

## Program at a glance

0730-0825 Registration, Industry and Light Refreshments  
0830-0840 Opening Address Jenny Keller  
0840-0855 Welcoming Address A/Prof Kathy McClellan

### Session 1 Jenny Keller

0900-0930 **Keynote Address: Surgical complications. Managing patient expectations. Tips, traps and tools.** Dr Andrew Chang  
0930-1000 **Red Eyes – the minor, the major and the things not to miss**  
Dr Caroline Catt  
1000-1030 **Retinitis, Choroiditis and Retinal Vasculitis** Dr Christine Younan  
1030-1040 **Industry Presentations**  
1040-1125 **Morning Tea with Industry**

### Session 2 Louise Claridge

1125-1135 **Industry Presentations**  
1135-1200 **Glasson Lecture Ophthalmic Nurse Education**  
Joanna McCulloch  
1200-1225 **Update on Diabetic Eye Disease** Dr Vivek Pandya  
1225-1300 **AONA Annual General Meeting**  
**Update NEON Project 2015**  
1300-1400 **Lunch with the Industry**

### Session 3

1400-1420 **Industry Prizes**  
1420-1430 **What's New to AONA: Navigating the New Web Page**  
Geoff Boreland  
1430-1455 **The Toric Implant Debate Part 2** Ana Alexandratos  
1455-1520 **Lasers in Ophthalmology** Brock Flowers  
1520-1535 **Low Vision Depression – the Unseen Side of Vision Loss**  
Dr Ben Gibbons  
1535-1545 **Roles and Responsibilities of Ophthalmic Senior Nurse Mentors and Consultants** Pam Armstrong and Heather Machin  
1545-1600 **Facets of Ophthalmology in the Sunshine State** Amanda Wylie  
1600-1630 **Disappearing Eye Drops: Sound of one hand Clapping!**  
Dr Con Petsoglou  
1630-1635 **Evaluation, Summary and Happy Hour** Jenny Keller

## President's Report

### Welcome to the Conference for 2015.

This year's annual report is a reflection of the many changes we have undergone over the last year. The major development for this year has been the redevelopment of a new web page. As you renewed your membership you would have seen this in its developmental stage. Thank you to all the members who did renew their membership using the online registration and payment system. Registering online becomes the entry point to access the **Members only section**. Hence, using your email address as confirmation of your membership status.

The member's section will develop over time. At first we will have the latest quarterly newsletter, EyeTeleC education event information, along with the link so you can listen at your convenience to the recordings. If you have any good ideas what can be added in this section please let me know.

We hope in the future there will be other educational opportunities, located in this area. It is our strong belief that these special benefits should be available to members only and not the general public.

The web page is the preferred option for you to gain information about events. Quick links for NEON projects, education courses and nursing opportunities for jobs or outreach programs will appear regularly, so keep visiting the website. Investing in this new website we believe, will help make the administrative tasks easier and assist in keeping the information current for members.

The committee members were excited with the inaugural **NEON EyeTeleC** teleconference "The Toric Lens Debate" held on Saturday 21st February. The format went well including the opportunity for questions at the end of the presentation. Feedback from the participants was encouraging. The second teleconference on May 2nd gave members the chance to engage with a pre-reading exercise prior to a discussion on-line. The teleconference was titled "The Endophthalmitis Debate: Communication a key factor?" Both of these educational

events have been evaluated. This mode of delivery allows members to ask questions and discuss topics in more depth. They have been a great success! The next Eye TeleC event will take place in September.

Being part of the committee means volunteering many hours of service to the members, starting with the Annual Planning Day, over 200 hours are spent discussing, planning and documenting. In addition many hours are put into our regular meetings, administrative documents for the clinical events, preparation of financial documents for the accountant which, has been a massive task this year due to the changes in the regulations around not for profit organizations. Finally there is a massive amount of hours spent preparing the program and general logistics around the annual conference. So if you have any time and wish to help us please let us know.

AONA NSW Committee members continue to attend and hold positions in the following groups to provide a voice for the members: *Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI)*. The ACI continues to plan for the best possible access and provision of ophthalmic services for NSW.

The Emergency Eye workshops are coordinated at Sydney Hospital and Sydney Eye Hospital and remain a popular choice for medical and allied health practitioners.

*ACHS Ophthalmology clinical indicators review committee*. This data enables comparative information about ophthalmic events to be understood and is important for your accreditation process.

CoNNO is a national organization that meets to discuss nursing across the different specialties and information from that forum ensures that AONA members stay informed about national issues.

I hope you enjoy the conference and take this opportunity to expand your ophthalmic network.

**Jenny Keller**  
President  
AONA NSW

## The Many Faces of Ophthalmology

### 33rd Annual AONA Conference

Saturday 27 June 2015  
Sofitel Hotel, Philip St, Sydney



# Program Overview

## Session 1

Surgical complications.  
Managing patient expectations.  
Tips, traps and tools.

**0900-0930**  
**Dr Andrew Chang**

Our treatment of patients does not always go as planned. This presentation will discuss how we are able to manage surgical complications by working as a team with effective tools.

Red Eyes – the minor, the major and the things not to miss

**0930-1000**  
**Dr Caroline Catt**

Conjunctivitis, and life and vision threatening differential diagnoses.

Retinitis, Choroiditis and Retinal Vasculitis

**1000-1030**  
**Dr Christine Younan**

Multiple uveitis cases will be presented to demonstrate diagnostic and management issues in uveitis.

## Session 2

Glasson Lecture

**1135-1200**  
**Joanna McCulloch**

Update on Diabetic Eye Disease

**1200-1225**  
**Dr Vivek Pandya**

A discussion of the common features of Diabetic Eye Disease, with an emphasis on Diabetic Retinopathy.

AONA Annual General Meeting

**1225-1300**

Including an update on the NEON Project 2015

## Session 3

What's New to AONA

**1420-1430**  
**Geoff Boreland**

An overview of the new website.

The Toric Implant debate Part 2

**1430-1455**  
**Ana Alexandratos**

Toric Implants have been in use in Australia since 2006. Many Companies invest heavily in research and development to morph these lenses into the sophisticated and refined IOL's we use today. We have seen their use steadily climb to approximately 60% in private practice.

This talk focuses on understanding corneal astigmatism, how to measure it, and how a Toric implant corrects this astigmatism. Also to be discussed is how we would go about choosing these lenses for our patients and the various formulas currently used.

Ophthalmic Lasers

**1455-1520**  
**Brock Flowers**

An overview of the Lasers used in both clinical and surgical ophthalmic cases. The presentation will cover the types of lasers, the pathologies they treat and laser safety.

Low Vision Depression: The Unseen Side of Vision Loss

**1520-1535**  
**Dr Ben Gibbons**

Depression as a result of vision loss; It's effects on our patients' quality of life and well-being, how we can identify these people and how we can help.

Roles and Responsibilities of Ophthalmic Senior Nurse Mentors and Consultants

**1535-1545**  
**Pam Armstrong and Heather Machin**

Within our work and our AONA Vic roles we are often approached as mentors and consultants for the specialty of Ophthalmic nursing.

Requests can come from nurses working both within our specialty or outside as well as other professional nursing bodies. Heather and Pam will draw on their experiences with 2 case studies to show the role we have in sharing our knowledge and expertise.

**7 hours**

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Facets of Ophthalmology in the Sunshine State

**1545-1600**  
**Amanda Wylie**

This paper seeks to provide the audience with a brief tour of ophthalmology in Queensland. Following an overview of service provision throughout the State, you will be introduced to some of the unique ophthalmology services and health care professionals who care for people with eye disease in this State.

Disappearing Eye Drops: Sound of one hand Clapping!

**1600-1630**  
**Dr Con Petsoglou**

In recent months there has been an increasing incidence of ophthalmic medications which have been withdrawn from sale, temporarily unavailable or unable to be manufactured. This includes Zovirax ointment, Chloramphenicol drops, Dexamethasone injections, PHMB, Retinoic acid, Voltaren single dose units and many other preparations with significant impact on the provision of eye care. Of particular concern, is that many of these medications have no other alternative leaving patients medically stranded! This lectures explores reasons for this current critical situation and potential solutions which includes lobbying of the TGA, health departments and government by all eye health professionals.

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