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## **ASO congratulates ophthalmologist Peter Heiner on Queen's Birthday honour**

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The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists has congratulated eminent Queensland ophthalmologist Dr Peter Charles Heiner on being named in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Dr Heiner was named Member (AM) in the General Division for his "significant service to medicine as an ophthalmologist, to medical education and eye health research, and to professional organisations".

Dr Heiner was the co-founder of The Eye Centre (1991), which later became the Vision Eye Institute, a facility that pioneered small incision cataract surgery in Australia.

He is Adjunct Associate Professor at Bond University's School of Medicine, which he helped establish in 2005 and was involved in the establishment of the Clem Jones Research Centre for Stem Cells and Tissue Regenerative Therapies, 2010 — 2014.

Dr Heiner is passionate about indigenous eye health advancement having worked for the Wuchopperen Health Service Outreach Clinic from 2002 to 2007. This involved him visiting the Wujal Wujal, Cooktown and Hopevale communities to provide an outreach ophthalmology service.

He is a founding member of the Australasian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (1995) and has served as chairman, treasurer and secretary of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Queensland Branch.

ASO President Dr Michael Steiner said it was wonderful to see Dr Heiner receive this recognition.

"He has contributed greatly to the advancement of ophthalmology practice in Australia, and his drive and enthusiasm has seen him make an impact in other important areas of medicine too," Dr Steiner said.

"This honour goes to a passionate and committed doctor."