

# Eye Health of Disadvantaged Youth to Benefit from Grant

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*Australia's disadvantaged youth will be the main beneficiaries of a AU\$10,000 grant awarded to The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) by the Commonwealth Bank.*

This is the second consecutive year the ACO has received a Commonwealth Bank Community Grant.

The grant will be used improve access to eyecare for disadvantaged youth by developing specific educational material and facilitating a portable children's vision testing kit. The education material (posters and brochures) will be distributed to community centres, schools and youth service providers. The vision testing kit will enable the ACO's youth outreach program to be expanded. This program targets youth who are homeless, have a disability, are from a disadvantaged or refugee background, are in juvenile detention or are indigenous community members.

A celebration and official awarding of the grant will be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th August. Contact: Tenille Ibbotson on (AUS) 03 9349 7531 or [tibbotson@aco.org.au](mailto:tibbotson@aco.org.au).