

The history of our practice

1980 Private Practice commences	1985 Day Surgery established	1991 Day Surgery advances	1995 Extended Day Surgery opened	2001 Surgery name changed	2012 Kingsford centre re-designed	2013 Double Bay centre re-designed
Dr. Smith & Dr. Kearns commenced private practice as ophthalmologists in October 1980 with offices and consulting rooms at Kingsford and Double Bay.	The Sydney Ophthalmic Day Surgery was established in October 1985 at Middle Street, Kingsford. It was designed as an ophthalmic clinic with an in house operating suite, where patients could undergo surgery under local anaesthesia on a walk in, walk out basis.	In Jan 1991 the Centre was granted a licence under the Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres Act. The surgery met the needs of the Double Bay Clinic with the exception of those cases where hospital care was essential. Hospital requirement diminished as ophthalmic day surgery techniques improved.	The adjoining property in Kingsford was purchased and in February 1995 an extended, remodelled facility amalgamating both properties was opened. 1998 First Laser patients treated In 1998 an additional operating theatre was built at Kingsford for refractive laser treatments. Our first laser patients were treated in July 1998.	In 2001 the centre changed its name from Sydney Ophthalmic Day Surgery to The Sydney Eye Specialist Centre to makes its services more identifiable to the general public.	In Jun 2012 we opened a new building on the Kingsford site. A contemporary patient centred design which meets technological and administrative needs of modern day surgeries.	To align the facilities at both centres a re-design of the Double Bay centre commissioned. 2014 FOCUS brand & website launched In Mar 2014, in keeping with patient centred brand values our practice formally changed it's name to FOCUS Eye Centre. Launch of a new website in tandem with newly designed Double Bay centre.
1980s		1990s		2000s		2010s
1975 1st excimer laser produced by IBM.	1985 Excimer laser used on human eyes	1990 First LASIK performed	1998 FDA approves first excimer laser for	2001 LASIK vision correction is the	2002 FDA approves first wavefront guided	2012 A decade of laser use in Eye Surgery

Historic milestones in laser eye care

most common

procedure

elective surgical

LASIK.

1991

LASIK undergoes

FDA clinical trials

LASIK, allowing for

even greater control

sees vast

technological

advancement

Scientists explore

use of laser

1988

error

Excimer laser used

to correct refractive