographers for the day.

We will be confirming the 2020 OWA Golf Day soon, so please make a note to join in as either a team or individual as we would love to see this event get bigger and bigger each year.



How Vision Australia can support your patients



Vision loss assessment & services
from 44+ allied health professionals



Choice of 28 national service locations
or choose an in-home visit



150+ years of understanding
and service to the blind & low vision community



Specialists in technology
training adapted for all ages



Build freedom and safety
with support from mobility specialists



Achieve aspirations
with employment & education assistance



Emotional support
groups, social and learning activities



Extensive range of aids & equipment
available in-store or online

Our support can be life-changing for your patients. They may have access to NDIS and My Aged Care funding schemes, so please refer to our experts, who can provide advice and support.

**It's easy to refer to us.
Just visit visionaustralia.org
or call (08) 6246 4505.**

ECO June Update

This year's WAVE conference was held at a new time of year and a new location.

During the last weekend of March delegates from all over Australia gathered in the Port city of Fremantle for WAVE 2019, held at the iconic Esplanade Hotel. Fremantle is rich in history, has numerous attractions and is a foodies paradise, and hosting the event in March allowed delegates to take advantage of more favourable weather. The ECO WA educational programme for 2019 kicked off during the conference. On Sunday 31st March we held a morning Stream dedicated to ECO members which ran at the same time as the WAVE programme.

The ECO stream consisted of six 30min presentations tailored towards optometrists within their first 10 years of practicing. Guest speakers included optometrists;

Paula Katalinic from the Centre of Eye Health, discussing the importance of imaging outside of the posterior pole, Stephen Leslie walking us through the causes of sudden onset of vertical diplopia, and David Stephensen discussing the joys and challenges of fitting presbyopic patients into contact lenses.

We also had local Perth ophthalmologist's Dr Ian Chan updating us on herpetic keratitis and Dr Tom Cunneen explaining the pathophysiology of anisocoria. Rob Ellis from ProVision also presented on communicating effectively with team members and patients. After the close of the ECO stream, members were invited to have lunch at the expo room and had the option to then stay on and attend the WAVE afternoon main education stream.

On Sunday 5th May, CCLSA ran a whole day Workshop on RGP's and specialty lens fitting. This was held at Gelflex Laboratory in Malaga. ECO WA members were invited to attend and were offered 1-year complimentary CCLSA membership for attending this event. The day consisted of Lectures by Jessica Chi and Damon Ezekiel which focused on mini scleral fitting followed by contact lens fitting workshops and a tour of the Gelflex lab.

ECO WA had their first social evening of the year on Tuesday 21st May. A trivia night was organised and hosted by Coopervision at the Oxford Hotel in Leederville. Professional Services Manager for Coopervision, and all-round fun guy, Joe Tanner flew over from the Eastern States to MC the night, while Leigh Kitchin, the Coopervision rep for



WA, ensured the 8 teams participating were fueled, hydrated and pumped for battle. Teams needed to be at peak mental performance in order to answer tough general knowledge questions such as how many bones are in the human body and how many PMs has Australia had since John Howard. In the end, the team with the most points was "Who's Quiz is This?" taking out first place.

Their extensive knowledge of K-Pop helped pull them over the line. Just a couple weeks ago on Wednesday 12th June, ECO WA had their first evening CPD event sponsored by Bayer. The event took place at the beautiful and cosy Perugino Restaurant in West Perth. Dr Olivia MacVie and Dr Chee Kang, who both practice at South Street Eye Clinic, joined 28 ECO WA members for a 5-course dinner. Dr MacVie presented on common eyelid malposition's and how to manage them surgically. Dr Kang discussed common issues with the aging vitreous and showed us amazing video footage of managing some of these complications.



Coming up for ECO WA, we have a "Vision loss" event with Vision Australia on the 26th June. Optometry Finance Australia will help members understand finance when they present on the 9th July. We have further CPD events planned for late July, and mid-September. We are progressing with plans for a combined event with the Early Career Pharmacy Group WA. We are also planning another Social event, so make sure to like our Facebook page and lookout for updates. We look forward to seeing our members at these future events!

Kiran Sookroo - ECO Chair

CPD Evenings Updates...

November 30th is the cut off for your CPD points, 80 points are required over the two-year period from the 1st December 2017 to the 30th November 2019.

You can check to see your current total points scored at the OA Member Hub or if you are not sure, email admin@optometrywa.org.au to check.

There is plenty of time to increase your CPD points – the next OWA

Metro CPD is on Tuesday 27th August, sponsored by Rodenstock and presented by Nicola Peaper. Registration will be open soon.

The OWA dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

- 27th August
- 10th September
- 7th October
- 5th November (TBC Webinar)
- 12th November





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2019 OPTOMETRY WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2019

VENUE:

Vision Australia Rooms – Level 1, 3 Rosslyn Street, West Leederville

6:00pm Registration, food & drinks – **6:30pm** Presentation – **8:00pm** Finish Time

PRESENTERS:

Paul McKinley & Hems Thakrar – Optometry Finance Australia

Kristy Yow – Westpac Relationship Director – Healthcare WA

TOPIC: "What you need to know about Finance"

SUMMARY:

- Home loans – How much of a deposit is required? (LVRs etc.)
- What is LMI and why don't Optom have to pay LMI
- What if you don't have a deposit? You can still buy property!
- Offset accounts and how they can be used to pay off the mortgage quicker.
- Requirements – 5 Cs of lending.
- First Homeowner's Grant rules
- "Genuine Savings" – what's this and why is it important?
- "Rentvesting" – is there real merit in renting and buying an investment rather than living in your own home?

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Be Your Own Boss – Greenfields (building from scratch) vs Buying an Existing Practice
- Finance Fundamentals – key finance facts everyone should know
- Things you must know if wanting to own your own home

REGISTER ON LINE NOW



Completed registration forms must be **returned by Friday 5th July 2019**
or register via email: admin@optometrywa.org.au

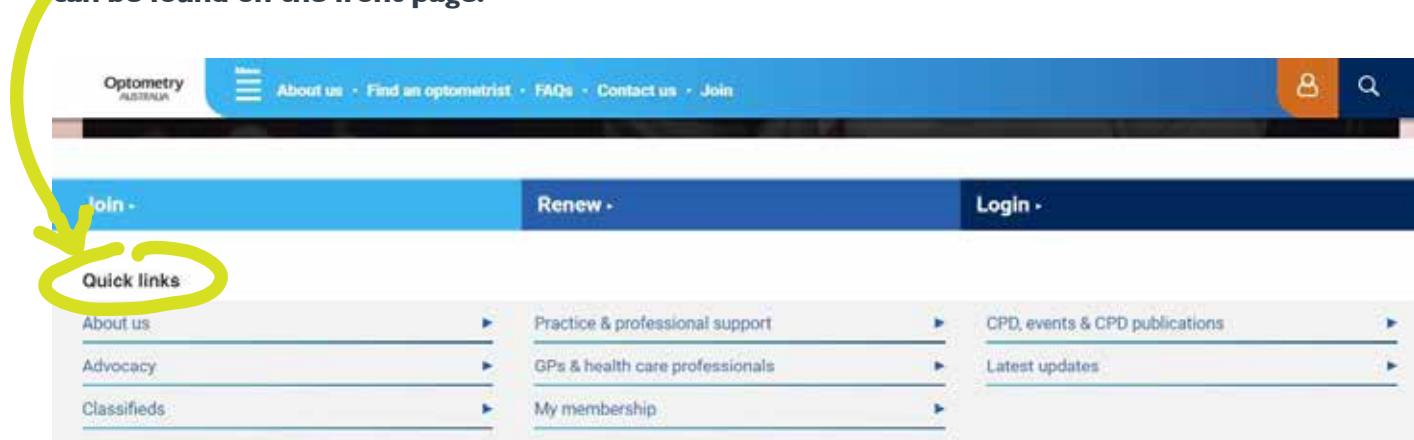
Optometry Australia – New Website

You may have noticed that Optometry Australia have launched the National and states website www.optometry.org.au and it's packed with a huge amount of information for members – take a look around the Quick Links section that can be found on the front page.

The team at Optometry Australia behind the launch of this new website have put in a huge effort to bring this superb website to you. It is continually updated with all the latest optometry news, information and events.

You will find CPD events within the CPD Calendar and you can use the Advanced Search to display just events in WA.

The updating of the OWA events and web-pages is ongoing, if there is something you are looking for and cannot find it via the quick links, or logging in to your Member Hub, then please either send an email via the Contact Us section of the website, or by emailing the usual OWA office email admin@optometrywa.org.au



A screenshot of the Optometry Australia website homepage. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the Optometry Australia logo, a search icon, and a user profile icon. Below the header, there are three main navigation buttons: 'Join', 'Renew', and 'Login'. A yellow circle highlights the 'Quick links' section, which is located below the 'Join' button. The 'Quick links' section contains several categories: 'About us', 'Advocacy', 'Classifieds', 'Practice & professional support', 'GPs & health care professionals', 'My membership', 'CPD, events & CPD publications', and 'Latest updates'. Below this, there are three promotional cards: 'CPD: Join our next webcast '5 Papers to change the way you practise optometry' Free for members. Register here.', 'Why become a member', and 'Tips and pointers to using your new website' featuring a photo of a woman in glasses.

Optometry Western Australia Member Renewals

You will have received a few emails by now reminding you that the OWA Membership Renewal date is the 30th June 2019.

You can renew by logging on to your OA Member Hub and going up to the My Membership next to Home when you are logged in, then click on Membership.

This then displays your current membership and gives you the option to Renew.

If you have any queries, or would like your invoice emailed to you instead of creating yourself, please email admin@optometrywa.org.au



Optometry Australia Classifieds Section

The OWA Noticeboard is no more on the website, you can post your own advert free of charge on the OA website under WA and a relevant category.

Adverts are easy to place and free of charge to OA members, you just need to

login to your OA Member Hub and click on Classifieds.

Searching on Classifieds is also easy, either logged in members or non-members can also view the adverts listed. If you are on the on the OWA Locum List, it might be worth considering posting your own advert with your Locum information as well, as this is a more likely way

for members to search for locums now.

If you want to place an advert for a position vacant, equipment for sale etc, locum required, then we can also email out to OWA members as we have done in the past. Just call the OWA office or email admin@optometrywa.org.au to request further information.

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Search

The listing below displays the last 10 advertisements placed. In order to refine your search please select from the State and Category drop-downs.

Category	Sub Category	Job/Item Location
Position Vacant	Unknown	WA

SEARCH

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Please specify in which state you want to publish the classified? (You can tick more than one boxes)

If you tick 'National', your classified will publish in all the states.

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ECO CPD

Monday 29th July 2019

Presenters:

**Dr Steve Colley, Dr Jane Khan
& Dr Jo Richards**

Location: TBC
CPD: TBC

Registration Open Soon



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RODENSTOCK



RODENSTOCK AUSTRALIA

(02) 9748 0988

Rodenstock CPD 27th August 2019

Spotlight on OWA Members

You may remember we emailed out looking for participants in a photoshoot for the new OA Website and you might have seen some of your fellow OWA members on the website.

Pete Gardner

OWA Member, Pete Gardner has a passion for light and lenses. As well as being a practicing Optometrist at OPSM in Midland, Pete is an accomplished Photographer.



Regularly shooting for OWA, (he's the one running around with the camera at your state conference), Pete also shoots for a couple of online music magazines and can often be found with his camera down the front at Perths concert venues, photographing local Perth bands as well as the big touring acts.

Pete also has a love for the outdoors and landscape photography, and recently won the peoples choice award at this years prestigious WA Astro Fest photography contest for his photograph of star trails taken at Annapurna base camp in Nepal.

More of Petes Photography can be found on his website at www.petegardnerphotgraphy.com or follow him on facebook and instagram @petegardnerphotgraphy
See more of Pete's photos on page 15....

Nayha Patel-Hopkins Locum

Nayha moved to Australia in February 2015 with her husband and son from England.



After meeting some inspiring optometrists she decided to undertake the OCANZ exams allowing her to practise optometry in Australia with her UK degree by October 2015. She has since had the opportunity to work as a locum and employed optometrist and also became therapeutically endorsed in 2018. Nayha now balances life as a loving mother of two young children and optometrist here in WA.

Dr Mark Glogowski OPSM

Since commencing his first graduate role at OPSM at Garden City Booragoon over 4 months ago, one of Luxottica's new graduates already made their mark.



Featuring on the new National web-presence of Optometry Australia, Mark Glogowski was selected as part of the OA's call for photographs encapsulating diversity in Optometry. 'It was wonderful to welcome Mark to our Team' said Manager Evelyn Mo, OPSM Garden City. 'Mark, who is originally from Melbourne took the plunge and signed on for his first graduate role in Perth. Mark brought a real sense of freshness and excitement to our team and he is incredibly passionate about optometry. Through close mentorship from an optometry and a retail perspective we are supporting Mark every step along the way as he transitions from university to practice' Mo concluded. 'Relocating Western Australia with OPSM to begin my career was an easy decision for me, the transition was made even easier by the team at Garden City. Not only was the team extremely welcoming, but my mentor and the graduate program fully supported my early learning. Furthermore, the program allows me to expand my scope of practice at my own pace.'

Dr Kristin Larson Eyecare Plus

Dr Kristin Larson is originally from Texas, USA, and studied optometry at University of Houston graduating in 2000.



She had met her husband, an Australian citizen while on clinical rotation in Stockholm, Sweden, 1999 and a move to Perth and 6 children later followed. After years of dreaming of her own practice, she established Eyecare Plus Glen Forrest in 2015 which is nestled in the Perth hills. She juggles the joys of motherhood and independent practice with special interests in pediatrics, behavioral optometry, dry eye management and all things optical.

Thank you also to the following for participating:

- **Marilyn Stern – Dry Eye WA**
- **Ben Lim – Laubman & Pank**

A Passion for Light and Lenses



Classified

Register your notification here...

Optometry Western Australia – Vision Newsletter Classifieds – If you want to put your advert in Vision as well or instead of the OA Classifieds web page, then you, as OWA members, are welcome to submit your advert via the OWA Noticeboard link below.

All adverts subject to approval by OWA office, if you have any queries, email admin@optometrywa.org.au

Register

Donations Wanted

OWA Member, Robyn Main is going to USA in Sept 2019 (to represent Australia in the Acappella Sweet Adelines singing competition) and she is going to take some aid to send to the new School of Optometry that is starting in Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the world. It has a population of 15 million and has 5 optometrists!

Robyn can take 23kg of aid in personal luggage allowance with Qantas.

Would any WA Optometrists have the following items to add to the container?

- Children's Vision tests
- Ishihara book
- Near and Distance Acuity Charts (they speak French in Haiti)
- Direct ophthalmoscopes, retinoscopes that are battery operated.
- Trial Frames
- NO OPTICAL FRAMES though.

All donations can be dropped off or Network couriered to the below address by August.

Robyn Main - Moving Eyes Mobile Optometrist, 12 Hallam Close, WA, Booragoon 6154



Fundraising

We received this message from a kind OWA member who wanted to bring to light to OWA members the below message.

Click on the gofundme link if you wish to read further on Genevieve's fund raising goal.

I would like to ask a favour if you could please email the following link, in order to help out an optometrist who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Genevieve Napper is a well-known optometrist who is selfless in her volunteer work and contribution to the optometry field.

Many people who know her may not be aware of her current struggles, and may like to help her out.

I greatly appreciate your assistance in spreading her gofundme page.

Link

Wanted: Part time Optometrist

Part time Optometrist to work Thursday night and all day Saturday. Therapeutic qualification preferred. Full scope practice with all modern gear including OCT and IPL. Supported by fully qualified experienced dispensing staff. Modern practices with new fit outs.

Contact **Julie** or **Geoff** at Cooper and Lourie Family Optometrists
Recruitment@cooperandlourie.com.au Or phone **0412 911 729**

For Sale

Takagi chair and stand for sale (Perth)
Excellent condition, no faults
Reasonable offers considered - Contact **Alison Steer 0419 857 701**

March 2019 Situations Vacant Optometrist Position

The Eye Department at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is seeking an Optometrist who is registered with AHPRA to do sessional work on a casual basis to provide leave cover. Full training will be given to the successful candidate.

Please contact **Wilfred Tang** via email **wilfred.tang1@gmail.com** to register your interest.

