

VALE DAVID COCKBURN



Optometry Victoria was very saddened to hear of the recent passing of Dr David Cockburn OAM on 26 September 2016.

David was well known as a trailblazer in Australian optometry. Throughout his extensive career he made an outstanding contribution to the development of professional standards for optometry.

He undertook extensive clinical research, had numerous scientific publications, and was firmly committed to the education of students.

David also challenged the boundaries in private practice. He dilated pupils for ophthalmoscopy when optometrists were not permitted to use mydriatics; he taught himself

how to perform tonometry when optometrists were not permitted to use topical anaesthetics; he was the first optometrist to train himself to use a slit lamp in his practice; and he built the first retinal camera using a Bausch and Lomb binocular ophthalmoscope.

Born in Swan Hill in 1925, David was educated at Hampton High School and Melbourne Grammar, and served in the Navy during World War Two. Upon graduation from the University of Melbourne in optometry in 1950 he established his own practice in his mother's flat in Hampton. He then bought a house two doors up and this practice remains prosperous today under the guidance of Ian Gutteridge, Ian Douglas and Matthew Wells.

David was founder of the University of Melbourne optometry student association and founding chair of the NVRI. He was a recipient of the Lloyd Hewitt Award. He was a Councillor of Optometry Victoria (known then as the Victorian Optical Association) from 1951 to 1957. He also served on the Optometrists Registration Board of Victoria from 1953 - 1957 and again from 1985 - 1990.

David also served as Councillor of the Australian College of Optometry for a total of 35 years.

A HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN OPTOMETRY

Barry Cole was the Foundation Professor of Optometry at the University of Melbourne, and is a life member of Optometry Victoria. He has now written a definitive book on the history of optometry in Australia.

The book takes the reader from the profession's humble beginnings of the first advertisements for spectacles in Australian newspapers in 1803, through to modern day optometry.

It tells the story of how optometry organised itself by forming professional associations in the

early years of the twentieth century, securing legislation to regulate the profession, advancing optometric education to university level and then vastly expanding the scope of optometric practice.

The book has been published by the Australian College of Optometry as part of the commemoration of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The history of Australian Optometry can be purchased through the Optometry Australia online store www.optometry.org.au

NEW OPTOMETRY VICTORIA OFFICE BEARERS



Murray Smith is the new President of Optometry Victoria

We are pleased to confirm the appointment of new office bearers to Optometry Victoria's (OV) Board of Directors at the November 2016 meeting.

Our former Vice-President, Murray Smith has accepted the role of President, while existing Director Rowan Prendergast has accepted the role of Vice President. Steve Dinh continues his service as Treasurer.

We are very grateful for the leadership and commitment shown over the last three years by the outgoing President, Kylie Harris. We are very pleased to see her continue as a Director of the Board and OV's appointee as National Director on the Optometry Australia Board.

Kylie replaces Allison McKendrick in the National Director role, after Allison's many years of distinguished service and diligent leadership.

We also welcome Anne Weymouth to the Board as an Associate Director.

If you would like to contact any of our Directors, please email the OV office office.vic@optometry.org.au and we will pass your message on.

GOLF DAY 2017

Registrations are now open for the Optometry Giving Sight (OGS) Annual Golf Day.

The Golf Day will be held at a new location in 2017, the prestigious Commonwealth Golf Club, one of the 'must play' eight Melbourne Sandbelt golf courses.

Players can register as individuals or groups of four, with a limited field of 100.

Proudly supported by Optometry Victoria, the event raises much needed funds for international charity OGS.

Tickets are \$125.



For more information and to register visit bit.ly/ogsgolf