

Donor Impact Report 2025

What you made possible.





Introduction

Since 1981, Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation has worked alongside our community of donors to support the Sydney Eye Hospital in delivering specialist ophthalmic care.

Thanks to community support, we can fund programs, equipment, training, and research that help ensure patients—particularly those facing barriers to access—receive the care they need.

Every contribution strengthens the hospital’s capacity to respond to growing demand for eye services and improve outcomes for patients across New South Wales and beyond.

Cover: Collaboration is fundamental to what we do, and the Foundation hosted its inaugural Open Day held at the hospital with stakeholders on World Sight Day, making eye health accessible.

Thanks to Donors

- **FUNDING** was directed to priority areas across access, research, training and equipment
- **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** were supported through fellowship and professional development opportunities
- **RESEARCH** initiatives continued to improve future patient outcomes
- **PROGRAMS** addressing barriers to care continued to evolve and expand

Your impact

In 2025 the Foundation reported donations of **\$2,235,373**. Over **\$1 million** of this was gratefully received from the IOOF Friendly Society. The Foundation awarded **27 grants totalling \$1,038,980** strategically distributed across nursing and frontline staff for professional development and training, access to care for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander regional patients, and in providing patients improved access to diagnostic and treatment technological innovation.



Technology and Equipment \$205,146

- ABSolu® Ultrasound Platform by Ellex
- Pharmacopeia App



Training and Professional Programs \$575,061

- Ophthalmology Fellowships
- Nursing Leadership and Coaching
- Frontline customer service training



Accessibility and Community Projects \$172,073

- Critical care fund
- Eyes on Sydney video series
- Tele-Vision virtual care pilot



Research \$43,293

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CEO Message

We are honoured to have helped save sight in partnership with Sydney Eye Hospital, thanks to community support. Our vision is simple: everyone deserves access to sight saving specialist care, no matter where they live.

This reporting year we supported our four priority areas helping people see, in partnership with the hospital and community. Our emphasis is on improving access to care, enhancing technical capabilities through virtual and other technologies and advocating for initiatives, programs or research, that support improved patient outcomes. Initiatives launched in 2025 include Tele-Vision, a collaborative, hub and spoke virtual eye care model, to benefit regional and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients; investing in the new ABSolu Ultrasound Machine for Outpatients, providing three different types of ultrasounds to evaluate oncology patients with greater accuracy and efficiency; Eyes on Sydney patient education videos to help alleviate pre admission anxiety and improve patient preparedness; and excitingly, donors contributed to an Australian first smartphone app for eye medication which launched in March. Thank you to our community, for helping people see.

Linda Fagan

Linda Fagan, CEO

Impact Highlights

Fellowship and Training Programs

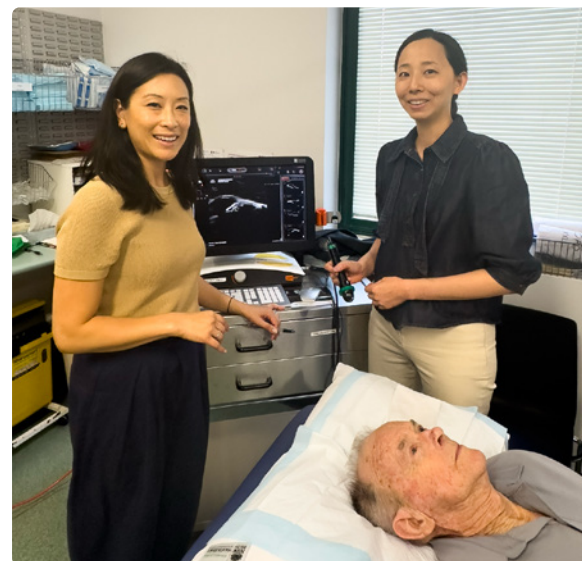
Donor support continues to strengthen the hospital's clinical workforce by enabling advanced training opportunities for emerging specialists.

Fellows play a vital role — managing post-traumatic complications, performing complex reconstructions, and helping patients heal. The program costs \$110,000 for a full-time Fellow enabling them to deliver life-changing care, often working around the clock.

Technology and Equipment

Investment in equipment ensures clinicians have access to the tools they need to deliver high-quality, specialised care.

Sydney Eye Hospital has welcomed a cutting-edge addition to its ophthalmic oncology clinic: the ABSolu® Ultrasound Platform by Ellex. This state-of-the-art technology is now being used to monitor patients with complex eye conditions, such as rare ocular cancers, who require ongoing specialist care. Ocular melanoma is a rare but serious disease, affecting around 7 million Australians each year. Despite its rarity, it is the most common primary eye cancer in adults.



Dr Li-Anne Lim using the ABSolu® Ultrasound Platform



Dr Ridia Lim introducing the Eye Drop App

Medical Research

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Access and Community Initiatives

Funding supports programs aimed at improving access to care for patients who may otherwise experience significant barriers.

The Sydney Eye Drop Project includes two core initiatives to help patients via the Sydney Eye Drop Chart, and the Sydney Eye Drop App. It's all about collaborative care and supporting patients to correctly administer their medicines at home. The Sydney Eye Drop App has been developed for smartphones and tablets. It is a user-friendly reminder system that notifies the patient to take their drops, and it will help patients stick to their ophthalmic eye medication.

Patient story

Sydney Eye Hospital provides world-class treatment to patients with chronic conditions and those facing urgent and complex eye injuries in emergency situations.

Brook, back then was a vibrant 24-year-old, enjoying a night out with friends when a violent glassing incident left her with serious and complex injuries to her eye. In a single, devastating moment, everything changed forever. Instead of preparing for Christmas with her loved ones, she found herself in the emergency department — fighting to save her sight.

Today, Brook is a mother of four. She returns to Sydney Eye Hospital for annual checkups and remains deeply grateful for the care she received. Although her sight loss is severe, her eye was saved — thanks to the expertise and dedication of the multi-disciplinary ophthalmic team at the hospital.

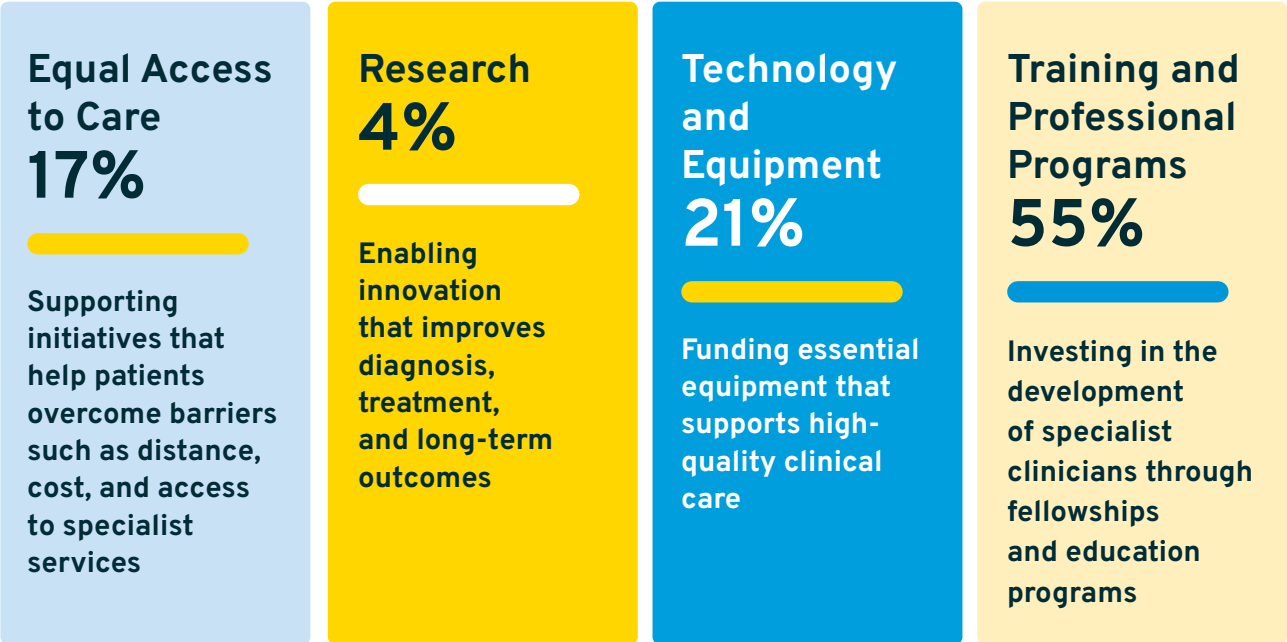


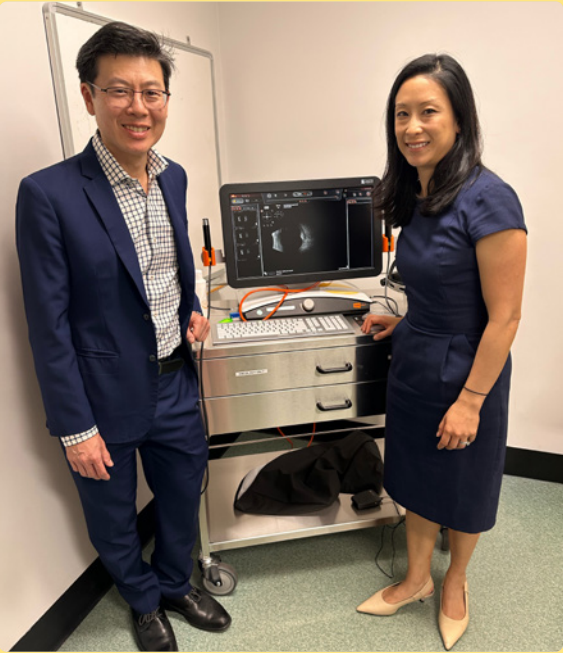
Brook

Where your support goes

In 2025, the Foundation generated **\$6,989,829** in total income, with over **\$2,235,373** sourced from generous donations and **\$4,754,456** from bequests.

The Foundation has donated over **\$23,252,634** since 1981 benefiting patients and supporting the expertise Sydney Eye Hospital is renowned for. In 2025 twenty-seven grants were awarded, totalling **\$1,038,980**, across four key funding priorities:





Why your support matters now

Demand for specialist eye care is increasing, particularly as Australia’s population continues to age and emergency presentations grow. Conditions such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetes-related eye disease are becoming more common.

Without timely access to care, vision loss can significantly impact independence, wellbeing, and quality of life.

Your support helps ensure the hospital can continue to respond to this growing need—supporting access to care, strengthening clinical capability, and enabling research that improves outcomes for patients now and into the future.

Li-Anne Lim and Dr James Wong

Looking ahead

As demand for eye care continues to grow, the need for support across access, research, and workforce development remains critical.

Looking ahead, priority areas include:

- 1 Expanding access to care for regional and remote patients
- 2 Supporting innovative research, including emerging technologies
- 3 Strengthening clinical training pathways to meet future demand

With your continued support, we can help ensure the hospital remains equipped to meet the evolving needs of the community.



Brook’s vision journey

Watch the videos to learn more about Brook’s experience and the clinician’s perspective.



Scan above to see Part 1



Scan above to see Part 2



Thank you

We are deeply grateful to our donors and partners. Your generosity enables meaningful progress—supporting patients, clinicians, and research that together improves eye health for all.



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