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Stewart providing eye care in developing countries was also recognised in the honours list. Peter Lewis has been a regular visitor to Timor-Leste as a volunteer for the last 10 years, providing eye care and helping establish the infrastructure that has allowed the training of East Timorese health workers to provide eye care to their local community. He was the co-founder of the Sumba Eye Program in Indonesia and has been involved with it since 2007. Peter Stewart is also an active volunteer in the Timor-Leste Eye Program and co-founder of the Sumba Eye Program. He has so far completed 16 trips to run local training programs and assist in setting up local eye clinics.

Honorary life membership of the Australian College of Optometry to Ian Bailey and Jan Lovie-Kitchin



It is entirely fitting that Professors Ian Bailey and Jan Lovie-Kitchin should be made honorary life members of the Australian College of Optometry on the same day, at a special function at the College on April 4 2014. They are both famous for their leadership and research in low vision and have associations with the College as former students, staff members and research collaborators.

They are of course the progenitors of the Bailey-Lovie logMAR chart, which they developed in the National Vision Research Institute of Australia, an affiliate organisation of the College. Both honed their skills in low vision at the Kooyong Low Vision Clinic that was set up by the College and Vision Australia in 1973 and changed the world of low vision. Ian Bailey was the founding clinical optometrist at the Kooyong Low Vision Clinic and it was he, with Nurse-Administrator, Margaret Lawrence, who developed the multi-disciplinary model for the clinic.

Royal Society of Optometry honours its James Brien

The James Brien Award for the Royal Society of Optometry was presented to Professor Brien on May 7 2014. The award was presented at a ceremony in New South Wales. Professor Brien was awarded the award for his contributions to the profession and his work in the field of low vision. He has been a member of the Royal Society of Optometry since 1973 and has been a past president of the Society. He has also been a member of the Australian College of Optometry and the Australian Society of Low Vision.



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