

ASO congratulates ophthalmologists on Australia Day Honours

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The Australian Society of Ophthalmologists has congratulated eminent New South Wales ophthalmologists Professor Minas Theodore Coroneo, Dr Jay Chandra, and Dr Lyon Phillip Robinson after the three were named in the Australia Day Honours List yesterday.

Professor Coroneo was named Officer (AO) in the General Division “for distinguished service to ophthalmology, to the research and development of innovative surgical technologies and devices, and to eye health in regional and Indigenous communities”.

Dr Chandra was named Member (AM) in the General Division “for significant service to medicine in the field of ophthalmology as a clinician, and to the international community through eye care programs”.

Dr Robinson was also named Member (AM) in the General Division “for significant service to medicine, particularly as a pioneer in the field of ophthalmic surgery”.

ASO President Dr Michael Steiner said the contributions made to the field of ophthalmology in Australia by the doctors had been exemplary.

“Ophthalmology is a challenging specialty but as these three doctors have shown it is also a very rewarding area of work,” Dr Steiner said.

“Much can be done in the realm of eye treatment and general eye health and thanks to Professor Coroneo, and Drs Chanda and Robinson we have a number of wonderful examples of the kinds of outcomes specialists can achieve.

“Their contributions to this dynamic area of medicine have been significant,” Dr Steiner said.

“We appreciate their commitment and we congratulate them on receiving this well deserved honour.”

Professor Minas Coroneo

Professor Coroneo has developed new eye technologies and ophthalmic devices and is the inventor of several patents.

He introduced trypan blue (VisionBlue) as an ocular dye and is developing next generation intraocular lenses and glaucoma shunts (CyPass) as well as a bionic eye.

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He coordinates one of the largest outreach programs in Australia and has developed telemedicine systems.

He has over 140 publications in peer-reviewed journals and is the author of a monograph on sunlight and the eye, which has been translated into nine languages.

Dr Jay Chandra

Dr Chandra has been the head of vitreoretinal surgery at Westmead Hospital since the unit opened in 1985.

He played a leading role in the creation and subsequent development of the The Fiji Eye Project, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2015. The project has delivered cataract surgery to more than 1,000 people.

Dr Lyon Robinson

Dr Lyon Robinson was the head of the Corneal unit at Sydney Eye Hospital, Sydney's largest public eye department. He was the first surgeon to perform corneal vision correction in Australia and thus has 20 years experience in this field. He was also the first surgeon to implant an intra-ocular lens in Sydney Eye Hospital.

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