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Sydney Eye Hospital
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DEDICATED TO PRESERVING THE GIFT OF SIGHT

“I was rushed from the Kokoda Track to the Sydney Eye Hospital and realised I may never see again.” - Charlie Lynn

Excerpt from article written by Peter FitzSimons

I once took part in an expedition on the Kokoda Track led by Army veteran, Charlie Lynn. Charlie was always urging us on, rounding us up, rousing on us when we needed it, and somehow, he got 18 fairly unfit blokes safely to the end of the Track.

When I last saw Charlie, he had patches over both eyes. Seems he'd picked up some shocking parasite during one of his treks. He'd been evacuated first to

Moresby, then to Sydney. His condition was so bad, he was at risk of going completely blind. For five weeks, Charlie was cared for at Sydney Eye Hospital by the best ophthalmologists in the country, including Professor Gerard Sutton. He thought he'd never see again, but bit by bit, Charlie won his battle and slowly regained his excellent eyesight.

The recurring theme in Charlie's life is Service to his fellow Australians. Those who support Sydney Eye



Hospital Foundation are following the example that Charlie and all our ANZACs have set.

You can read the full story on our website sydneyeyehospitalfoundation.org.au

A year of positive impact as you continue to give the gift of sight.

2019 was a **big year** for the Foundation AND for the beneficiaries of your generosity.

Our scientists and doctors continued their vital quest for cures for the eye diseases that today affect

13 million Australians.



In 2019 you helped



Professor Gerard Sutton's team develop the corneal biopen – a revolutionary 3D printing pen that seals eye wounds to treat corneal injuries.



Dr Greg Moloney to discover a different approach to treating corneal swelling in patients with Fuchs Dystrophy, thus avoiding transplants and freeing up donor material for other patients.



Professor Mark Gillies to pioneer the successful use of low energy lasers, transforming the lives of those with diabetic macular edema.



Fund the purchase of the **latest technology** and theatre equipment from high definition cameras to lights and operating tools, ensuring clinicians have the very best chance of helping our patients.



Provide **specialist training**, education and experience to doctors in training via Fellowships and up and coming researchers through PhD sponsorship, making an impact around the world.

We were able to fund important research projects, theatre equipment and eight specialist doctors through Fellowships.

Thank you.

Announcing our new project to improve patient care

In partnership with South East Sydney Local Area Health District, Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation is proud to be contributing funding to an exciting redevelopment of the Eye Outpatient Department in 2020-2021.

This 'fit-for-purpose' Outpatient Unit will allow improved models of care and the implementation of new technologies, while providing the space to better meet future demand for eye outpatient services. Overall it will improve each patient's journey through the department as well as both patient and staff satisfaction in terms of the services we offer. Have your say about changes to the Sydney Eye Hospital Outpatient Department at sydneyeyehospitalfoundation.org.au



A glimpse into the future of the new Eye Outpatient Unit



Graduant Fellows thank you as we welcome the Class of 2021

This montage of smiling faces says it all...these are just some of the Ophthalmologist Fellows who have received specialist training and education as well as invaluable experience treating eye patients here in Sydney, thanks to your support. It's always sad saying goodbye when they return home, but rewarding too.

Four of our recent graduants in particular asked us to pass on their personal thanks.

Dr Ana Boso from Brazil, Dr Timothy Say from the Philippines, Dr Amaka Ofoegbu from Nigeria and Dr Emily Shao from the UK all said that, while sad to say goodbye to Sydney, they are thrilled to be taking their newfound expertise back home to treat patients in their own countries. All the Fellows you help fund perform vital roles across areas from clinical and surgical to training. We wish them all the very best for the next stages of their careers... and we gladly welcome the Class of 2021!