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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:
EVAN MACRAE

OPTOMETRY WA ANNOUNCEMENT

WAVE 2020 CANCELLED

Optometry WA wishes to advise that due to the latest information to hand from State and Federal Chief Medical Officers regarding non-essential large gatherings in excess of 500 people we have decided to cancel WAVE 2020.

Whilst technically WAVE could proceed, and a multitude of preventative measures had been proactively put in place OWA believes that the greater good and protection of

individuals along with the profession will be best served by cancelling WAVE.

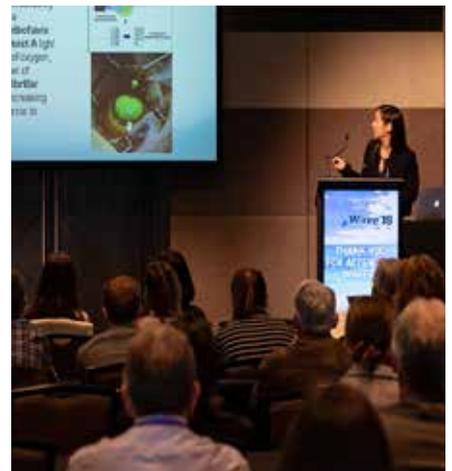
Speakers, delegates and trade supporters will be refunded costs associated with registering for WAVE. This may take a short period of time to administer.

CPD points and member priorities in achieving these points are also at front of mind and further announcements / initiatives to assist members will be communicated as soon as possible.

OWA understands that these times are unprecedented. We are here to serve members in the best capacity we can. Members are encouraged to contact this office if assistance is required.

A number of member resources are currently under development and will be circulated as a matter of priority.

In other news, OWA has had a hectic start to the year 2020 working towards greater



community support, education, recognition and profile for all optometrists.

OWA President Rob Howie discusses the soon to be implemented Doctor of Optometry Course through UWA.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
ROBERT HOWIE

UWA Optometry Course

At this stage the UWA Optometry course is being developed with the first cohort of graduates expected in early 2024. Our own humble, very experienced, well credentialed, Garry Fitzpatrick is the new Professor of Optometry. I understand the new course will seek to combine the best elements of both the Deakin and Melbourne models and further develop our good relationship with Ophthalmology. Garry will build on his experience at Deakin University to construct a course we can all be proud of.

Members will appreciate that OWA and OA have previously expressed concerns

related to future Optometry workforce oversupply. These concerns are based on current data suggesting that for every retiring Optometrist there are four new graduates. Various future studies suggest a future undersupply or oversupply of Optometrists depending on the modelling used. While I understand the concerns related to any new course that employees, recent graduates and locums may have, any potential challenge will be bigger for the new graduates mid-decade and especially those on the East Coast. Individually I believe we can all overcome any challenges by being competent, affable and positive and, as a profession, working together. Let us welcome the new graduates since they are our future.

The new course will provide an opportunity for Optometrists in WA to have a close association with academia and the possibility of studying for higher degrees and teaching. These opportunities have not existed in WA for decades. The future will bring other opportunities. With an aging demographic there is a need for more eye care and it is

STOP THE PRESS!
WAVE IS CANCELLED!
(As of 13th March)

OWA Delegate Refund Policy:
Full Refund at any time of cancellation

Esplanade Hotel Room Refund Policy:
Full Refund 24hrs Prior

likely future optometrists may wish to work less hours. Let us embrace change. OWA is here to support every member reach their maximum potential. The Optometry 2040 project will help us navigate the future in an assertive way.

Optometry 2040

Optometry 2040 is an ongoing project which aims to deduce the possible and preferred futures for optometrists, optometry and community eye care in the

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New Course To Tackle Growing Eye Disease Among Australians

Next year, The University of Western Australia will offer the State's first and only Doctor of Optometry degree to tackle an increase in eye complications from chronic diseases and conditions suffered by millions of Australians.

The new degree is part of a partnership between UWA, Lions Eye Institute, and optometry industry leaders, and will broaden the scope of health practitioner courses to produce more vitally needed professionals.

Eye disease is the most common chronic condition in Australia, with more than 12 million Australians reported to have long-term eye conditions, although more than 90 per cent of all vision impairment is preventable or treatable.

Professor Rhonda Clifford, Head of UWA's School of Allied Health, said there was increasing demand for eye-care services and an undersupply of eye-care professionals. Australia's ageing population and complications from other chronic health conditions had also added to demand.

"Our new degree will help address the undersupply of eye care professionals in WA, while helping with the distribution of practitioners in regional and remote parts of the State," Professor Clifford said.

"Professor Garry Fitzpatrick will lead the new Doctor of Optometry course, contributing decades of industry and clinical experience to ensure its success."

Professor Fitzpatrick said the importance of culturally-aware eye-care professionals continues to grow, with the rate of blindness among Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Islanders three times higher than non-indigenous Australians.

"UWA, through this partnership with Lions Eye Institute and key industry partners, is taking the lead in tackling a growing problem by delivering an optometry course with a focus beyond best practice eye-care to develop socially and culturally-aware optometry leaders," he said.

Subject to accreditation by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand, the new course will produce optometrists with a focus on early detection, diagnosis, treatment and management of eye diseases, and rehabilitation of conditions concerning the visual system.

As part of their study, students will gain hands-on direct patient experience through extended clinical placements with industry partners including Lions Eye Institute and its Lions Outback Vision division, Specsavers, and Luxottica across metropolitan, regional and remote areas of Western Australia.

Professor Bill Morgan, Managing Director of Lions Eye Institute, said the Institute was committed to the development of the next generation of high-calibre optometrists, and would work with UWA on the research

component of the course.

"We are very pleased to be partnering with UWA to bring the ophthalmology and optometry disciplines closer together in a way that will greatly benefit patients all over the state," Professor Morgan said. "As a result, graduates will be well-positioned to tackle the growing eye-healthcare challenges affecting Australians."

The three-year postgraduate Doctor of Optometry will be available to students for 2021 entry, and is administered by the School of Allied Health within UWA's Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences.

Students who have successfully completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Science or equivalent degree and meet any additional admission requirements, can apply for entry into the Doctor of Optometry.

Entry will be competitive, with up to 55 domestic and five international places offered in the first year.

For further information on UWA's new Doctor of Optometry course visit the course website.

Nicholas Smith
(UWA Media Officer)

Optometry WA Spring Golf Day

Friday 30th October at Cottesloe Golf Course

[CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION](#)

or email admin@optometrywa.org.au
Registrations will open soon. Individuals or teams of 4 welcome.

OWA New Members & ECO Social Evening



The OWA New Members & ECO Social Evening took place on Wednesday 4th March at the 21st Amendment Bar in West Leederville.

With exclusive hire of the venue for two hours, there was plenty of time for OWA & ECO members to meet and greet new grads starting their careers here in WA. The event was sponsored by Vision Australia for the second year in a row. Kate Verkuylen from Vision Australia and colleague Sekinda Senan did a great job of involving the attendees in their latest technology and equipment. Thank you to all that attended and to ECO Chair, Kiran Sookroo for hosting the event.



Optometry WA CPD



The Optometry WA CPD calendar has kicked off with the first two CPDs in the calendar for February and March.

Dr Hessom Razavi and his Retinal Case Presentations offered 4.5 CPD points including assessment. Just recently we had the long awaited return of Dr Tom Cunneen for the March CPD evening. The popular presenter spoke on the



topic of The Diagnosis & Management of Pterygium & Ocular Surface Tumours.

The next date for OWA Metro CPD evening is Tuesday 5th May. Keep an eye on the OA CPD Calendar for the speaker and topic confirmation. You will be emailed as soon as registration is open. If you any queries with regard to your CPD, please let the OWA office know on admin@optometrywa.org.au or email national office CPD direct on cpd@optometry.org.au

CPD Vision Australia 24th



Join Injury Matters, Vision Australia and Optometry WA for the 'Vision and Falls Prevention Workshop II' as we learn how to prevent falls in older adults through:

- Identifying age-related vision impairments;
- Understanding the risk factors for falls prevention in people who are blind or

- have low vision; and
- Learn appropriate interventions for falls prevention.

Due to popular demand, this is a repeat of the workshop from the 23rd March and is free to attend to OA Members and Non Members.

Presentations will be delivered by Nabill Jacob (DOBA BAppSc-Orthoptics(Syd), MCommHlth(Syd), MIP (ACHSM), is the Clinical Relationship Manager at Vision Australia. Has Mukh Dave (Orientation and



Mobility Specialist/Assistive Technology Specialist) and Emily Purcell (Occupational Therapist) from Vision Australia.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Places are limited.

CCLSA WA Chapter Event - Fitting Orthokeratology and Toric RGP lenses

CCLSA WA is proud to bring you our 2020 full-day education event on the topic of fitting and Toric RGP and Orthokeratology.

RGP lenses has regain popularity in the recent time due to its health benefit and improvement in manufacturing technique.

The main challenge in fitting RGP lens is to achieve good stability for good comfort and vision. Although Orthokeratology and Toric lenses are used in different clinical settings, it's amazing to see how many similarities there are in fitting these lenses.

Join us, on Friday 20 March 2020 for an all day learning event.

An application has been made for OA CPD points for this event



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REGISTER ONLINE

Date: Friday 20 March 2020
from 9.00am to 4.30pm

Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges
Cnr Marine Terrace and Essex Street,
Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160
([Map](#))

WAVE Attendees & CCLSA members receive
discounted registration!

PRESENTERS:

Jessica Chi
Lachlan Hoy
Alex Hui

Time Critical CPR Courses @ WAVE on Friday 20th March



Need to renew your CPR certificate? Time Critical are running a course for optoms on Friday 20th March at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle.

The course is the HLTAID001 and is the course you are required to take once every 3 years by AHPRA. Once completed, you can upload a copy of your CPR Certificate to your OA Member Hub record, and update the next time you need to renew.

Friday 20th March 2020

OPTOMETRY WAVE '20 CONFERENCE
RYDGES ESPLANADE HOTEL

Abrolhos Room, 46-54 Marine Terrace &, Essex St, Fremantle

- **9am to 12.30pm** **BOOK HERE** \$65 per person
- **1pm to 4.30pm** **BOOK HERE** \$65 per person

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Saturday 21st March Morning Clinical Workshops

8.00 - 8.30 am - REGISTRATION OPENS - Southern Cross Lobby

ROOM 8.30 - 9.30am 9.30 - 10.30am 10.30 - 11.05am 11.05 - 12.05pm 12.05 - 1.05pm 1.05 - 1.55pm

ROTTNEST - Dr Olivia MacVie Anterior Eye Disease Grand Rounds 	GREEN GROUP	PURPLE GROUP		RUBY GROUP	BLUE GROUP
CARNAC - Dr Antony Clark Managing Glaucoma Suspects 	PURPLE GROUP	GREEN GROUP	TEA BREAK Trade Exhibition Area	BLUE GROUP	RUBY GROUP
KING SOUND - Jason Holland and Helen Gleave - Assessing Dry Eye - A Practical in-Practice Approach 	RUBY GROUP	BLUE GROUP		GREEN GROUP	PURPLE GROUP
ADMIRALTY GULF - Liz Jackson The ABC's of Binocular Vision (non strabismus) for the Busy Optometrist	BLUE GROUP	RUBY GROUP		PURPLE GROUP	GREEN GROUP

LUNCH
Trade Exhibition Area

Saturday 21st March Afternoon Lectures

1.55 - 2.00 pm Opening & Welcome to delegates by OWA President Robert Howie

2.00 - 2.30 pm	Managing Ocular Inflammation 	Dr Olivia MacVie
2.30 - 3.00 pm	Paediatric Pearls 	Dr Antony Clark
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Managing High Plus in Kids	Liz Jackson
3.30 - 4.05 pm	Afternoon Tea Break	Trade Exhibition Area
4.05 - 4.35 pm	Antibiotic Selection in Infection Management 	Dr Alex Hui
4.35 - 5.05 pm	Classification and Risk Prediction in Age-Related Macular Degeneration	Dr Lauren Ayton
5.05 - 5.35 pm	How to Mix the Perfect Dry Eye Cocktail 	Jason Holland
5.35 - 7.35 pm	Poolside Sundowner	Sundowner

Sunday 22nd March Morning Lectures

8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration Open	Southern Cross Lobby
8:25 - 8:30 am	Opening & Welcome to delegates by OWA President Robert Howie	
8:30 - 9.00 am	Imaging in AMD: New Signs to Know	Dr Lauren Ayton
9.00 - 9.30 am	Glaucoma or Not Glaucoma - That is the Question 	Jack Phu
9.30 - 10.00 am	Pain Management for Optometrists 	Dr Alex Hui
10.00 - 10.35 am	Morning Tea Break	Trade Exhibition Area
10.35 - 11.05 am	Oral Antibiotics and Antivirals in Eye Care 	Dr Alex Hui
11.05 - 11.35 am	The Visual Environment & Myopia - What to Tell Parents	Dr Kate Gifford
11.35 - 12.05 pm	Pre-Perimetric Glaucoma - Treat or Monitor? 	Jack Phu
12.05 - 12.55 pm	Lunch Break	Trade Exhibition Area

Sunday 22nd March Afternoon Lectures

12.55 - 1.25 pm	An Update on Recent Glaucoma-Related Studies 	Jack Phu
1.25 - 1.55 pm	Advanced Therapeutics: Ocular Gene Therapy Now and in the Future	Dr Lauren Ayton
1.55 - 2.25 pm	Contact Lenses for Kids 	Dr Kate Gifford
2.25 - 3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea Break	Trade Exhibition Area
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Myopia Management: Clinical Decision Trees 	Dr Kate Gifford
3.30 - 4.00 pm	Recent and Emerging Topical Therapies for Glaucoma 	Jack Phu
4.00 - 4.30 pm	Your Patients and Low Vision	Nabill Jacob
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Update on Treatment Options for Dry Macular Degeneration: Current and Future	Dr Dimitri Yellachich
5.00pm	Close	



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DISPENSER SESSIONS

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020

ESPLANADE HOTEL FREMANTLE BY RYDGES
FREMANTLE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



We are pleased to feature our dispensing education program at WAVE 2020. The program is designed to provide members of your practice team with additional skills and education to aid in their development and to help build on your practice success, by offering current, relevant and practical information.

The dispensing education program will be held on Sunday 22 March 2020, with registration opened from 7.45am and with lectures commencing at 8.15am and finishing at 12.05pm.

This program will be held alongside the main WAVE program, allowing delegates to visit the trade exhibition and meet with other eye care professionals during the morning tea and lunch breaks.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW The fee includes arrival tea & coffee, morning tea and lunch.



Sunday 22nd March - Dispensers Lectures

7:45 - 8:10 am	Registration Open	Southern Cross Lobby
8.10 - 8.15 am	Welcome	OWA
8:15 - 9.00 am	Happiness, You and WOW	Rob Ellis
9.00 - 9.30 am	Frame and Frame Selection	Leigh Robinson
9.30 - 10.00 am	Effective Communication During Difficult Conversations, Creating a Win-Win Environment	Christine Baker
10.00 - 10.35 am	Morning Tea Break	Trade Exhibition Area
10.35 - 11.05 am	Dispensing Advanced Lenses	Leigh Robinson
11.05 - 11.35 am	Ocular Emergencies - Triaging for Front Line Team Members	Lisa Jansen
11.35 - 12.05 pm	How to Survive and Thrive in Today's Competitive Environment	Leigh Robinson
12.05 - 12.55 pm	Lunch Break & CLOSE	



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ECO Metro CPD Evenings



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Dr Charlotte McKnight

Optometry Western Australia's Early Career Optometrists group (ECO) metro CPD evening will be presented by Dr Charlotte McKnight.

Topic: **Ocular and Orbital Trauma**

Location: Vision Australia Office, Level 1/3 Rosslyn St, West Leederville WA 6007

Registration will open soon.

Lisa Jansen & Grant Fisher

Optometry Western Australia's Early Career Optometrists group (ECO) metro CPD evening on the 9th June 2020 will be presented by Lisa Jansen & Grant Fisher.

Topic: **Burnt Out in Optometry**

Location: Vision Australia Office, Level 1/3 Rosslyn St, West Leederville WA 6007.

Registration will open soon.



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Optometry WA Member Renewal 2020 – 2021

Watch out for the member renewal emails in mid-May and make a note that renewal is due, as usual, by the 30th June 2020.

Just a reminder of the categories vs working hours, Minimal Practice is 0-4hrs work a week, Part Time is up to 16hrs a week with Full Time anything above 16hrs per week.

Immediate Graduate and Recent Graduate membership offers full time

cover or any category below.

If you have any queries regarding your membership, want to upgrade or downgrade, then please contact the OWA Office on admin@optometrywa.org.au or j.martindale@optometry.org.au or call the office on 08 **9321 2300**.

Executive Officer's Report

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Despite numerous meetings between UWA, National and OWA we were unable to influence a different outcome. There are arguments both positive and negative regarding the course in WA. OWA will work closely with UWA to ensure the benefits of a local course outweigh the negatives and will keep our membership posted. (See article from Garry Fitzpatrick UWA). Many Optometrists would be aware of the currently inadequate Subsidised Spectacle Scheme administered by the WA Health Department. I am pleased to say that small steps have been made partnering with Vision 2020 to implement a trial project called the National Subsidised Spectacle

Scheme. It is not big by any stretch of the imagination and is a limited pilot specific to the Aboriginal population however it has served to educate the WA Health Department on where they sit relative to the rest of Australia. Optometrists interested in being a part of the pilot are welcome to contact me directly eo@optometrywa.org.au or by phoning the office on 9321 2300.

Changes to the CPD landscape continue to be front of mind. My role as the Chair of the National CPD forum ensures WA is well represented and informed as we prepare to support you, our members through the changes taking place in December of this

year. Our aim is to make the change simple and to assist in the management of your CPD requirements whilst continuing to provide a wide range of access points for you to source the highest quality knowledge.

Last but certainly not least. OWA has been working with National to untangle the minefield that is award representation or not. There are as many pros as there are cons on representation or otherwise. Legal opinion and debate remain ongoing. OWA will keep you informed.

In the meantime during this challenging period if we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Our President's Report

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next twenty years. The current preferred future identifies clients/patients as health participants with Optometrists as eye care guides and includes future devices such as wearable monitoring technologies (smart contact lenses?) and app based disease monitoring. Face to Face eye exams will continue but it is believed they will be augmented by less costly technology kiosk virtual exams too. It is thought the virtual technology model will allow for health care interactions at nearly any time and also assist health care delivery to rural and remote areas. It is suggested that optometry will become more specialized with an increased focus on collaborative care, working with other professions and less focus on retail spectacle supply, although variations of the current models will continue to exist.

The next stage in the Optometry 2040

project involves building the skillsets to achieve our preferred plausible future. We will be working with Resilient Futures which has a scientifically based approach to understanding, preparing, adapting to and creating value from future change. By "We" I mean all members who wish to be involved. Consider a mindset that is open to new thinking, ready for disruption, focuses on pursuing the opportunities and mitigating the risks caused by disruption, is prepared for change and then delivers sustainable value from disruption and change. Welcome to the future!

WAVE and CPD

Evan and Hui-Lin have worked tirelessly to develop a program that will entertain and be enjoyed. If not yet registered please look at the flyer and if you can make the time, please register!

Next year WAVE will be targeted at the new CPD format. Evan and Hui-Lin are both working on the National CPD Strategy Committee with a goal of ensuring a seamless adaptation to the new CPD requirements. They will welcome your feedback!

Most, if not all, of your OWA directors will be at WAVE. Please take the opportunity to have a chat with them.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Howie
President 2019//2020

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Locum list here in WA for those that want to work metro, regional or interstate.

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Please register yourself here by completing this **short online form**. Your information will then be made available to those that request access to the OWA Locum List.

You will be required to update / confirm your continued presence on the list from time to time. If you have any queries, please contact the OWA office on admin@optometrywa.org.au

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