

# ACO inducts life members

The Australian College of Optometry has inducted two new honorary life members, optometrist Ross Harris and ophthalmologist Professor Hugh Taylor.

Mr Harris was cited for his 35 years of service to the college in various capacities, including clinical instructor, chairman of the college's ethics committee and as a member of the board of the National Vision Research Institute.

Professor Taylor described his award as a great honour, and reflected on his many years of collaboration with the college as head of the University of Melbourne Department of Ophthalmology from 1990 to 2007.

'The college and the Department of Ophthalmology were collaborating long before my time at the university and I am very pleased to see

that same commitment continue today,' he said.

He cited the establishment of the Low Vision Clinic at Kooyong, now Vision Australia, the Vision 2020 program, and current collaboration on the bionic eye

and issues of indigenous eye health. Professor Taylor continues to work closely with the college in his role as Laureate Professor holding the Harold Mitchell chair of indigenous eye health in the School of Population Health.



**Professor Hugh Taylor (R) and Professor Nathan Efron** Photo: ACO