



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Life Membership Awarded to Two Optometry Greats**

The Australian College of Optometry has recently awarded Honourary Life Membership to two people whose names are universally recognised in the world of Optometry and Vision Science. On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, a ceremony was held to honour the careers of Professor Ian Bailey and Professor Jan Lovie-Kitchin at which they were presented with Honourary Life Memberships of the College, acknowledging their outstanding service to the College and to the profession.

In the 1970s, their research, at the National Vision Research Institute (now a division of the ACO) generated the LogMAR system for visual acuity charts, which they described in their seminal and greatly cited paper in American Journal of Optometry and Physiological Optics, in 1976. The LogMAR system became internationally accepted as the standard scale for visual acuity both in clinical practice and clinical trials.

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