

# OUR DOCTORS



## Prof Gerard Sutton

MBBS MD FRANZCO

**Prof Gerard Sutton is one of Australia's leading ophthalmic surgeons and is internationally recognised as an expert in cataract surgery, laser vision correction and corneal transplantation. He is a highly experienced eye surgeon, having performed over 25,000 surgical procedures.**

Prof Sutton has significant expertise in vision correction (e.g. LASIK, ASLA/PRK, SMILE®, refractive lens exchange and implantable lenses) and can offer patients the latest intraocular lens products (including trifocal lenses).

Prof Sutton is the Sydney Medical School Foundation Professor of Corneal and Refractive Surgery and also established the world's first university course in laser eye surgery. He has published more than 100 scientific papers and been invited to present internationally on over 100 occasions. Prof Sutton has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the XOVA Award for Excellence in Ophthalmology and the Inaugural John Parr Medal.

### BACKGROUND

Prof Sutton received his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from the University of Sydney before completing ophthalmic speciality training at Sydney Eye Hospital. He was the first Australian surgeon to complete overseas fellowship training in laser vision correction surgery, which he undertook at Friedrich Alexander University (Germany), St Thomas' Hospital (UK) and Moorfields Eye Hospital (UK). He also completed a fellowship in refractive surgery at Vision Eye Institute Chatswood in New South Wales. In 2009, Prof Sutton became the first Australian surgeon to be awarded a Doctorate of Medicine for a doctoral thesis in laser eye surgery, which he obtained from the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

Prof Sutton is an active clinical researcher, with over 100 peer-reviewed publications. He has a strong research interest in corneal bioengineering and is currently involved in the development of the iFix Corneal Biopen to treat corneal conditions. Other research interests include cataract and laser eye surgery. Prof Sutton's research

activity ensures he remains up-to-date with the latest in ophthalmic surgery, which has allowed him to introduce several new surgical techniques to Sydney and Australia.

Prof Sutton is internationally regarded as an expert in ophthalmic surgery and has been invited to participate in numerous national and international conferences. Some highlights include delivering the RANZCO Council Keynote Lecture in 2016, presenting at the World Cornea Congress in San Diego, USA (2015), and presenting at the World Ophthalmology Congress Conference in Guadalajara, Mexico (2016) and Barcelona, Spain (2018). In 2019, he was an invited speaker at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) meeting in Vancouver, Canada.

Prof Sutton is also an established academic and was first appointed as Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Auckland in 2007. Since then he has held several positions as Visiting Professor at the University of Medicine in Mandalay (Myanmar), the Eye Institute Auckland (New Zealand) and the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in Victoria. He is a Professor at the Save Sight Institute and also the Douglas & Lola Douglas Chair of Clinical Ophthalmology and Eye Health at the University of Sydney. It was at the University of Sydney that Prof Sutton established the world's first university course in laser eye surgery.

Prof Sutton is the medical director of the Lions NSW Eye Bank, a not-for-profit organisation that recovers, prepares, stores and distributes corneal and scleral tissue in NSW and the ACT. It also supports research into eye disease and is committed to educating healthcare professionals and the community about tissue donation. The Eye Bank works with the Mandalay Eye Hospital in Myanmar, where corneal disease is a leading cause of blindness.

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## CAREER FIRSTS

- First Australian surgeon to perform LASIK with the femtosecond laser
- First Australian surgeon to perform corneal transplantation with the femtosecond laser
- First Sydney surgeon to perform SMILE®
- First surgeon to successfully use an artificial cornea in New South Wales
- First Australian to be appointed to the Board of the Asia Cornea Society
- First surgeon to represent Australia in the World Cataract Olympics in 2016 (and again in 2018)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Chief Medical Officer, iFix Medical Pty Ltd
- Chair of the Australian Commission on Cataract Standards (2017)
- Co-wrote the award-winning book *The Naked Eye* with A/Prof Michael Lawless
- Chief Ophthalmologist, Sydney 2000 Olympics

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Professorial Fellow of the Australian Institute for Innovative Materials
- Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (FRANZCO)
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- Asia Cornea Society
- Fellow of the Academy of Asia-Pacific Professors of Ophthalmology

## AWARDS

- Professor John C. Parr Medal Lecture Award, RANZCO New Zealand branch (2019)
- The Big Idea Innovation Award for the Corneal Biopen (2017)
- Achievement Award, Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (2015)
- Achievement Award, Lions International (2015)
- International Excellence in Ophthalmology Award, XOVA (2015)
- Independent Publishers Award for *The Naked Eye*, co-written with A/Prof Michael Lawless (2014)

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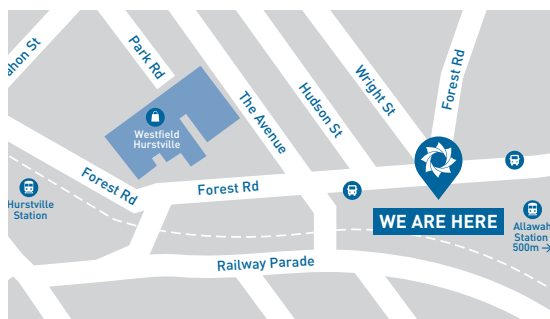


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