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ACO 75 Years: Preserving Sight and Preventing Blindness

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) held its first diamond jubilee celebratory event on Tuesday 17th February – a seminar based on the anniversary slogan, *ACO 75 Years: Preserving Sight and Preventing Blindness*. This first event was held in style, starting with bubbles and nibbles in the comfort of the Nathan Library & Members Lounge at the ACO in Carlton. ACO CEO, Maureen O’Keefe, opened the night with a warm welcome to all in attendance and an overview of events to come during this special year.

Interest in the event was most certainly sparked by the three optometry greats who were presenting on the night. Professor Nathan Efron (President, ACO), Associate Professor Sharon Bentley (Director of Clinical Services, ACO) and Dr Graham Lakkis (FACO) shared their perspectives on the evolution and future challenges of contact lens prescribing, low vision services and ocular disease management respectively.

Attendees took the opportunity to catch up with old friends and to establish new contacts, with some ACO members coming from interstate, regional Victoria and across Melbourne especially for this celebratory night, with a large contingent staying on into the evening to toast the ACO and its many achievements over 75 years.

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