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Sydney Eye Hospital
FOUNDATION



"I wanted to show the staff how grateful I was, so I personally went in to give them a donation to say Thank You."

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After staff at Sydney Eye Hospital went above and beyond to help Jonathon during COVID lockdowns last year, he wanted to say 'thank you' in a meaningful way.

Jonathon was all ready to be admitted as a day patient at 7am Monday morning.

There was only one problem: by Sunday night, his COVID test results had still not come through. He turned up early Monday morning – and still no results.

"I was so very grateful to the registrar. He kept calling the lab on my behalf, and finally, we got my results at 10.12am – three hours after I arrived."

"I was also very grateful to my surgeon. We all thought the surgery would be cancelled due to the delay in results, but he came back to the hospital just to operate on me."

Jonathon's kind donation will help fund vital training, research and equipment for the Hospital. Thank you, Jonathon!

Thank you for funding nursing scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of Foundation supporters, we currently have two nurses undertaking the Ophthalmic Specialist Nursing Program through the University of Notre Dame.

Dipaj Gc and Isabel Divinagracia are very grateful for their scholarships.

Dipaj says, *"This opportunity will allow me to rotate in different wards and meet patients in different stages of their care needs."*

"I've worked in the health sector for a decade and I've always been fascinated by new challenges. I found ophthalmology a vast and challenging subject. I worked in the wards for a year and realised how important an organ the eye is, and how important it is to get eyesight back for a patient."

Isabel says, *"I have been at Sydney Eye Hospital for over ten years and have been surrounded*
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Dipaj and Isabel can't wait to share their new skills and knowledge.

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by knowledgeable and supportive colleagues willing and ready to teach and assist me. They have been great role models and I wish to uphold the same level of excellence in my practise."

Our nurses want to thank you for helping to fund specialist training.

Kind supporters like you are helping to train the next generation of specialist ophthalmic nurses.

You're helping to fund scholarships to a two-year

Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing through the University of Notre Dame.

Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) Ophthalmology at Sydney Eye Hospital, Joanna McCulloch, says she is grateful to supporters for making the scholarships possible.

"The Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation has been absolutely phenomenal with supporting nurses. Everyone knows the far-reaching impact of the Foundation's

Fellowships for doctors, and we'd like to see the same thing for Nurses."

The scholarships give ophthalmic nurses advanced skills and experience in different specialities, such as the cataract clinic, and the corneal, glaucoma, ocular plastic, Vitreo retinal, medical retinal uveitits and general clinics. This world-class training allows our nurses to provide a deep understanding and knowledge to our patients, giving them unparalleled levels of specialist care.

You're an inspiration, ladies!

The Sydney Hospital Ladies Auxiliary has been showing their compassion, commitment and hard work for more than 100 years. And their legacy still lives on.

In November 2021, they donated more than \$200,000 to Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation to support fellowships and equipment.

Since 1919, the Ladies Auxiliary has tirelessly raised funds via raffles, gala balls and the Macquarie Street Kiosk, which opened in 1950, famous for its lolly bags and the cheerful volunteers.

COVID-19 restrictions postponed the planned



President Judith Margerisson (L) and former President and Secretary, Joy Dick (R), are honoured to present the donation.

recognition of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Linda Fagan, Chief Executive of the Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation, says, "We're so honoured the Auxiliary chose to donate their hard-earned funds to the Foundation and

together we can continue their legacy.

"Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary we look forward to granting funds in 2022 and beyond, directly benefiting the patients and staff of this very special Hospital."

Meet the 2022 Fellows

You're helping to train doctors from all over the world.

Your kind support helps fund Fellowships to talented doctors from across the globe. Please join me in welcoming our new Fellows for 2022.



Dr Gerard Reid

Uveitis Fellowship

Gerard is excited to work with the world class uveitis unit at Sydney Eye Hospital, furthering his training in managing complex uveitis cases. He hopes to take his new skills and clinical research experience home to Northern Ireland to work as part of the uveitis/glaucoma service.

Dr Rhuen Chow

Vitreous Retinal Fellowship

Rhuen obtained her medical degree from the University of New South Wales and returned to Malaysia to pursue her Masters of Ophthalmology and Vitreoretinal Fellowship. She is excited to work under the mentorship of world-renowned surgeons at the Sydney Eye Hospital and hopes to gain invaluable skills to continue her career as a vitreoretinal surgeon in Malaysia.



Dr Kalliopi Giannopoulou

Glaucoma Fellowship

Kalliopi lived and trained in Greece, and developed a special interest in the field of glaucoma very early in her training. She is excited about this unique opportunity to advance her clinical and surgical skills by working with renowned glaucomatologists in Sydney Eye Hospital.

Dr Javier Lacorzana

Corneal Fellowship

From Spain, Javier is currently undertaking his international Ph.D. (Spain and Australia) in cornea and tissue engineering. He is looking forward to participating in research projects and fulfilling his dream of becoming a cornea surgeon, learning from the world-renowned and highly trained staff of the Cornea Department at the Sydney Eye Hospital.





“Every dollar given makes a world of difference to an eye patient”

Our Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) Ophthalmology, Joanna McCulloch, shares her insights and inspirations about working at Sydney Eye Hospital.

What do you do?

I'm responsible for five areas: education, clinical leadership, patient consultation, service planning and research, but for me, my whole focus is our patients, and providing them the best care.

What inspires you?

I have been nursing for thirty years and have worked in ophthalmology for over 20 years now and am still passionate about the specialty.

I'm inspired by our patients, especially those who live life

with complex eyes conditions and low vision. Learning from them, about them, allows me to provide better care for the next patient.

What are you most proud of?

Developing and delivering the Graduate Certificate in Ophthalmic Nursing in collaboration with the University of Notre Dame.

If you met someone who was thinking of donating to the Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation, what would you say to them?

Every dollar given makes a world of difference to an eye patient. That dollar may buy equipment or support research that provides eyesight and independence to eye patients or help train a nurse.

Even more ways to help people see better

Be in it to win it with a raffle

By buying raffle tickets today, you'll help raise vital funds – and give yourself a chance to win prizes worth up to **\$250,000!**



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Join in the fun run

Join the fabulous people raising funds for the Foundation by going in the Blackmores Running Festival.

Registrations are now open for Blackmores Running Festival 18 September. It's easy to fundraising with your own free fundraising page.

Scan the QR code below to find out how to join in the fun.



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