



GENERAL INFORMATION

**COBURG  
CLINIC**

# SPECIALIST EYE CARE FOR PATIENTS

**Vision Eye Institute Coburg is a general eye clinic, which also provides specialist cataract, diabetic eye disease, retinal, corneal, glaucoma and oculoplastic 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 offer affordable ophthalmic consultations at our clinic. Patients without a concession card are required to pay a one-off consultation fee for their first visit. Patients are also required to cover the cost of any tests not covered by Medicare, such as optical coherence tomography (OCT) scans.

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.

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# 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



Everybody with type 1 diabetes and nearly two-thirds of people with type 2 diabetes will 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.

**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. A Medicare rebate is now available for cross-linking procedures.

## RECONSTRUCTIVE EYE SURGERY



Some patients require surgical treatment of the eyelids, tear (lacrima) 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.



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# 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 specialises in laser cataract surgery, treatment of corneal disorders, corneal cross-linking, laser eye surgery, refractive lens exchange and lens implants.



### Dr Alex Ioannidis

Cataract Surgery, Cornea, Glaucoma

Dr Alex Ioannidis specialises in cataracts, glaucoma and corneal disorders, including keratoconus and corneal cross-linking, pterygium and cancers affecting the surface of the eye.



### Dr Lewis Levitz

Oculoplastics, Glaucoma, Cataract Surgery, General Ophthalmology

Dr Lewis Levitz specialises in cataracts, glaucoma, oculoplastic 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 also specialises in general ophthalmology.



### **Dr Joseph Reich**

Cataract Surgery, Refractive Surgery

Dr Joseph Reich specialises in cataract surgery, laser eye surgery and other vision correction procedures.



### **Dr Mei Tan**

Vitreoretinal Surgery, Medical Retina, Cataract Surgery

In addition to providing medical management for all retinal and macular conditions, Dr Mei Tan also specialises in vitreoretinal and cataract surgery.



### **Prof Rasik Vajpayee**

Cornea, Cataract Surgery

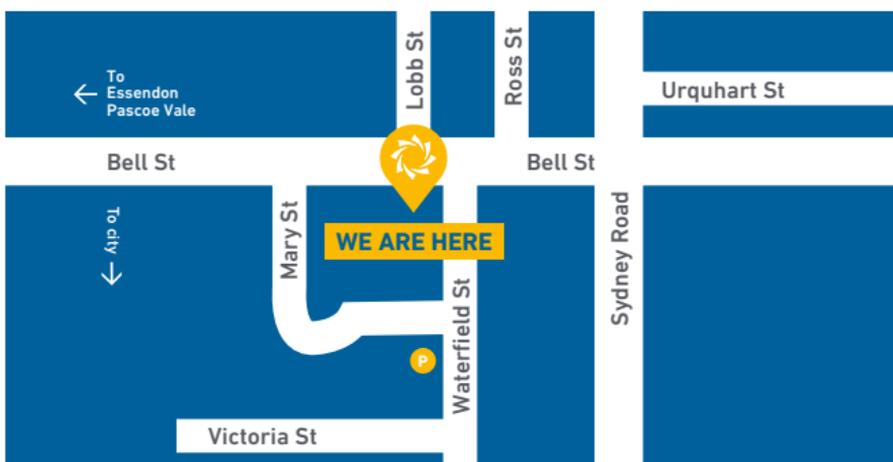
Prof Rasik Vajpayee specialises in corneal conditions, including corneal surgery, corneal cross-linking and corneal transplantations. He is also a cataract and laser eye surgeon.

## **Practice Manager**

**Xenia Neophitou**

# 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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