



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Australian College of Optometry at Vision2014**

The Australian College of Optometry has a huge presence at Vision Australia's Vision2014 – the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Low Vision - taking place from 31<sup>st</sup> March to 3rd April 2014 at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The Conference theme is advancing research, upgrading practice and improving participation.

The ACO's Head of Clinical Services, Associate Professor Jonathan Jackson, is on the organizing committee for the conference and is also its Master of Ceremonies. Jonathan will also present a paper at the conference, *Refractive Error and Visual Status in Albinism*. Two of the ACO's most senior clinical staff are also presenting papers at the conference. Mae Chong, Lead Optometrist Low Vision Services, will present *The Kooyong experience: A Low Vision Clinic in the changing Australian rehabilitative landscape* and Dr Genevieve Napper, Lead Optometrist Aboriginal Services, will present *Assisting in the prevention of vision impairment in Indigenous communities through improved access to eye care services in Victoria*. Several other ACO clinical staff including senior sessional staff member, Dr Sharon Bentley, and CEO, Maureen O'Keefe are moderating, or presenting papers or posters. The ACO will also have a booth at the conference.

The ACO runs a Low Vision Clinic at its Carlton premises, in partnership with Vision Australia. The clinic provides a comprehensive Low Vision Service with optometry and occupational therapy professionals on site. Vision2014 Conference delegates are able to sign up for a site visit to the ACO as a part of the conference.

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