

MONEY IN ACTION



A REMARKABLE OPERATION FUNDED BY OUR SAVE SIGHT FOUNDATION



An absolutely delighted Mum pushes even more delighted Jesse into the car for the first time

FOUNDATION HISTORY

Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation:

Aim To promote, advance and assist the research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of anomalies and diseases of the eye.

The Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation was adopted by the four District Governors of 201 B, D, G & E at the 22nd Multiple District Convention in Canberra in 1974. The Lions Clubs of all five districts in NSW and ACT are joint venture members of this Foundation and each district elects a director each year to serve on the Board for a period of three years. The District Governor of the day is also a member of the Board of Directors.

Grants approved by the Foundation assist clubs in the purchase of equipment for hospitals and individuals, in training of medical personnel, printing of medical publications and salaries for the Lions Eye Bank etc.. All grant applications must conform to the Foundation's guidelines.

Previous grants have included Argon Lasers for treating eye disease, and other equipment pertaining to sight conditions, funding for sight related research projects with the Save Sight Institute and financial assistance to the Lions NSW Eye Bank.

The Save Sight Foundation provided the University of Sydney's Save Sight and Eye Health Institute with seeding funds over a six year period to assist with its establishment. The Lions NSW Eye Bank was established in partnership with the NSW Government Sydney Area Health Service.

The Foundation, since its inception in 1974, has provided funding of more than \$4,500,000 in grants to tax deductible gift authorized entities. The Save Sight Foundation provided the University of Sydney's Save Sight and Eye Health Institute with seeding funds over a six year period to assist with its establishment. The Lions NSW Eye Bank was established in partnership with the NSW Government Sydney Area Health Service. The Eye Bank receives a substantial amount annually from the Save Sight Foundation to assist with its ongoing function of trying to keep the community in sight.

The Save Sight and Eye Health Institute and the Lions Eye Bank are both housed at the Sydney Hospital in Macquarie St, Sydney. Directors of the Save Sight Foundation serve on the Council of the University of Sydney Save Sight and Eye Health Institute as well as on the Management committee of the Lions NSW Eye Bank.

Clubs can assist in fundraising efforts of the Public Health Care Foundation by way of 100% participating Club at a cost of \$10 per club member.

The recognition of worthy citizens of the community or club members is also possible by bestowing [Life Membership](#) or [Life Governorship](#), The new awards also include the [Professor Billson Platinum Honour Award](#), [The Keith Small Gold Honour Award](#), [The Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award](#) or the [Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award](#).

Corporate Sponsorships and Bequests are other ways of funding being sought by the Foundation in order to increase the Capital base. This is to ensure a continuing source of funding for the ever increasing demand for grants to assist with sight related projects. Join the "Knight of the Blind" in the "Crusade against Darkness."

Save Sight Institute



In 1984 at the annual Lions convention in NSW, Professor Frank Billson spoke of the urgent need for an eye institute to be associated with Sydney Eye Hospital.

Following further meetings with representatives of NSW Lions Clubs, the Lions Save Sight Foundation and Lions Clubs of NSW agreed to provide seed funding for an Institute to be established as a not-for-profit Foundation.

Later that year, a proposal for the Save Sight Institute to be a Foundation of the University of Sydney was agreed to by the Vice Chancellor, Professor John Ward, and supported by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Sir Richard Guy. It was agreed that the Institute be established in the teaching unit of the Crown Street Women's Hospital, which had recently been closed. Professor Billson was appointed Head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Director of the Save Sight Institute (SSI).

In 1985 the Institute was opened by the Governor of New South Wales, Sir James Roland, in the presence of the Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Sir Hermann Black; the Mayor of Sydney, Douglas Sutherland; local Member of Parliament, Michael Yabsley; the Chairman of Lions Save Sight Foundation, Ted Wilson; and past District Governors, Ron Reavley and Keith Small.

In 1997, the Institute was offered accommodation in the South Block of the Sydney Hospital, Macquarie Street, which had housed hospital wards since 1867. Fundraising activities for the refurbishment of the Institute were undertaken by Professor Billson. Laboratories were commissioned, clinical areas established and the Institute provided accommodation for the Lions NSW Eye Bank, Foresight Australia and the University of Sydney's Department of Clinical Ophthalmology.

Today, the Institute's research into the important causes of blindness in childhood or the older person, is recognised nationally and internationally. It has invented a diagnostic method, which is a breakthrough for early detection of glaucoma, a technology that has been clinically proven in the Institute and is now being produced and marketed by a commercial company. The technology is now recognised by the Department of Health as part of Medicare and is contributing to the economic growth of NSW.

The Institute has attracted international interest through its association with community-based studies in the Blue Mountains and through the development of therapies and clinical drug trials, which will potentially alleviate major forms of age-related blindness. The Institute's research into developmental disorders in children has provided insights and therapies for retinopathy of prematurely and childhood blindness.

The Institute's research is supported by competitive national and international research grants and by donations from the community.

Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation was instrumental in the formation of the Save Sight Institute in 1984 through seed funding and has maintained continual support through research and equipment grants as well as other financial assistance. The Save Sight Institute has 3 Lions representatives on the Directors Advisory Committee.



The Lions NSW Eye Bank

The Gift of Sight

Those in the community who have their eyesight restored must know that they are the recipients of a precious gift from one human being, namely the Gift of Sight. The decision to donate means that your gift will make a difference. It is a decision families should discuss.

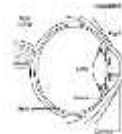


Photo from <http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/cornealdisease/index.as>

What is a corneal transplant?

The Cornea is the clear tissue that covers the lens at the front of the eye. Blindness caused by clouding or distortion of the eye can be repaired by removing the damaged cornea and transplanting a healthy cornea from a donor. During the transplant, the defective cornea is replaced by an identical sized piece of healthy corneal tissue and is held in place with sutures that are painless and nearly invisible.

Of all organs and tissue transplants, the cornea is the most common and the most successful. This microsurgery can restore vision for more than 90% of the people suffering from corneal blindness. Procedures and techniques are being improved constantly and as a result waiting times for corneal transplants has been greatly reduced.

Who needs corneal transplants?

The cornea may become damaged when injury, disease, infection, or scarring changes its shape or clarity. Some of these conditions are hereditary, and it is the third most common form of blindness. People of all ages from young children to the elderly are currently waiting in NSW for corneal transplant operations and the number increase each year. These people depend on donors to restore their sight. There is no other way.

How does the Eye Bank work?

The Lions NSW Eye Bank is the centre for collection, storage, preparation and distribution of corneas in NSW and the ACT. It also assists research into eye disease. The Lions NSW Eye Bank is responsible for the donation process, distribution of corneas, for the education of medical staff and the community, liaising with relatives as well as providing information and advice to those considering. Through continued support and financial assistance from the Save Sight Foundation the Lions Eye Bank is now a world leading centre for corneal transplants, Keratoconus and Endothelial Research.

Who can become a donor?

As long as a cornea is healthy, it can be used to restore sight. Cataracts, poor eyesight or age do not prohibit you from becoming a donor. In most cases, those who wear glasses or contact lenses can become eye donors as they have an optical rather than a medical problem.

How will my donation be used?

Enucleation, the removal of eyes from the donor must occur within 12 hours of death. This procedure is carried out by skilled paramedical personnel. Storage and preparation of the cornea for transplantation takes place at the Eye Bank. The cornea may be stored for up to 5 days before being given to the ophthalmic surgeon for transplantation. Corneas are given to patients on the waiting list on the basis of individual need. Those in urgent need are provided material as soon as possible. Patients usually have less than 48 hours notice of surgery. Donations which are not used for transplantation may be used for research into the prevention of blindness and saving sight. This can only happen following family consent.

What may affect my family's decision to donate?

Some people are concerned that the removal of eyes will disfigure the person. Every care is taken to maintain the donors appearance. Others are concerned about any cost involved or whether funeral arrangements will be delayed. There is no cost incurred by the donor family, and as the procurement takes place within several hours of death, families may proceed as planned with funeral arrangements.

How can I become an eye donor?

There are several ways to ensure that your wish to become an eye donor is achieved. You should indicate your decision to be a donor on your driver's license, or carry a donor card, but most importantly inform your family of your intention. These discussions will assist your next of kin to carry out your wish to become a donor. Medical personnel can not remove the eyes if the family or next of kin says no. Your next of kin will be asked to sign a consent form for the donation after your death.

For your wish to become a donor to be fulfilled, the next of kin/family/doctor should inform the staff at the hospital to contact the Lions NSW Eye Bank. This involves a simple phone call to the coordinator on call. Coordinators are rostered to be able to carry out a 24 hour, 7 days per week service.

Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Healthcare Foundation

Aim:

To promote, advance and assist the research into the causes, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of illness, sickness and afflictions of all kinds suffered by humans.

Sight related projects are only part of the work being carried out by Lions Clubs throughout the world, and it was soon realised that the general health of the community was also in need of assistance. Following the success of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation, the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation was formed in 1981.

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The Foundation, since its inception in 1981, has provided funds of more than \$4,000,000 in grants. This funding comes from the interest earned on the capital of the Foundation. Unlike the Save Sight Foundation, the Public Health Care Foundation covers a much larger area of health projects.

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NSW/ACT Save Sight and Public Health Care Foundations

Foundation's Honour and Award Scheme

Support the Honour Award Scheme by nominating Lions, non Lions, businesses, corporations and organisations (other than Lions, Lioness or Leo Clubs) to receive a personally inscribed and individually numbered award plaque, a certificate and a distinctive lapel pin which are available in the following categories:

PROFESSOR FRANK BILLSON PLATINUM HONOUR AWARD

Donation \$2,500.00

Professor Frank Billson, Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology since 1978, has been Director of the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney since 1985.



KEITH SMALL GOLD HONOUR AWARD

Donation \$1,000.00

Keith Small joined the Lions Club of Wewak PNG in June 1970. In 1971, he transferred to the Lions Club of Cabramatta and in 1984 he transferred to the Lions Club of Green Valley. He was District Governor of District 201B in 1978-79.



NEVILLE TUCKER SILVER HONOUR AWARD

Donation \$500.00

Neville Tucker joined the Lions Club of Brookvale in 1964. Within two years, he had been elevated to the Executive of the Lions Multiple District Council as National Treasurer.



HARRY HESSION BRONZE HONOUR AWARD

Donation \$250.00

Harry Hession joined the Lions Club of Kempsey in 1961. He was the District Governor of District 201D in 1973-74 when the Lions Save Sight Community Challenge.



Community Challenge Candidates selling the above awards are accredited with the full amount towards their total fundraising.

Life Governor/Life Member of the:
Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust
Lions Club NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation

Application for Honour Award

of

LIONS CLUBS NSW-ACT SAVE SIGHT & HEALTH CARE LIMITED

ABN: 25 001 232 659

the trustee company of

§ **Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust**

ABN: 57 536 782 464

and

§ **Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

ABN: 75 575 730 056

Every Honour Award recipient once appointed shall be enrolled as such in Foundation records and shall be entitled to a personally inscribed plaque stating such appointment and a special lapel pin. Please Note: Honour Awards may be paid for over time by instalments but the secretary must be advised accordingly at the time each payment is made and the award plaque and lapel pin will only be sent after the final payment has been received

The *Lions / *Lioness / *Leo / *Club of / *District 201
N.....nominate

the following *person / *firm / *corporate body / *organisation [other than a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club]:

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[Feel free to attach a profile of the nominee]
to receive the

***Prof. Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award** (donation: \$2,500)

***Keith Small Gold Honour Award** (donation: \$1,000.00)

***Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award** (donation: \$500.00)

***Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award** (donation: \$250.00)

Presented by.....

*For / *In Recognition / *In Appreciation.....

I / We wish the funds to be directed to the

***Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation** or to both Foundation equally

***Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

Please find enclosed cheque for the relevant payment made out to the appropriate Foundation.

Contact's Name:.....

Phone No.:

Postal Address [for receipt of plaque]

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Date:.....

Date received by Foundation Secretary:.....

Post with payment to:

The Secretary

Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Limited

P0 Box 2406

Carlingford Court NSW 2118

Please allow 28 days for delivery

Form Revised June

Application for Life Governor or Life Member

of

§ **Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust**

ABN: 57 536 782 464

or

§ **Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

ABN: 75 575 730 056

Every Life Member and Life Governor upon appointment shall be enrolled as such in the books of the Foundation and shall be entitled to a personally inscribed Plaque stating such appointment.

Every Life Member and Life Governor shall have all the rights and privileges of an ordinary member, provided that in the case of a firm, corporate body or organisation, a nominee shall be declared who may speak and vote on behalf of the firm, corporate body or organisation.

**I / *The *Lions / *Lioness / *Leo / *Club of / *District 201 N.....*
nominates

*the following *person / *firm / *corporate body / *organisation [other than a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club]:*

.....
[Feel free attach a profile of the nominee]

for recognition and appointment as a

****Life Governor / *Life Member***
of the

****Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust***

****Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation***

**Please find enclosed cheque for donation of \$1,000.00 for Life Governor.*

**Please find enclosed cheque for donation of \$200.00 for Life Member.*

Contact's Name:Phone No.:

Postal Address [for return of plaque].....

.....Date

Date received by Foundation Secretary:

Post with payment to:

The Secretary
Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Limited
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Carlingford Court NSW 2118

FOUNDATION CONTACT DETAILS

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WHAT MATTERS MOST
IS HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF.

