

GENERAL INFORMATION

# COBURG CLINIC

# SPECIALIST EYE CARE FOR PATIENTS

**Vision Eye Institute Coburg is a general eye clinic, which also provides cataract, diabetic eye disease, retinal, corneal, glaucoma and reconstructive eye surgery services. We diagnose and treat the full range of retinal disorders, including age-related macular degeneration, epiretinal membrane, retinal detachment, and macular hole. Our doctors also specialise in keratoconus and corneal cross-linking, uveitis and botulinum toxin injections for medical conditions.**

We are a private, billing medical clinic offering affordable ophthalmic consultations. In addition to the cost of the consultation, patients may incur fees for tests or treatment performed during their appointment. Patients with a current referral letter can receive a Medicare rebate for consultations and certain tests. Pension and health care card holders are charged at a reduced rate.

Surgical procedures are performed at our affiliated day surgeries, including Panch Day Surgery Centre, Vision Day Surgery Camberwell and Vision Day Surgery Footscray. We can usually perform intravitreal injections (IVI) as an outpatient procedure to minimise costs for our patients.

## 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 is equipped for ophthalmic consultations, diagnostic testing and procedures.

Patients have access to a comprehensive range of services, from general eye checks to diagnosis and treatment of complex eye conditions, delivered by a highly experienced and friendly clinic team.

## 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.

Our surgeons perform laser cataract surgery and, in some cases, 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. Most cases are caused by increased pressure inside the eye damaging the optic nerve and leading 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



People with diabetes are at risk of developing eye complications such as cataracts, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy. These can cause vision impairment and blindness if left untreated, particularly 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.

## LASER EYE SURGERY



Laser eye surgery involves using a cool-temperature laser to reshape the cornea and correct vision. Our refractive surgeons perform LASIK and ASLA/PRK (including transepithelial PRK) and will advise which option is best suited to your situation. This will depend on whether you have short-sightedness, long-sightedness or astigmatism, and the thickness and health of your cornea.

Laser eye surgery is performed in the laser suite at Vision Eye Institute Melbourne on St Kilda Road. However, we offer pre- and post-operative consultations with our laser eye surgeons, or with Clinical Optometrist, Kyra Stretton, at Coburg. We also offer free, no-obligation assessments to check whether you are eligible for laser eye surgery, with Kyra Stretton.

[All medical and surgical procedures have potential complications. Check with your ophthalmologist before proceeding.](#)

## CORNEAL CONDITIONS



We treat corneal disorders such as pterygium (Surfer's Eye), keratoconus, corneal ulcers, recurrent corneal erosion and corneal dystrophies. Our corneal specialists are experts in pterygium removal, corneal transplantation, corneal ring implants and collagen cross-linking (see next section).

## KERATOCONUS



Keratoconus is a progressive, degenerative disorder characterised by thinning of the cornea. Early treatment with corneal collagen cross-linking (CXL) may help slow or stop the progression of keratoconus. CXL is performed in the clinic as an outpatient procedure and a Medicare rebate is available.

## RECONSTRUCTIVE EYE SURGERY



Some patients require surgical treatment of the eyelids, tear (lacrimal) ducts and/or the eye socket (e.g. for eyelid tumours, eyelids that do not align properly, drooping eyelids and blocked tear ducts). This type of reconstructive surgery is also referred to as oculoplastics and is performed in a day surgery.

## GENERAL EYE HEALTH



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

# HIGHLY EXPERIENCED SPECIALISTS

## Doctor partners



### Dr Uday Bhatt

Cataract Surgery, Refractive Surgery,  
Cornea, General Ophthalmology

Dr Uday Bhatt is a cataract and corneal surgeon. He has particular expertise in laser cataract surgery, treatment of corneal disorders, corneal cross-linking, laser eye surgery, refractive lens exchange and lens implants.



### Dr Alex Ioannidis

Cataract and Anterior Segment Surgery

Dr Alex Ioannidis is an experienced cataract and anterior segment surgeon. He treats complex cataract cases such as those seen in patients with coexisting eye diseases, including glaucoma and macular degeneration.



### Dr Lewis Levitz

Oculoplastics, Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery,  
General Ophthalmology

Dr Lewis Levitz is highly experienced in cataracts, glaucoma, reconstructive eye surgery and general ophthalmology.



### **Dr Christolyn Raj**

Medical Retina, Cataract Surgery,  
General Ophthalmology

Dr Christolyn Raj is a medical retina specialist and cataract surgeon. She is also an experienced general ophthalmologist.



### **Dr Mei Tan**

Vitreoretinal Surgery, Medical Retina,  
Cataract Surgery

Dr Mei Tan is a specialist vitreoretinal surgeon as well as an experienced cataract surgeon. She also provides medical treatment for all retinal conditions.



### **Prof Rasik Vajpayee**

Cornea, Cataract Surgery

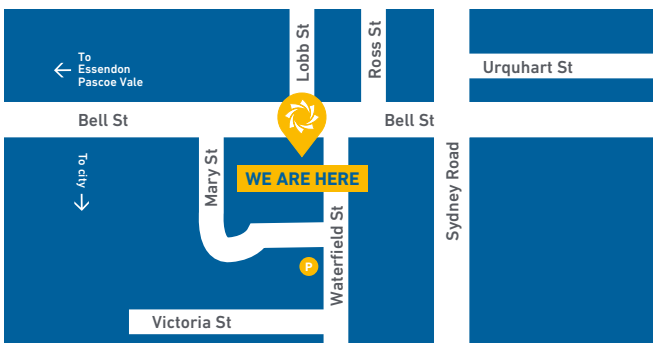
Prof Rasik Vajpayee specialises in corneal conditions, including corneal surgery, corneal cross-linking and corneal transplantations. He is also a cataract and laser eye surgeon.

## **Practice manager**

**Sonia Rosso**

# CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

Our clinic is located on the corner of Bell and Waterfield Streets in Coburg – one block down from the popular Sydney Road district. There is ample 3-hour parking available at the Coles car park near our clinic. Coburg train station is just a few minutes' walk away, while tram route 19 and bus routes 513 and 903 stop near the clinic.



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