

# Contact



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## What's New?



Colleagues, have you replied to the OAA re print/email newsletters? From April 2009, the OAA will be changing to email distribution for "Contact". If you wish to receive a printed copy, please contact Nicole on 9712 2199 and let her know.

The news doesn't get much better for optometry right at the moment – from 1 March, all glaucoma medications prescribed by optometrists will be covered by the PBS! This fantastic outcome is due to the amazing work put in by our National office – John Beever and Joe Chakman in particular. We owe everyone involved in this effort a huge debt of thanks and congratulations!

A number of members have contacted the Association in recent months wanting to talk about the options available for franchising in optometry. As a result of a number of issues raised in those conversations, the Association's lawyer, David Kennedy and I met with representatives of Luxottica to raise with them the concerns and reservations that have been expressed to us.

Both David and I felt that it was a most productive meeting and I think that it is safe to say that the Luxottica people also appreciated the information that we passed along.

Members living in the Northern Tablelands region of the state (Tamworth, Armidale and surrounds) should keep an eye out for a vastly increased optometry profile in the first week of March. Together with Glaucoma Australia and Pfizer, the Association and Tamworth members will be involved in a glaucoma screening at the Tamworth Shoppingworld on 4, 5 and 6 March. Our media consultant, Bill Pickering, has arranged extensive radio and television coverage and we're hoping for an excellent response from the populace!

### Political Update

Members would be aware that the undergraduate course in ocular therapeutics has been running at UNSW for some two years now. What you might not be aware of is that during this time, graduates seeking to gain public hospital clinical experience have been forced to travel to the Royal Hobart Hospital, because no public hospital eye clinics in NSW have been willing to accept optometry students.

This farcical situation is about to reach a critical juncture, with our final year undergraduate students also

also needing to find clinical placements in order to complete their undergraduate degrees.

Prof Fiona Stapleton of UNSW has been tireless in her search for public hospital placements, but thus far she has encountered brick walls at every turn.

Recently the Association met with an adviser to Health Minister John Della Bosca, seeking the Minister's assistance to get this problem resolved. Quite simply, public health facilities in NSW cannot be allowed to be used by a small group of vested interests in order to deny the intent of the NSW parliament.

We received a good hearing from the Minister's adviser and we are hoping that it translates into a positive outcome for the people of NSW. We'll keep you advised.

Andrew McKinnon  
Chief Executive Officer



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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





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**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





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## Classifieds

### POSITIONS VACANT - FULL TIME

#### BLACKTOWN NSW

An attractive position has just become available for an experienced optometrist to join 1001 Optical at our Blacktown store. Great working conditions which includes a friendly and experienced support team. If you are looking to take the next big step in your career then this position could be for you. Salary \$70K - \$87K plus bonus; depending on experience (5 days work per week; excluding super). Please contact Christine at 0438 441 001 or email to: christine.lee@1001optical.com.au.

#### HIGHPOINT VIC

1001 Optical is one of the fastest growing optical chains in Australia. Positions are now available at our practice in the Highpoint Shopping Centre for experienced optometrists. We offer the opportunity to work in fully equipped and modern consulting rooms with high-tech equipment including auto refractor, keratometer and non-contact tonometer. Recent graduates are encouraged to apply. Salary \$70K - \$100K plus bonus; depending on experience (5 days work per week; excluding super). For further information please phone or email Christine.

Optometrist required for full time position in Eyecare Plus practices at Campbelltown and Camden NSW. Excellent working conditions and positive future prospects. Please contact Dena, PH 46283651, 46552944

Blacktown and Liverpool,  
A great opportunity is available for being part of 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 is time for change then you must call me now on 0412146161 or email me on razmeena.hussein@luxottica.com.au.

#### Hunter Region

Live next to the coast and still be just driving distance from the hub of Sydney. We have great opportunities for the right optometrist in the Hunter. You can 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 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.

An exciting opportunity exists to join our team at Macquarie Eye Design from June 2009 onwards. We require a practice manager / dispenser Mon - Fri who is interested in the boutique side of optics. Start salary between \$60k - 75k depending on experience. Contact Sonja 9223-8392 or email sonja.brock@bigpond.com "

#### New Career in Bathurst

Looking for Security, Challenge, Flexibility or Ownership? Excellent opportunity and career path available with great remunerations

and benefits. Join the team at Luxottica and experience the benefits of working in this wonderful environment.

Call me now on 0448 238 845 or email on Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au.

#### OPSM Orange

Fantastic opportunity to expand your Optometry career with market leader! Energetic and motivated team in a friendly and successful environment! Outstanding remuneration and benefits. With the rapid expansion of our brands and professional development initiatives, it is an exciting time to join the Luxottica optometry team. Please call Robyn on 0448 238 845 or e-mail on Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au

#### Shellharbour

Exciting opportunity within a vibrant, dynamic team awaits you. 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. To discuss this fantastic opportunity, please call Robyn on 0448238845 or email Robyn.Weinberg@luxottica.com.au.

#### Warilla

We are seeking a friendly, motivated optometrist to work in our newly renovated store at Shellharbour warilla. The beach is only a few minutes away. Work, play and relax on the beach. You will be supported by our experience and friendly dispensers. Our practice is equipped with retina camera and visual fields. Days and salary are negotiable. If interested, please email theyestore@hotmail.com or call Susan on 0419 161 888



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HCF EYECARE – Full Time/Part Time Parramatta

HCF Eyecare Associated Optometrists have opportunities for optometrists to join our dynamic team at Parramatta.

Work in a QIP accredited practice with no late Thursdays or Sundays.

Automated equipment, trained support staff and a team culture make for a satisfying and secure work environment. Mentoring, training and leadership opportunities ensure you get the most out of your career. If you are passionate about quality patient care, please call or e mail Margaret

Knapman on (02) 9290 0199 or e-mail margaretk@hcfeye.com.au

HCF EYECARE – Full Time/Part Time Sydney CBD HCF Eyecare Associated Optometrists have opportunities for optometrists to join our dynamic team at Sydney City. Work in a QIP accredited practice with no late Thursdays or Sundays. Automated equipment, trained support staff and a team culture make for a satisfying and secure work environment. Mentoring, training and leadership opportunities ensure you get the most out of your career.

If you are passionate about quality patient care, please call or e mail

Margaret Knapman on (02) 9290 0199 or e-mail margaretk@hcfeye.com.au

HCF EYECARE – Full Time/Part Time Chatswood

HCF Eyecare Associated Optometrists have opportunities for optometrists to join our dynamic team at Chatswood.

Work in a QIP accredited practice with no late Thursdays or Sundays.

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### PART TIME/LOCUM

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 or give us a call on (02) 4782 5760 to find out more about the flexibility of working as a locum.

Hamilton (Newcastle) NSW

Part-time optometrist required. 1 to 3 days per week. Contact Neil Kearns 02-49610011 0423-408810 kearns@tsn.cc

“Locum optometrist needed to work at our Warilla Store - Shellharbour, from 6 July till 7th August. Mondays through to Thursdays only. Great rates and accommodation provided. Flexible locum period - please contact Susan 0419 161 888 or email theyestore@hotmail.com for further information.”

Brighton.

We are looking for a part-time or locum optometrist to work 2-3 days per week in our newly renovated store at Brighton-Le-Sands. Work in a relaxing atmosphere with the beach literally meters away. Immediate start. Recent graduates are welcome to apply. Days and salary negotiable. Interested? Please email theyestore@hotmail.com or call Susan 0419 161 888

Locum

We are looking for a locum optometrist to work in our Bankstown store for the last 2 weeks of May. Rates and days are negotiable. please contact Susan on 0419 161 888 or email: theyestore@hotmail.com for more information.

BLACKTOWN, LOCUM

Find nothing to do on Sunday? Why not take this advantage to earn extra money. We are fast growing, well established company looking for a Locum optometrist to join us at Blacktown store. Working with our friendly and energetic team to provide the best service for our value customer. Remuneration \$390 + GST (11.00am – 4.00pm). Should you be interested please contact Christine at 0438 441 001 or Email: Christine.lee@1001optical.com.au.



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Forster / Tuncurry - Optometrist Part Time

Are you after a seachange. Then this position may be for you. We are after an optometrist for 2-3 days per week. Have an attractive job in a practice with great staff and facilities and enjoy a semi retired lifestyle literally seconds from the beach and lake. We have some of the latest instruments with automated visual field machines and digital retinal photography. We are part of the Eyecare Plus group of practices so expect educational support and a collegiate feel with this group. With rents and real estate prices here lower than the cities enjoy the lifestyle that beachside living has to offer. Only 3 hours from Sydney and 1.5 hours from Newcastle. Full time work may be available with some travel.

Contact: Dale Rolfe  
Ph 02 6554 7817  
d.rolfe@eyecareplus.com.au  
www.eyecareplus.com.au

#### PARRAMATTA, LOCUM

A position with competitive rate available for experienced Locum Optometrist to join our busy store in a busy shopping centre at Parramatta. Only 2 days a week (Friday 9.00-5.30pm and Sunday 11.00-4.00pm), remuneration for Friday \$380 + GST and Sunday \$390 + GST. You gotta love it. Please contact Christine at 0438 441 001 or Email: Christine.lee@1001optical.com.au.

#### CHATSWOOD CHASE, LOCUM

1001 Optical is a fast growing company and has been established for more than 21 years; also we are known as one of the best company that offer the best range of fashion eyewear. We are expanding our company, currently we have a position available for a Locum Optometrist to join our Brand New Boutique at Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre for Wednesday and Sunday. We are offering a competitive rate for the right candidate.

Please call Christine at 0438 441 001 or Email: Christine.lee@1001optical.com.au.

#### Equipment for Sale

Carl Zeiss FDT Matrix Field Analyser  
Righton Slit Lamp  
American optical phoropter  
Magnon Projector chart, Keratometer, Chair & Stand  
Briot Weco patternless Edging system  
Will sell consulting room complete or in components individually if preferred. Call Dean on 0409 186 831 for more information.

#### OTHER

The International College of Ocular Nutrition is hosting US eye specialist and natural therapist Dr Kondrot. He is a unique ophthalmologist whose first-line treatment is nutrition, homeopathy, micro-current stimulation and colour therapy (healingtheeye.com). Seminars to be held in August in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. Please email jennyivanos@optusnet.com.au or call 0402 410 821 to attend. CE point to be applied for.