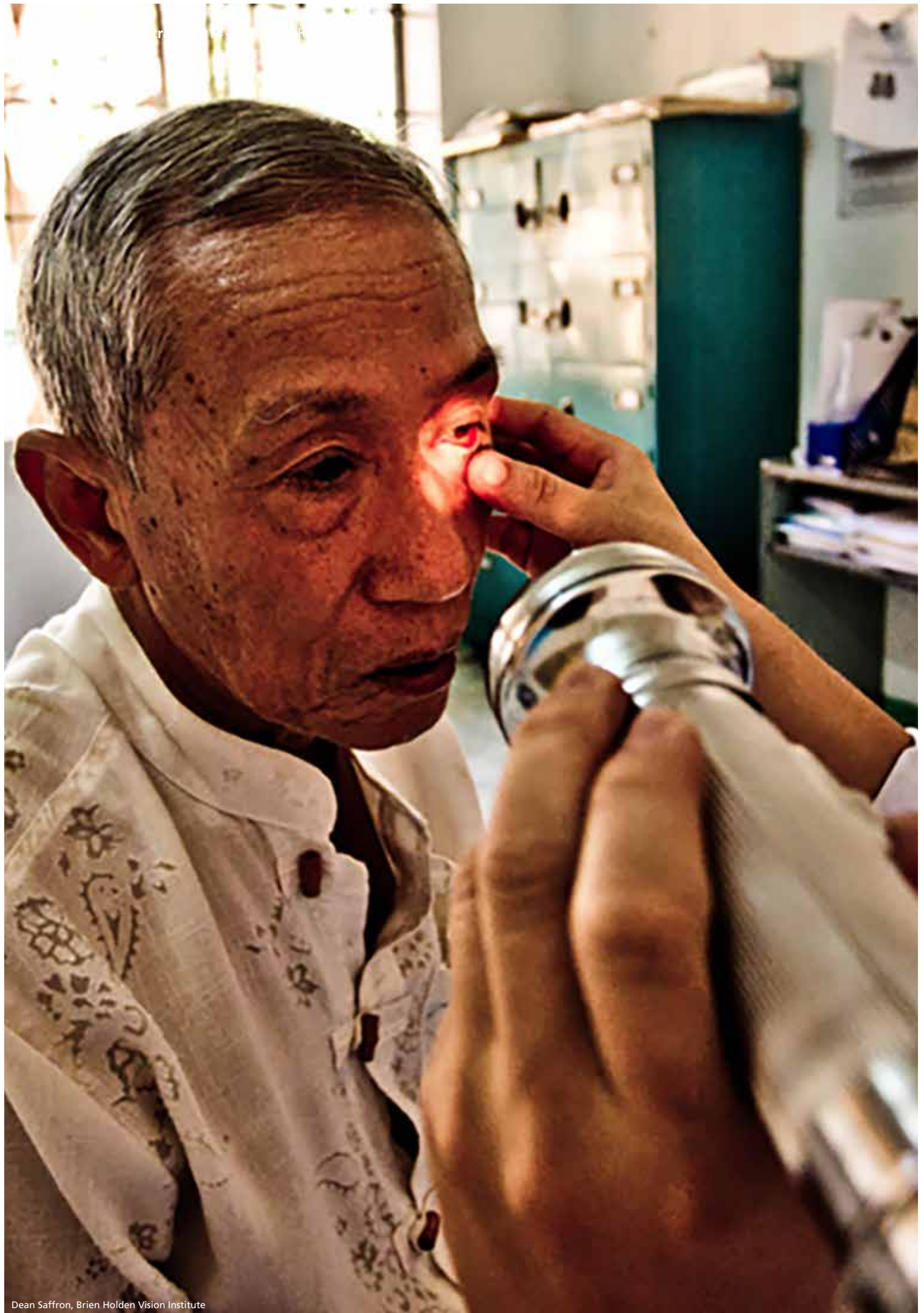


# Annual Report 2014-2015







Dean Saffron, Brien Holden Vision Institute



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# Chair's report

It has been just over 12 months since I became Chair and what a year it has been. I have had a busy introduction to the eye health and vision care sector and there have been great achievements as well as some disappointments.

The real highlight of my first year is seeing the Australian Government funding the National Eye Health Survey, which is vitally important to not only the eye health and vision care sector but to the nation. The Survey will give Australia a benchmark that we can judge our achievements against in reducing avoidable blindness and helping those with vision impairment.

Being involved in securing funding for the coordination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health services was also a highlight. This funding is an important step in closing the gap for vision and will ensure that services are more effective and efficient.

It was also pleasing to see that eye health and vision care was included in the top ten policy recommendations that came out of the 13<sup>th</sup> National Rural Health Conference. This means that there is a spotlight on the importance of eye health and vision care services in rural and remote Australia.

In Victoria, eye health is already on the State Government's agenda and in May the Vision Initiative received a further four years of funding to roll out another eight projects, focussing on eye health education and strengthening the referral pathways. It is terrific to have the continued support from the Victorian Government.

Sadly, like so many foreign aid programs, funding for the Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium was not allocated in the Federal Budget 2015-16, which is very disappointing as the Consortium does tremendous work in the Indo-Pacific region.

Despite this set back we will keep working on it, we won't give up!

Consortium members will do what they can without government assistance and we will continue to advocate to the Australian Government about the importance of improving eye health in our region.

I would like to say thank you to the Vision 2020 Australia Board and staff this year for all their hard work to ensure that the eye health and vision care sector continues to have the ear of government.

**The Hon Amanda Vanstone**





# CEO's report

As I reflect on what is my tenth year at Vision 2020 Australia, I am reminded that our achievements which continue to grow, do so as a result of hard work and collaboration by our members.

The 2014-15 financial year has played out against a tough fiscal backdrop and despite tightening purse strings in Canberra, it is pleasing to see the eye health and vision care sector continue to come together to progress our collective agenda.

Among our biggest successes has been the Australian Government funding of the National Eye Health Survey. This year we have seen a further \$650,000 commitment added to the initial \$1.126 million funding allocation, demonstrating the value of collaboration. This, along with the private sector and NGO contributions, will enable the Survey to be completed by mid-2016.

We have seen further evidence of the strength of collaboration through the success of the Victorian Vision Initiative pilot projects, resulting in funding of \$3.4 million over four years from the Victorian Government to roll out the program to eight new local government areas.

The Australian Government, impressed by the sector's unity on the Close the Gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health and Vision Care proposal, recently committed close to \$8 million to improve eye care coordination, monitor progress and help eliminate trachoma. This outcome further demonstrates the power of collaboration.

The news was not so good on the global front with the Australian Government's May Federal Budget delivering the biggest single-year cut to foreign aid in Australia's history. Caught up in the Budget cuts is funding for the Vision 2020 Australia Global Consortium's East Asia Vision Program which will unfortunately end early in 2016.

However, I am hugely optimistic about the strength of collaboration shown by the sector in its desire to continue to work together in partnership in this global space and have no doubt that this energy will manifest in other initiatives moving forward.

Thank you to all our members for their ongoing support and commitment to this partnership and to the Vision 2020 Australia team for its continued hard work and dedication throughout the year.

**Jennifer Gersbeck**

# Our work

## Prevention and Early Intervention Committee

September 2014 marked a significant milestone for the Prevention and Early Intervention Committee with the former Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton endorsing the Implementation Plan under the *National Framework for Action to Promote Eye Health and Prevent Avoidable Blindness and Vision Loss* (NFIP). This national integrated plan takes us a step closer to the elimination of avoidable blindness and vision loss and improving the participation of people who are blind or vision impaired in the community.

A key element of the NFIP is to improve the evidence base. The Australian Government, along with contributors from the non-government and private sectors, committed funding and in-kind support of nearly \$2.8 million, which enabled the National Eye Health Survey (NEHS). The first representative nationwide study of the burden of major eye disease in Australia, the NEHS seeks to close a fundamental gap in evidence based policy and program delivery.

The Committee has remained engaged with the priorities of the Australian Government, contributing to the development of Vision 2020 Australia submissions to inquiries related to chronic disease prevention and management in primary health care, electronic health and the national diabetes strategy; ensuring that eye health and vision care remains on the agenda as new policies and frameworks are being developed.

## Independence and Participation Committee

The Independence and Participation Committee has focused on two key policy areas: the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and aged care reform, advocating for both the NDIS and the aged care system to include appropriate assessment pathways and access to the right services and supports to meet the needs of people who are blind and vision impaired.

For the first time, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare will include professions common to blindness and vision impairment services, such as orientation and mobility, orthoptics and occupational therapy in a forthcoming eye health labour force report. Vision 2020 Australia worked with members to gather data on these professions and this report will form an important workforce capacity baseline to measure progress into the future.

Vision 2020 Australia partnered with National Disability Services and the Australian Blindness Forum to conduct a snapshot survey of the blindness, low vision and rehabilitation services sector. The report, *A snapshot of blindness and low vision services in Australia*, showed that the sector provides a broad range of services, but is under increasing strain to meet demand due to financial and workforce pressure, providing a strong evidence base to continue to advocate for funding of services which assist people who are blind or vision impaired live a full life and actively participate in the community.



Wesley Lonergan, Vision 2020 Australia

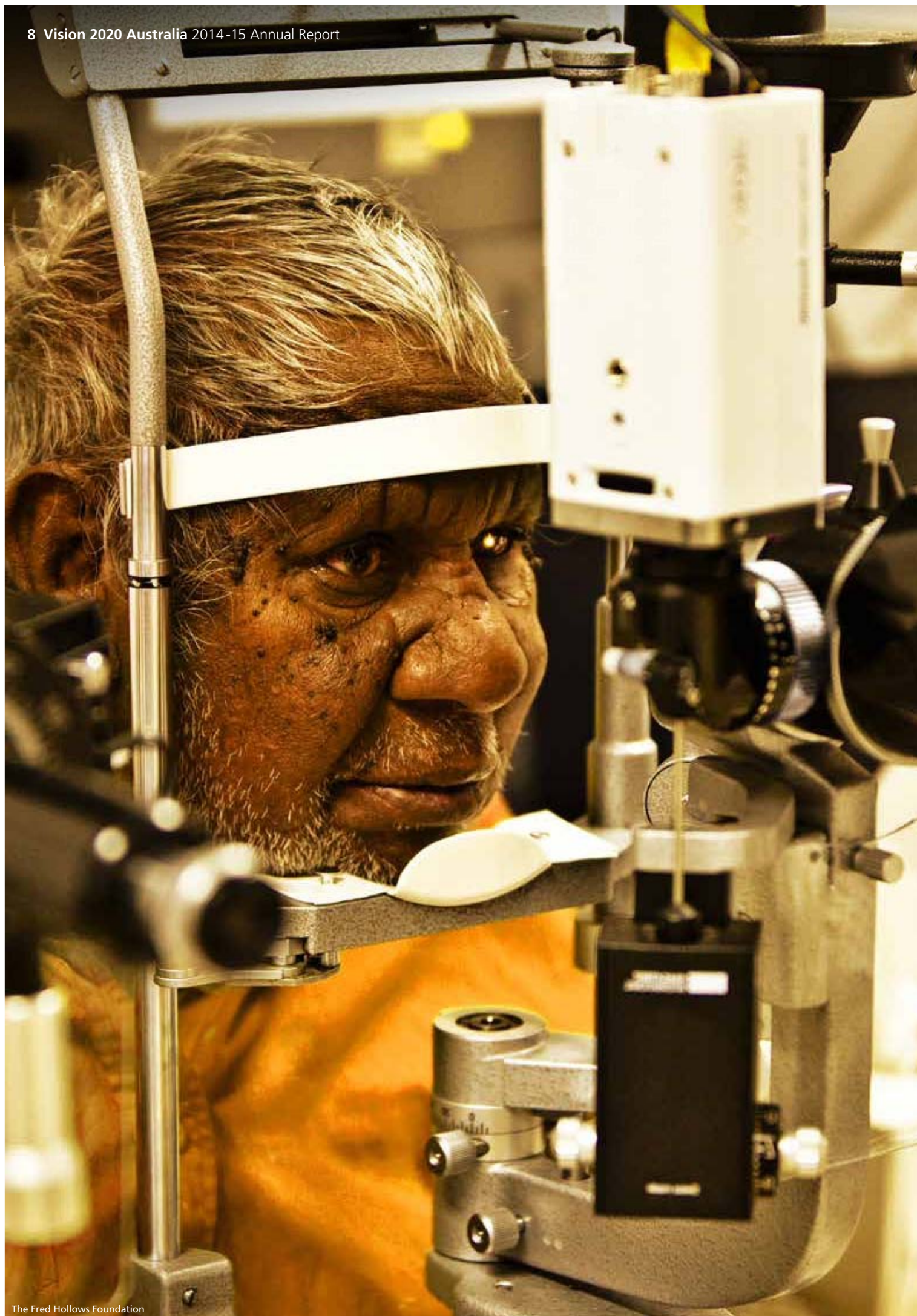


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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee

The Vision 2020 Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee developed the first-ever sector representative funding proposal, calling on the Australian Government to build on its current commitment to improve equity in eye health and vision care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This collaborative approach proved to be successful with an announcement of around \$8 million in funding to improve eye health coordination, reduce eye surgery waiting lists in Indigenous communities, support a national oversight function and continue trachoma health promotion.

The National Framework Implementation Plan, endorsed by Australian Government in September 2014, listed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health as one of three key priorities. Another priority is to build the evidence base resulting in support for the National Eye Health Survey (NEHS). The first of its kind on a national scale, the NEHS incorporates a follow-up study from the National Indigenous Eye Health Survey conducted in 2008. The results will provide an up-to-date state of play on Indigenous eye health, highlighting what has improved and areas where more work and resources are needed.

The Committee has ensured that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's eye health and vision care is at the forefront of the agenda, contributing to the development of Vision 2020 Australia submissions to inquiries related to chronic disease prevention and management in primary health care, electronic health and the national diabetes strategy.

## Global Committee

In a particularly challenging year that saw substantial cuts to the Foreign Aid Budget, the Global Committee capitalised on every opportunity to advocate about the importance of eye health and vision care in international development programs, including drafting submissions and providing testimony to numerous Parliamentary and Senate inquiries.

The Global Committee also shifted the advocacy focus from Canberra to in-country governments to target programs at the local level. A key target was the Solomon Islands where representatives met with the Solomon Islands' Prime Minister, who has committed SBD292,000 in the 2016-17 budget to eye health, a tangible commitment that makes eye health a health priority. Following this show of support, the local Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade post has since announced a commitment of SBD100,528 for cataract outreach services.

Vision 2020 Australia helped gain the support of the Australian Government for a global scientific meeting on myopia, run by Brien Holden Vision Institute in Sydney and attended by experts from around the world. The Minister for Health showed Australian Government support by extending a formal invitation to the Secretary General of the World Health Organisation to attend the meeting. A major outcome from the meeting was consensus on a definition and description of myopia so that future surveys can accurately record the extent of blindness and vision impairment caused by myopia.

# Program snapshot

## Vision Initiative

This year has been significant for the Vision Initiative with the completion of four pilot projects that aimed to reduce avoidable blindness and vision loss in local government areas (LGAs) where residents were considered at increased risk of eye disease. These LGAs were: Darebin, Greater Geelong, Greater Shepparton and Latrobe.

Activity delivered through the pilot projects focused on health professionals, the community and local media and was delivered in varying ways to ascertain which engagement strategy was most effective.

While all pilot project areas indicated an increase in referrals from actively involved primary health providers, Greater Shepparton experienced the largest and most wide spread increase in referrals from primary health providers to optometry for an eye examination, particularly from GP practices. In addition, residents of Greater Shepparton were more proactive in seeking an eye examination as a result of the activity implemented in the community.

In the 2015-16 State Budget, the Vision Initiative received a further \$3.4 million from the Victorian Government to roll out the successful pilot model to a further eight locations across the state over four years. Learnings from these pilot projects will be used to inform and refine the implementation of the new projects.

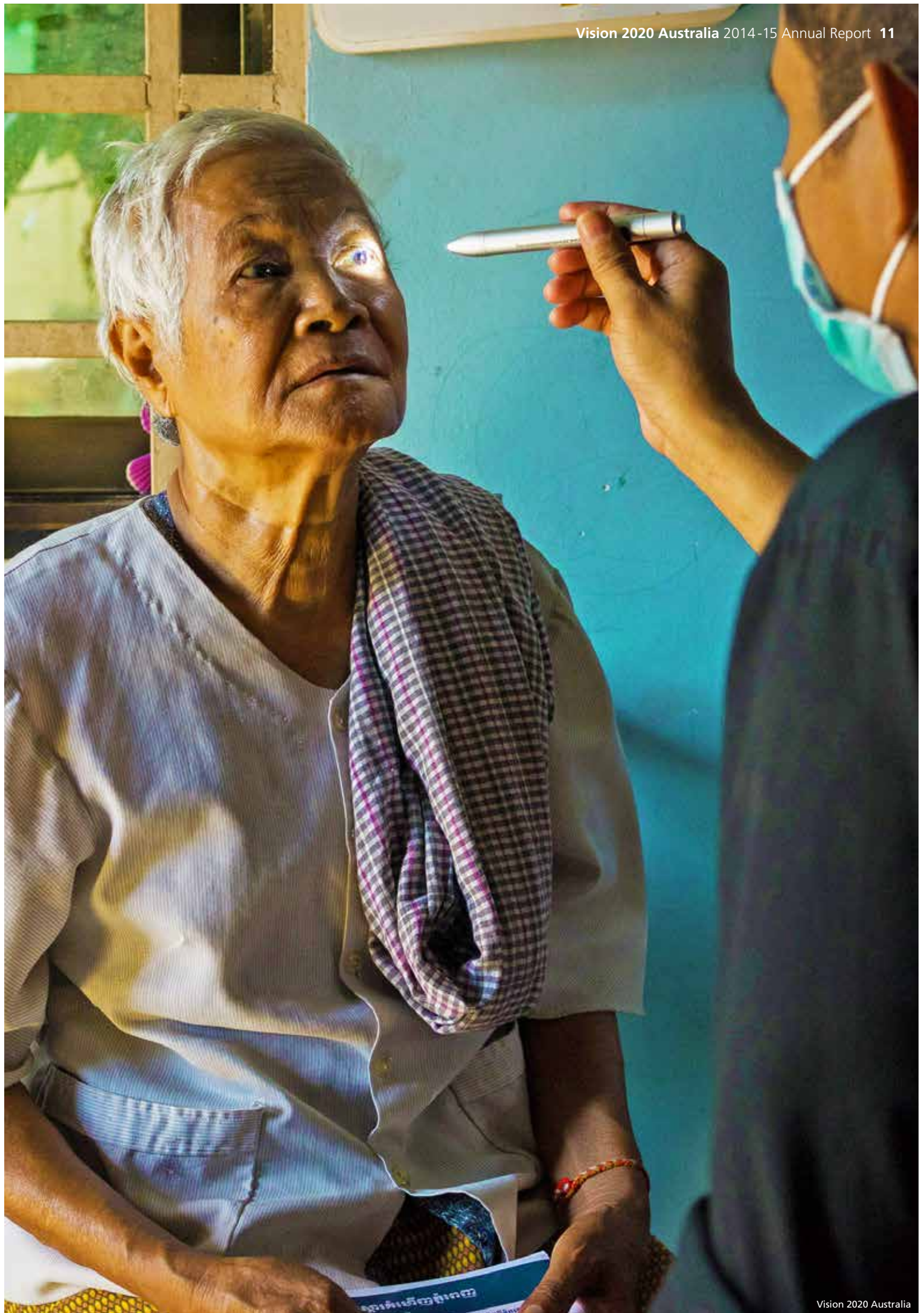
## Global Consortium

Vision 2020 Australia's Global Consortium is delivering the third and final year of the Australian Government funded East Asia Vision Program (EAVP). Significant highlights include:

- **Cambodia:** Cambodian Ophthalmology Society, now funded by membership fees, is taking the lead in continuing professional development and ensuring access to ongoing medical education beyond the life of the Consortium program.
- **Vietnam:** Pham Ngoc Thach Medical University began running Vietnam's first Ministry of Education and Training recognised Optometry course in 2014 with Hanoi Medical University adapting the course and running it as part of its 2015 academic program.
- **Timor-Leste:** Timor's first post-graduate course for eye health professionals is underway. A new database is being used by the National Eye Centre and shared with the Ministry of Health as part of its health information management system.

While the Australian Government funding for the Consortium will not continue beyond the end of the EAVP, members have made a significant commitment to the collaboration, learning and coordination that has resulted from the Consortium's work.









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Les O'Rourke, Vision 2020 Australia

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Dean Saffron, Brien Holden Vision Institute



Mark Chew, Vision 2020 Australia

# Focus on

## Federal Government funds the National Eye Health Survey

The Federal Government followed up on its \$1.126 million commitment for the National Eye Health Survey with an additional \$650,000, ensuring the research will be completed.

Being undertaken by Vision 2020 Australia and the Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA), the survey is the first nationwide study of the prevalence of eye conditions in Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Member for Aston and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Alan Tudge MP officially launched the Survey, meeting with participants in his local electorate and partners involved in the survey.

Testing began rolling out across the country and the Survey is on track to be completed in June 2016.

## Funding boost for Indigenous eye health

The Assistant Minister for Health, Fiona Nash, announced \$8 million for Indigenous eye health on the back of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advocacy activity.

The funding is a direct result of a collaborative sector proposal which was submitted to Minister Nash earlier this year, outlining eight key recommendations to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander eye health and vision care.

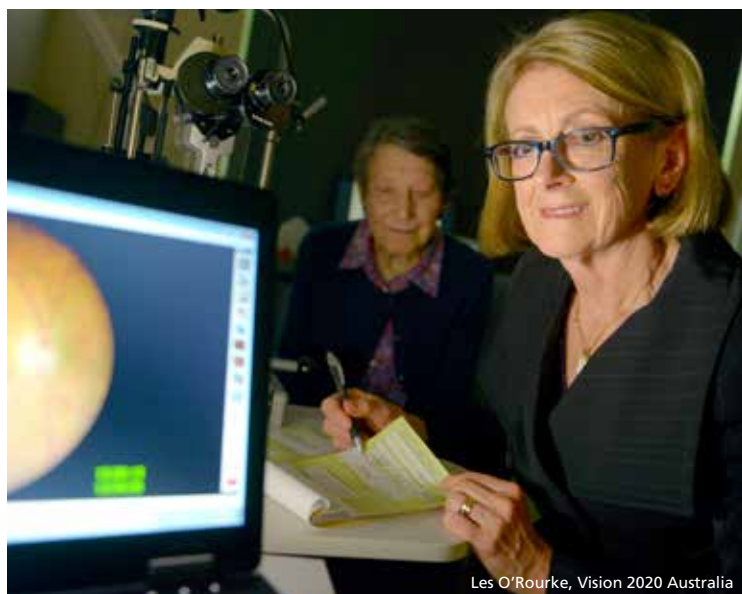
It will be used to improve eye care coordination, national oversight and trachoma health promotion activity over the next four years, taking Australia one step closer to closing the eye health gap.

Blindness rates in Indigenous people are unacceptable. Currently blindness in Indigenous adults is six times the rate of non-Indigenous Australians with vision loss rates three times higher.





Les O'Rourke, Vision 2020 Australia



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## World Sight Day focus on eye health heroes

World Sight Day in 2014 was an opportunity to focus on Eye Health Heroes and the work that people in Australia and across the region are doing to eliminate avoidable blindness. The campaign focussed on eight individuals making a difference to the lives of others and their stories were told through social and traditional media. To further bring the stories to life, five of the heroes attended the Parliamentary Friends Group event at Parliament House in Canberra in September 2014 and discussed with parliamentarians the challenges that still exist in ending avoidable blindness.

Other advocacy activity was rolled out to electorates with members' own eye health heroes meeting with parliamentarians to further discuss eye health and the work that is being done to eliminate avoidable blindness and support those living with blindness or vision loss.



Barry Skipsey, The Fred Hollows Foundation

# Board of Directors



**The Hon Amanda Vanstone**

Chair (from 18/06/14)

Qualifications: BA; LLB; GradDipLegalPrac; CertMktg.

Experience: Chair, Royal Flying Doctor Australia; Board Member, Drinkwise Australia; Board Member, Port Adelaide Football Club; Board Member, Governors of the Institute for International Trade; former Legal Practitioner; former Senator for South Australia; former Minister, Australian Government; former Australian Ambassador to Italy and San Marino.



**Professor Hugh Taylor AC**

Deputy Chair

Qualifications: LLD (Hons); MD; MB; BS; BMedSc; DO; FRANZCO; FRACS; FAAO; FACS; FAICD.

Experience: Harold Mitchell Chair, Indigenous Eye Health Unit, The University of Melbourne; Melbourne Laureate Professor, The University of Melbourne; Treasurer and Incoming President, International Council of Ophthalmology; former Vice President, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.



**Ms Amanda Davis**

Member, Corporate and Governance Standing Committee

Qualifications: Dip Nursing; BBus; MPH.

Experience: Global Chief Operating Officer, Brien Holden Vision Institute—Public Health Division; Regional Director for Asia Pacific, Brien Holden Vision Institute; Member, National Advisory Committee for Optometry Giving Sight (Australia); Director, Optometry Giving Sight (Global); Director, PNG Eyecare; Director, Viscorp.



**Dr Iain Dunlop**

Member, Corporate and Governance Standing Committee

Qualifications: MBBS (Hons); FRANZCO; FRACS.

Experience: Visiting Medical Officer, Sydney Hospital-Sydney Eye Hospital; Director, Sight for Life Foundation; Director, Canberra Microsurgery; Chair, Department of Health Ophthalmic Prostheses Clinical Advisory Group; Member, Health Technology Assessment Consultative Committee; Member, Australian Council on Healthcare Standards; Member, Australian Medical Council.



**Dr Jessica Gallagher**

Member, Finance and Audit Committee (from 24/06/2015)

Qualifications: B.App.Sci, M.Ost

Experience: Global Ambassador, Vision 2020 Australia; Ambassador and Events Committee Member, Disabled Wintersport Australia; Ambassador, Vision Australia/ Seeing Eye Dogs; Osteopath; Paralympic medallist, Winter Paralympic Games (2010, 2014) and Summer Paralympic Games (2012).



**Ms Karen Hayes**

Qualifications: FAICD; FAIM.

Experience: Chief Executive Officer, Guide Dogs Victoria; Board Member, Multiple Sclerosis Limited; Board Member, Melbourne International Comedy Festival; Founding Member, International Women's Forum - Australian Chapter; Member, Women Chiefs of Enterprise International; Founder and former Board Member, Breast Cancer Network Australia.





**Mr John Howie AM**

Chair, Corporate and Governance Standing Committee

Member, Code of Conduct Committee

Qualifications: LLB.

Experience: Practicing Solicitor; Deputy Chair, Monsalvat Ltd; Board Member, The John Cain Foundation; Chair, Avoca Project; Member, La Trobe University Law School Advisory Board; former Chair, Victorian Legal Aid; Chair, Sports Federation of Victoria.



**The Hon Dr Barry Jones AC**

Chair (until 18/06/14)

Qualifications: MA; LLD; DLitt; DSc; DUniv; FAA; FAHA; FTSE; FASSA; FRSA; FRSV; FACE; FAIM.

Experience: Professorial Fellow, The University of Melbourne; former Member, Victorian Legislative Assembly; former Member of the House of Representatives; former Federal Minister for Science; former Australian Representative, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

*Retired as of 24 June 2015*



**Mr John Jeffries OAM**

Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee (until 1/7/15)

Qualifications: BBus.

Experience: Chief Executive Officer, CBM Australia; Chair, CBM National Director's Committee; former Board Member, CBMI Switzerland; former Board Member, CBM USA; former Board Member, Centre for Eye Research Australia; former Board Member, Optometry Giving Sight.

*Retired from CBM Australia and Vision 2020 Australia Board as of 24 June 2015*



**Professor Brian Layland OAM**

Member, Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Qualifications: BSc (Opt.Sc); ASTC; FIO; Fellow UNSW.

Experience: Chair, Brien Holden Vision Institute; Board Member, International Centre for Eyecare and Education (ICEE); Founder and Director, ICEE Aboriginal Eyecare Program; Board Member, Vision CRC; Chair, Optometric Vision Research Foundation; Board Member, Viscorp; Member and former President, Optometry Australia Council – National and NSW.



**Ms Maureen O'Keefe**

Chair, Audit and Finance Standing Committee (from 24/6/15)

Qualifications: BSc(Hons); MBA; DipEd; GAICD, WCLP.

Experience: Chief Executive Officer and Board Member, Australian College of Optometry; Board Member, ARC Centre of Excellence in Convergent Bio-Nano Science and Technology; Member, Ministerial (Health) Clinical Trial Research Consultative Council; Deputy Chair, BioMelbourne Network.



**Dr Graeme White**

Member, Audit and Finance Standing Committee

Qualifications: BSc (Hons); PhD.

Experience: Chief Executive Officer, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT; Director, Centre for Eye Health; Director, International Guide Dog Federation; Director and Treasurer, Australian and New Zealand Assistance Dogs Association; Director, Ocular Sciences Australasia.

*Term ended on 27 November 2014*

# Members

For the year ended 30 June 2015

## Principal



## Gold



## Silver



## Bronze



## Major Supporting



## Supporting



## Corresponding



## Associate





# Financial contributions and in-kind support

## Global advocacy support

CBM Australia \$25,000

## Government funding

Commonwealth Department of Health \$467,542  
Victorian Department of Health and Human Services \$1,015,136

## National Eye Health Survey funding

Commonwealth Department of Health \$1,776,000

Other financial and in-kind contributions have come from the Centre for Eye Research Australia, OPSM, Novartis, Zeiss, Brien Holden Vision Institute, Optometry Australia, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

## Attendance at meetings

Vision 2020 Australia is thankful to all members and stakeholders who have contributed time, expertise and administrative support throughout the year. In particular the Chairs and members of the Vision 2020 Australia committees: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee, Global Committee, Global Consortium Program Committee, Independence and Participation Committee, National Eye Health Survey Steering Committee, Prevention and Early Intervention Committee, Regional Plan Steering Committee and Vision Initiative Steering Committee. This commitment is gratefully acknowledged.

## Provision of meeting venues and facilities

Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory  
Australian College of Optometry  
Australian Hotels Association

Brien Holden Vision Institute  
Centre for Eye Research Australia  
Fenton Communications  
KordaMentha  
Luxottica  
OPSM  
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons  
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital  
TAFE Illawarra  
The Fred Hollows Foundation

## Contributions to the Vision Initiative

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities  
Australian College of Optometry  
Australian Greek Welfare Society  
Australia Primary Health Care Nurses Association  
Calvary Care  
Centre for Eye Research Australia  
City of Greater Shepparton  
Darebin City Council  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Diabetes Victoria  
Goulburn Valley Primary Care Partnership  
Guide Dogs Victoria  
Networking Health Victoria  
Optometry Victoria  
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, Victorian Branch  
Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital  
SunSmart  
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists  
Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation  
Vision Australia  
Vision Initiative Pilot Project participating optometry, pharmacy and GP practices

# Financial overview

## Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	3,821,579	2,796,213
Employee benefits expense	(1,399,523)	(1,429,769)
Consultants expense	(824,433)	(583,081)
Depreciation expense	(16,809)	(37,015)
Stationery and printing expense	(53,374)	(13,371)
Travel expenses	(181,752)	(176,742)
Occupancy expense	(131,783)	(159,984)
Promotional events and material expense	(131,204)	(33,766)
Repairs and maintenance expense	(14,995)	(11,202)
Computer support and internet expense	(47,017)	(71,938)
GC monitoring, evaluation and planning expense	(20,118)	(113,251)
Events and catering expense	(114,850)	(28,558)
NEHS project expense	(799,506)	-
Other expenses	(58,603)	(79,893)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>27,612</b>	<b>57,643</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>27,612</b>	<b>57,643</b>



# Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,580,676	1,460,753
Trade and other receivables	252,945	1,283,219
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2,833,621</b>	<b>2,743,972</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	44,310	39,063
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>44,310</b>	<b>39,063</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,877,931</b>	<b>2,783,035</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	265,663	334,935
Unearned income	1,923,365	1,783,882
Short-term provisions	115,456	122,612
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,304,484</b>	<b>2,241,429</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Long-term provisions	6,654	2,425
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>6,654</b>	<b>2,425</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,311,138</b>	<b>2,243,854</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>566,793</b>	<b>539,181</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated surpluses	566,793	539,181
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>566,793</b>	<b>539,181</b>

# Auditor's report



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## **Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia**

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### **Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements**

#### **For the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

##### **Report on the summarised financial report**

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, are derived from the audited financial report of Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on that financial report in our report dated 23 October 2015. That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia. The information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.

##### **Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report to meet the needs of users.

##### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

##### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of Vision 2020 The Right to Sight Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015 are consistent, in all material respects with the audited financial report.

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

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23 October 2015

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# Vision 2020 Australia

Established in October 2000, Vision 2020 Australia is part of VISION 2020: *The Right to Sight*, a global initiative of the World Health Organisation and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness.

Vision 2020 Australia is the national body working in partnership to prevent avoidable blindness and improve vision care in Australia. We represent around 50 members involved in local and global eye care, health promotion, low vision support, vision rehabilitation, eye research, professional assistance and community support.

The organisation has three key areas of focus: conducting advocacy, facilitating collaboration and raising awareness.

## **Our Vision**

Our vision is the elimination of avoidable blindness and vision loss by the year 2020 and the full participation of people who are blind or vision impaired in the community.

## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to be the national advocate to government working in partnership with members for policy change and for the funding of programs that will eliminate avoidable blindness and vision impairment and ensure community participation of people who are blind or vision impaired in Australia and our region.



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