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April 2009

## What's New?

### **Glaucoma Screenings in Tamworth -**

The Association, in conjunction with Glaucoma Australia and Pfizer, conducted three days of glaucoma screenings in Tamworth. We saw over 350 people over the three days, with about 3% of those screened being identified as having a significant eye condition which was previously unknown. Very special thanks to the optometrists who assisted - Phil Anderton, Quynh Lam, Paul Harvey, and Andrew Greer - without their time and expertise we couldn't have done it!

**Ocular Therapeutics** - Interest in the ocular therapeutics course is very strong, with a cohort of about 45 currently enrolled. We are, however, facing some difficulties with the availability of hospital clinical places for the students. Regrettably, no public hospital in NSW has been willing to accept our students for clinical placements and so to date all students have had to travel to the Royal Hobart Hospital for their placements. Optometry in NSW is deeply appreciative of the positive approach taken by the ophthalmology staff at Royal Hobart, but realistically we can't expect them to carry this load indefinitely. The Association, in conjunction with the School of Optometry, is attempting to broker a deal with NSW public hospitals to take our students. We'll keep you posted.

**ANZAC Day Holiday NSW** - This year ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday. This year there is no substitute public holiday in NSW. Therefore Saturday 25 April is a public holiday. If you work/trade on Saturday 25 April, then public holiday pay rates will apply. For clerical staff, the rate of pay on the public holiday will be double-time-and-a-half with a minimum payment of three hours. In the case of optometric and optical dispensing staff (who are not covered by an Award) the pay arrangements will be what is specified in the relevant contract of employment. If there is no specific provision for pay rates for public holidays, then penalty rates do not automatically apply.

**ANZAC Day Holiday ACT** - The substitute public holiday for ANZAC Day in the ACT is Monday 27 April. Saturday 25 April is a normal working day and Monday 27 April is the public holiday. If you work/trade on Saturday 25 April, then normal Saturday rates of pay will apply. If you trade or are required to work on Monday 27 April then public holiday pay rates will apply. For clerical staff, the rate of pay on the public holiday will be double-time-and-a-half with no minimum hours payment requirement. In the case of optometric and optical dispensing staff (who are not covered by an Award) the pay arrangements will be what is specified in the relevant contract of employment. If there is no specific provision for pay rates for public holidays, then penalty rates do not automatically apply.

**OAA VIC Annual Golf Day** - The OAA Victoria Division held their annual golf day on March 16th at Yarra Yarra Golf Club in Melbourne in support of Optometry Giving Sight. The superb weather matched with the pristine course conditions made for a very enjoyable round of golf.

Following the golf, players enjoyed a fabulous dinner with MC John Blackman leading the entertainment. Before the end of the evening many players had already committed to returning next year.

Congratulations to Reg Quaiffe from Servicing Optics, who was one of the winners of the 'nearest to the pin' competition, and to Christian Lifter, who succeeded in the longest drive.

For more information about Optometry Giving Sight and where the money raised will be used, please visit: [www.givingsight.org](http://www.givingsight.org).

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Eye On NSW  
The Ski Run (down)  
EON Ski Conference, Thredbo  
7 – 9 August 2009



### What is it...

The EON Ski Conference is hosted annually by the Optometrists Association Australia NSW/ACT Division. It is held right in the village of Thredbo at the Thredbo Alpine Hotel during the peak skiing season. Delegates and their family and friends are offered a great opportunity to combine high quality CPD with high quality snow sports.

### CPD & Points – 16 points on offer for the conference...

Sessions are held both morning and late afternoon to allow skiers to take full advantage of the facilities the area offers plus a social hour of nibbles and drinks on Friday evening after sessions with family and friends welcome to attend. Morning and afternoon teas are provided with sessions. All meal arrangements are at delegates leisure.

### Are you interested in presenting...

If you are interested in presenting a lecture or two at the Ski Conference, we would be very happy to discuss topics with you. The OAA NSW will contribute towards your expenses in return for you presenting. Please contact Rosemary Duffy at the OAA office – 02 9713 2038 / 02 9712 2199 for further information.

### Getting there...

The nearest airport to Thredbo is Canberra and then either drive or take a coach service to Thredbo. Driving takes about 3 hours and chains must be carried once in the Kosciusko National Park. Chains can be hired from any ski hire outlet. The Coach Service website is: [www.skibus.net.au](http://www.skibus.net.au) for details and to book.

Car hire is available at Canberra airport. Parking at Thredbo will either be provided at your accommodation or in a public parking area.

### Accommodation...

All accommodation is booked through [www.thredbo.com.au](http://www.thredbo.com.au) or by calling 1300 020 589. There is no discount or conference rate available in peak season. We suggest that you book your accommodation as early as possible as beds in the village go quickly. Maps of the area are on the website.

### Equipment hire, lift tickets & lessons...

You can hire equipment in Thredbo with details on [www.thredbo.com.au](http://www.thredbo.com.au) or take it with you. There are several outlets in both Cooma and Jindabyne as well as Sydney and Canberra.

The Thredbo website has all the latest prices for lift passes. If you haven't skied before we suggest a lesson or two to get you started at Friday Flats. Private lessons with up to 3 people are good value as you learn a lot with just a few in the group.

### Restaurants, take away and self catering...

Thredbo has some excellent restaurants which are not overly expensive. Early booking is recommended as they tend to fill up quickly. There is limited take away available. If you are staying in an apartment you may have cooking facilities. There is a good supermarket in the village with a variety of foodstuffs for you to cook.



Agenda and registration available soon





**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** Please bring your OAA membership card with you to all events run by the Optometrists Association Australia New South Wales Division. Thank you!

## Centre for Optometric Education 2009 Seminar Series

**The Australian Graduate School of Management [AGSM]**

John B Reid Theatre, Gate 11, Botany Street Randwick, UNSW (parking is available next to the AGSM)

DATE	SPEAKERS	TOPICS
20 April 2009 AGSM, UNSW	Dr William Townsend USA	Thyroid Disease and the Eye: What We Must Know
22 June 2009 AGSM, UNSW		
19 October 2009 AGSM, UNSW		

Bookings Essential on: (02) 9713 2038 | (02) 9712 2199

Bookings close 12 midday on the Friday prior to the seminar

Registration	6:00pm	OAA members no charge
Lecture	6:30pm	Optometry Students no charge
Supper	7:30pm	Non members \$55.00 cash/credit card cheque
Lecture	8:00pm	No show/cancel after close of bookings \$55.00

### Special evening in Newcastle

Dr William Townsend from USA has kindly agreed to give his talk on "Thyroid Disease and the Eye: What We Must Know" in Newcastle.

Dr Townsend is Distinguished Visiting Clinician in Residence at the University of Houston College of Optometry and also serves as an adjunct faculty member at that institution.

When – Tuesday, 21 April 2009

Where – Noah's on the Beach hotel, Newcastle

Registration – 6pm

Lecture start – 6.30pm – Finish 8.45pm

Free of charge to OAA NSW Members - \$55.00 to all others

Book with Rosemary Duffy on 02 9713 2038 or 02 9712 2199





## Classifieds

### POSITIONS VACANT - FULL TIME

#### Sydney City

This significant contact lens practice in the heart of Sydney is looking for an optometrist with a professional outlook in their dealings with a wide variety of patients and their varied conditions. If you are interested in a challenging career, are efficient with your time and scheduling and enjoy the human experience, you might be the one that we seek. This is a Monday to Friday practice. To set up an interview, please ring Steve Marton between 6.30pm - 8.00pm Monday to Friday or during the weekend on (02) 9970 6668.

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#### Bondi Junction [Retail Manager]

We are looking for a retail manager for our boutique optometry practice located in Westfield Bondi Junction. It is essential that you are well-presented, motivated, and have excellent oral and written English skills. Retail experience in luxury goods is preferred, and a knowledge of optics would be favourable, however training will be provided for the candidate with the right attributes. Only applicants with current working visa or permanent residents of Australia will be considered. Optometrists or optical dispensers are welcome to apply. The practice is fully equipped with state of the art consulting facilities, including retinal digital imaging, corneal topography, slitlamp photography and FDT field analyser. Contact Wendy Ho on 0413 833 830.

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#### Shellharbour

Join our vibrant and dynamic team in Shellharbour. This is a once in a lifetime career opportunity! Choose from a vast variety of employment options or the Alliance and Franchise opportunities on offer. Be a part of our team of eye-care professionals and join the market leaders. Please call Robyn on 0448238845 or email Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au.

#### Tasmania

Optomeyes is an owner operated group of twelve optometry practices based in the fresh and stunning state of Tasmania, and we're your employer of choice in Tasmania. Our vision is to be a world class provider of the full range of eye care needs with support of our well established brands and services. Practices are well equipped, integrated into the primary health care system and optometrists are well supported. Regular meetings to discuss interesting patients, access to therapeutic agents and varied patient base make the day fun and rewarding. Optomeyes welcomes you to contact Sue Sluce +61 408 143 596 or via email at sue@optomeyes.com.au.

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#### Tamworth & Glendale

Great opportunity exists for our Hunter stores in Tamworth and Glendale stores. With a refreshing chance of being part of a friendly close knit community, you will find yourselves a thrilling optometry experience. Attractive offers for either one of the stores is only one of the reasons to consider a move. Choose to be employed with flexibility or stability. You may even want to try your hands at our Alliance and Franchise options. Be a part of our team of eye-care professionals and see why we boast to be the best in getting you where you want to be in your profession. To discuss call me now on 0412146161 or email me on razmeena.hussein@luxottica.com.au.

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#### Wetherill Park

A full/part-time position is available for an optometrist to work in our store at Wetherill Park in a friendly, professional and well equipped environment. The position is suitable for a motivated and enthusiastic person who enjoys working in full scope optometry. Please call Mey on (02) 9729 3883 or email your interest to eyecare.connection@gmail.com.

#### Blacktown & Liverpool

A great opportunity is available to become part of a big and lively team environment with the opportunity of growing your professional experience. See how our Eyecare Support network can help you achieve best customer care and personal development. If it's time for a change, then you must call me now on 0412146161 or email me at razmeena.hussein@luxottica.com.au.

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#### Bowral

Only one hour and fifteen minutes from Sydney, you will discover a city in transition with a vibrant arts culture, fashion focus and an emerging food scene. Bowral is just a little taste of Europe. Add to this the opportunity to become part of our exciting team and join this successful team. For more information, please contact Robyn Weinberg on 0448 238 845 or email Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au.

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#### Canberra

Looking for a more relaxed lifestyle with all the advantages of living in the City? Imagine getting to work in fifteen minutes without the hassle of traffic jams! Imagine having wineries just about ten minutes from the City Centre! Canberra is certainly the place for you. Luxottica is currently offering a more than competitive salary package with all the advantages and benefits of being part of our dynamic company. For more information, please call Robyn Weinberg on 0448 238 845 or email Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au.

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### Camden & Campbelltown

Optometrist required for full time position in Eyecare Plus practices at Campbelltown and Camden NSW. With excellent working conditions, enjoy professional independence with excellent support from qualified staff. Practice "full scope" Optometry in modern surroundings. Flexible salary package negotiable with experience and performance bonus. Future partnership/ shareholder possibilities for the right person. Please contact Dena on (02) 4628 3651 or (02) 4655 2944.

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### Wetherill Park [Optical Dispenser]

An exciting opportunity exists for an optical dispenser or trainee dispenser to work in our modern practice located in Wetherill Park, Sydney. We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and motivated and can work in a team environment. Please call Mey on (02) 9729 3883 or email your interest to [eyecare.connection@gmail.com](mailto:eyecare.connection@gmail.com).

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### POSITIONS VACANT - PART TIME

#### Central Coast

Would you like to be truly appreciated? We have a part-time position available (days and hours flexible) for an optometrist looking for the recognition they deserve. If you are passionate about providing exceptional eye care and sensational service we would be delighted to have you join our experienced team. Sure Optical is a full-service independent optometrist with the latest technology including digital retinal camera, auto-refractor, pachometer, visual field analyser and corneal topographer. If you would like your working day to be more interesting, rewarding and fun contact Amanda Rungis at Sure Optical on (02) 43297000, 0418 616965 or via email at [amanda@sureoptical.com.au](mailto:amanda@sureoptical.com.au).

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### Eastern Suburbs

A truly rewarding position is available for an optometrist who is motivated and energetic to join our progressive practice on a permanent part-time basis on Fridays and/or Saturdays. Recent purchases and exciting future planned changes allows the practice to boast modern systems and equipment. The successful applicant will have professional freedom and work alongside experienced optometrists and a happy, supportive team. An attractive, negotiable salary package will be offered. Please call Robert on (02) 9349 6223 or 0410 440 111 for a confidential chat.

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### All Optometrists

Take control of when and where you work. Our locum optometrists work hard for short periods and then enjoy a break. You choose whether you want to take 2 months holiday, or work to save for that special purpose. We have work available from Melbourne to Darwin, and from Sydney to Perth. We pay most costs of registration, travel and accommodation and offer great rates of pay. Email us at [locum@ozemail.com.au](mailto:locum@ozemail.com.au) or give us a call on (02) 4782 5760 to find out more about the flexibility of working as a locum.

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### Roselands

Optometrist required for a dynamic consulting only practice in Roselands. We are equipped with NCT, autorefractor, fundus camera, Medmont VFA and computerised practice management system. This is a Saturday position starting in May. Contact James Loi on (02) 9759 0918 or via email at [jamesloi@unwired.com.au](mailto:jamesloi@unwired.com.au).

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### Penrith

Phil Fent needs the help of a locum at busy OPSM Penrith on Saturdays, \$60 ph +GST, and Sundays \$70 ph +GST. For more information about this placement and other work around NSW and the rest of Australia, please call Mel on (02) 4782 5760 or email [locum@ozemail.com.au](mailto:locum@ozemail.com.au).

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### FOR SALE

#### Stock for Sale

Low vision aids/surplus stock for sale. Eschenbach low vision aids, as well as fashion frames, sunglasses and sun-clips, most in original packaging or in supplier cases. Surplus to needs. For sale 25-50% below cost price. Please contact Sharon by email at [eyesociety@optusnet.com.au](mailto:eyesociety@optusnet.com.au).

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#### Equipment for Sale

Woodson Six Pot Lens Tint Bath in excellent condition with heat transfer oil and lens holders. Not used any more due to most lenses now being multicoated. \$220.00 Phone Richard on (02) 9328 2843, or email [rbanks@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rbanks@optusnet.com.au).

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#### Practice for Sale

Small independent practice for sale in Shellharbour area, would suit optometrist owner. For more information contact Michelle on 0412 412 954. Genuine enquiries only please.

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#### Equipment for Sale

For Sale: Non-Mydriatic Retinal Camera. Canon CR6-45NM. 5yo. Immaculate condition. \$20K + GST or near offer. Located in Sydney. Please call Mala on 0425 212 755 or email [malageorge@hotmail.com](mailto:malageorge@hotmail.com).

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