



GENERAL INFORMATION

**MACKAY
CLINIC**

SPECIALIST EYE CARE FOR PATIENTS

Vision Eye Institute Mackay is a comprehensive ophthalmology clinic that delivers high-quality, specialist eye care to the local Mackay community and its surrounds. Led by highly experienced ophthalmologists, our friendly clinical team specialises in diagnosing and treating retinal diseases, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and strabismus (crossed or turned eyes).

Our clinic also caters for patients requiring eyelid procedures and care for more general eye conditions.

Day surgery procedures are performed at the Mackay Specialist Day Hospital. Patients can also access our clinic services in Proserpine and Bowen, with Dr Ed Boets consulting in these towns on a monthly basis.

High-quality care

Vision Eye Institute is committed to delivering personalised, safe, high-quality care. To minimise patient risk, and to monitor and improve the quality of our services, we have established robust quality management systems. We place great value on patient feedback.

Please let our reception staff know if you wish to provide feedback about our service – we welcome and appreciate your input.

FULL-SERVICE CLINIC

Our clinic diagnoses and treats all eye conditions, including those described below. Additionally, we offer treatment for involuntary muscle spasm around the eye (e.g. hemifacial spasm and benign essential blepharospasm) with injections of neuromuscular blockers (e.g. botulinum toxin).

CATARACT & LENS SURGERY



Cataract treatment involves keyhole surgery to remove the cloudy lens, which is replaced with an artificial intraocular lens. Cataract surgery is the most common eye surgery performed in the world and has a high success rate. In some cases, our surgeons can help patients get rid of their reading glasses by using the latest lens options.

GLAUCOMA



While glaucoma cannot be cured, treatments can generally control or slow disease progression. Increased pressure inside the eye causes damage to the optic nerve and leads to irreversible vision loss. Treatment involves lowering eye pressure by improving fluid drainage.

Most patients can manage their glaucoma with medicated eye drops, but sometimes another type of treatment is necessary. Your doctor may recommend laser treatment, filtration surgery or minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (e.g. iStent) to improve fluid drainage from the eye.

DIABETIC EYE DISEASE



Patients with type 1 diabetes and nearly two-thirds of people with type 2 diabetes will usually develop eye complications within 20 years, such as cataracts, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy. Our doctors have expertise in diagnosing and treating eye conditions in patients with diabetes.

RETINAL CONDITIONS



We treat all conditions that affect the retina (the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye) and macula (the part of the retina responsible for central vision). These include age-related macular degeneration, epiretinal membrane, macular hole, floaters, retinal detachment and diabetic retinopathy.

Many of these conditions can be sight-threatening and require urgent treatment. Your retinal specialist may recommend eye (intravitreal) injections, retinal laser treatment or sutureless retinal surgery, depending on your condition.

GENERAL EYE HEALTH



Patients can also have a comprehensive eye check at our clinic and treatment for more general eye conditions.

CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH



We offer comprehensive eye examinations for children and treat the range of paediatric eye conditions such as lazy eye (amblyopia), crossed eyes (strabismus), droopy eyelid (ptosis) and congenital cataracts and glaucoma.



All medical and surgical procedures have potential complications. Check with your ophthalmologist before proceeding.

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS

Doctor partners



Dr Ed Boets

Cataract, Glaucoma, Paediatrics, Strabismus, General Ophthalmology

Dr Ed Boets specialises in the treatment of glaucoma and strabismus (crossed eyes), as well as providing general ophthalmic care. He also has a special interest in cataracts and cataract surgery.



Dr André Horak

Vitreoretinal Surgery, Glaucoma, Medical Retina, Cataract, General Ophthalmology

Dr André Horak is a general ophthalmologist, specialising in cataract and vitreoretinal surgery. He also has experience in minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS) using state-of-the-art drainage devices.

Practice Manager

Kay Hague-Rout



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

Our clinic is situated in Mackay's medical precinct, opposite the Mackay Mater Hospital, a 5-minute drive from both Caneland Central and Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre. Northpoint Retail Centre is also close by. Free on-site parking is available at the front, side and back of our premises. Alternatively, bus route 306 stops opposite our clinic (Mater Hospital stop).

Disabled parking spaces are available at the front and side of the clinic, and we can also provide a wheelchair for use during appointments, if required.



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