

ASO congratulates ophthalmologists on Australia Day Honours

The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists has congratulated the five ophthalmologists named in the Australia Day Honours List yesterday.

Four distinguished specialists in the field were named Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia:

- Dr Noel Alpins
- Dr Garry Brian
- Dr Iain Dunlop
- Associate Professor Geoffrey Painter.

Dr Keith Zabell was awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia.

ASO President Dr Michael Steiner said the contribution these doctors have made to the field of ophthalmology in Australia has been exemplary.

“Their work has been characterised by passion and innovation. From the pursuit of advanced surgical techniques and achieving the best in ophthalmology training, though to delivering eye health care services in rural and remote parts of the country — each of them has made their mark,” Dr Steiner said.

“Ophthalmology is a vital medical specialty and these doctors serve to highlight the level of excellence Australians enjoy when it comes to specialist eye health care,” he said.

“We congratulate them on this well deserved honour and recognition.”

Dr Noel Alpins

Dr Alpins, Medical Director of the Cheltenham Eye Centre and NewVision Clinics in Melbourne, was recognised for significant service to ophthalmology, particularly to the development of innovative refractive surgery techniques, and to professional associations.

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Dr Garry Brian

Brisbane ophthalmologist Dr Brian was recognised for significant service to ophthalmology, and to the provision of eye health care programs in rural and remote communities.

Dr Iain Dunlop

A former president of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, the ACT specialist was recognised for significant service to ophthalmology, particularly through executive roles with professional medical organisations, and as a practitioner.

Associate Professor Geoffrey Thomas Painter

New South Waled ophthalmologist Assoc Prof Painter was recognised for significant service to medicine in the field of ophthalmology, and to international relations, particularly to eye health in Asia and the Pacific.

Dr Keith Zabell

Toowoomba ophthalmologist Dr Zabell was recognised for service to medicine, particularly ophthalmology.

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