

Bringing Sydney Eye Hospital closer to home

Why John's journey matters

At just 31, John travels a **16-hour round trip** from Forest Hill near Wagga Wagga to Sydney Eye Hospital for sight-saving care. Diagnosed with keratoconus as a child, he later survived a severe eye infection that nearly ruptured his cornea.

Today, he still makes monthly trips—alongside many elderly patients—because Sydney Eye Hospital specialist care isn't available locally.

John is supported through the Foundation's Critical Care Grant fund, which helps improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by reducing the barriers to ophthalmic care. But this support is only a small part of what is needed.

How donors are changing this:

The Foundation is championing **Tele-Vision**—a virtual ophthalmology pilot linking regional and remote communities to Sydney Eye Hospital specialists via **high-resolution imaging** and a sustainable **hub-and-spoke model**.

This will mean **rapid diagnosis**, 24/7 access, and faster treatment decisions—so fewer patients need exhausting trips for expert care.



“I was in pain, couldn't see properly, and had to navigate a big, unfamiliar city. A local clinic would remove the hassle and help so many others.” – John

Your impact when you give:

- Reduces travel, stress, and delays for regional patients
- Connects patients to subspecialty expertise around the clock
- Saves sight—earlier, safer, closer to home.

Celebrating 45 years

For 45 years, Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation has stood alongside patients, clinicians, and researchers—funding excellence in care, providing access to technology, training, and translational research. Sydney Eye Hospital is the largest specialist eye hospital in the southern hemisphere, caring for more than **70,000 patients annually**. **Your generosity keeps this expertise at the cutting edge.**

Our vision is to save yours. With your help we can do more.

Your generosity saves sight. Here's how you can donate:

Donor Hotline: (02) 9382 7408 Online: www.sydneyeyehospitalfoundation.org.au/donate

Mail: Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation, GPO Box 1614, Sydney NSW 2001



A message from our CEO

As we celebrate **45 years of giving**, I'm deeply grateful for the way you continue to stand with Sydney Eye Hospital's patients and teams. In **2025**, your generosity funded technology that sharpens diagnoses, education that calms and informs, and programs that strengthen leadership and expertise.

But the need is urgent. Every day, patients like John travel extraordinary distances for

care. In 2026, we aim to pilot Tele-Vision to better understand how virtual care may support regional patients and inform future models of statewide access.

Thank you for helping us **see into the future**— and for sharing our belief that no one should lose their sight because of where they live.

Linda Fagan
Chief Executive Officer

Your Impact in 2025

Research, technology and innovation



Advancing diagnosis and treatment

Donor support funded essential clinical equipment, including in outpatients for ocular oncology patients and in theatres for improved precision. These tools are vital in diagnosing tumours, guiding surgical decisions and preserving sight where time is critical.



Improving access and patient experience

Investments in digital health solutions—such as the Sydney Eye Drop App, Pharmacopeia App, appointment of a Tele-Vision Project Manager and enhanced visual testing tools—are improving medication adherence, expanding access for regional patients and supporting safer, more efficient outpatient care.



Strengthening our people

Leadership coaching, wellbeing grants, staff room refurbishment and specialist training programs are supporting clinicians and staff, helping teams thrive and ensuring patients continue to receive expert, compassionate care.

Why this matters

Most vision loss is preventable with early diagnosis and timely treatment. Your donations ensure leading-edge equipment, research, and training reach patients when and where they need them most.

Looking ahead: Driving innovation in 2026

Because of you, Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation is driving innovation that transforms lives. Every grant we award is funded by donors like you—and its impact is felt in every clinic, every operating theatre, and every patient story.

As we celebrate 45 years of giving in 2026, your generosity will continue to fund grants that drive innovation, research, and treatment in eye health. To honour some of our most significant donors, we are proud to announce the naming of the following grants and categories:

- **The IOOF Friendly Society Grant** – advancing technology and innovation in ophthalmology.
- **The Patricia M Grant** – supporting pioneering research to improve patient outcomes.
- **In Memory of Audrey Hawkins Grant** – dedicated to groundbreaking macular research and treatment innovation.



Eye disease doesn't wait. These grants accelerate research, improve access, and equip clinicians with the tools and training they need to act fast—often in moments that mean the difference between vision and blindness.

ABSolu® Ultrasound Platform

This cutting-edge imaging technology allows clinicians to detect rare ocular cancers earlier and more accurately—often saving sight and even lives. Pictured: Left Dr Li-Anne, Right Dr Leah Kim, Patient.

Why it matters: Early detection means faster treatment and better outcomes for patients facing life-threatening conditions.



Fellowships: Training the next generation

Sydney Eye Hospital is Australia's major training centre for ophthalmologists, and 12-month Fellowships—fully funded by donors—bring specialists from around the world to serve patients, train juniors, and advance research.

New Trauma Fellow (2026):

Your support ensures urgent and complex eye injuries receive expert, timely care—here and globally when Fellows return home.



“Every day we see patients who are moments away from losing their sight—and we get to change that story.”
— Dr Nurul Najieha Binti Amir, Fellow

Events & Community

Family Open Day – Returns Thursday 9 October 2026

Following the success of our first open day in 2025, we're doing it again.

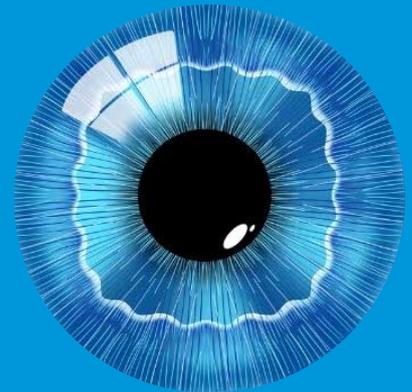
- Join us celebrate **World Sight Day at Sydney Eye Hospital**
- With **interactive stalls, museum tours, and more**
- Details to be confirmed. We'll post the confirmed details on our **website** at www.sydneyeyehospitalfoundation.org.au



Fundraising Dinner for Sydney Eye Hospital

Seeing into the Future

- 22 May 2026 at the Hotel Shangri-La Sydney, you're invited to join industry leaders to fund Tele-Vision—our transformative model for statewide virtual eye care
- You can learn more about the event, buy tickets or make a pledge by going to the event webpage at www.sydneyeyehospitalfoundation.org.au/event/sehf-gala



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