



Winter Newsletter

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Accreditation - Ensuring the Highest Standard of Care

Our Vision Centre Day Surgery has recently undergone its annual accreditation survey. Conducted by Global Mark, policy processes and procedures were reviewed under the ISO9001 (an international survey standard). VCDS scored 100% for the fifth year running. We are proud of the accomplishments of our Day Surgery; which is utilized by our Eye Surgeons to perform a full range of eye and eyelid operations; with cataract, retinal, oculoplastic, strabismus, and glaucoma surgery the commonest procedures performed.

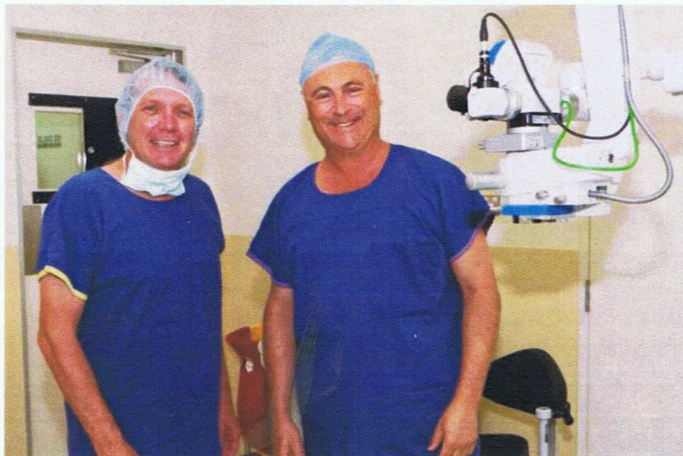
The clinical outcomes and customer service are exemplary. Our Surgeons undertake regular reviews of surgical outcomes, as part of the accreditation process, and these are benchmarked against other like facilities. Process related to customer service are continually refined and upgraded. The Day Surgery conducts regular patient feedback surveys to ensure ongoing improvement in the services we offer. An advantage of having the Day Surgery in the same building as our Southport office is a seamless flow of the service we provide from a patient's clinic appointment to the completion of their surgery at the Vision Centre Day Surgery.

Recent News

The Honourable Mr. Mark McArdle (Shadow Minister for Health) visited the Vision Centre Day Surgery in the week leading up to the recent Queensland's State Election. He was aware that the Vision Centre Eye Practice is a significant provider of eye care on the Gold Coast as well being a major employer in Southport.

Mr McArdle sat in with Dr Roger Welch during cataract surgery. Through this experience he further came to appreciate the complexity, skill, as well as advanced technology required to deliver excellence in cataract surgery. He was particularly interested in the costs incurred by the private sector in providing this level of advanced surgical care.

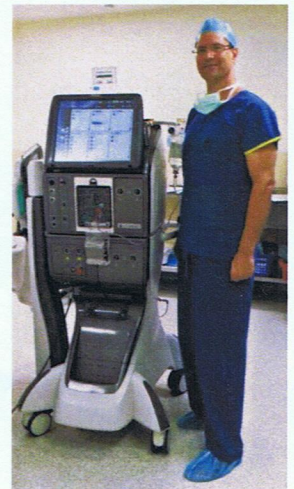
It is important for our government representatives to acknowledge the widening gap between the Medicare rebates and the true cost of health care and appreciate that new advances in medical and surgical care do come at increased cost.



Dr Roger Welch and the Hon. Mark McArdle in one of the Vision Centre Day Surgery's Operating Rooms

Advanced Technology at Vision Centre Day Surgery Constellation® Vision System

Vision Centre Eye Surgeons are proud to showcase the Constellation® Vision System. This high-tech eye surgical machine delivers the latest in phacoemulsification for cataract surgery as well as having dedicated modules for vitreous and retinal surgery. It incorporates a laser and the vitrectomy cutting system delivers the highest level of precision with an ultrafast cut rate allowing the Surgeons to work very close to the retina, with precision and safety.



Pictured: Dr André Théron



Biom 4c attached to Microscope

Oculus Biom 4

We have upgraded our theatre equipment with the Oculus Biom 4. This is a wide-angle viewing system attached to the operating microscope and used for vitreo-retinal surgery. It allows the Surgeon greater freedom of movement and improved surgical performance.

Advances Intraocular Lens Technology

Vision Centre Eye Surgeons are on the leading edge of intraocular lens techniques and treat both cataract and refractive errors this way. A range of lenses including multifocal lens to give near and distance vision without glasses, Toric lenses to correct astigmatism and secondary lens implants which can be fitted inside the eye in front of an existing lens implant are available.



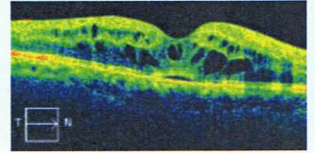


Pictured: Dr. Nathan Walker

Diabetic Retinopathy Presentation

As part of the Vision Centre Gold Coast's commitment to education; we host regular training session for other Optometrists and General Practitioners. Most recently our new Vitreoretinal Specialist, Dr. Nathan Walker, hosted a Diabetic Retinopathy Presentation for Optometrists. The evening was organized on a Grand Rounds format with a number of our diabetic patients kindly giving up their time to be examined for different facets of diabetic eye disease.

In his presentation Dr. Walker outlined the impact of Anti-VEGF drugs, Laser, and Vitreo-Retinal Surgery on the treatment of diabetic eye disease.



Our Two Offices – Southport and Robina

The Vision Centre Gold Coast is a comprehensive eye care facility, based at Southport and Robina, on the Gold Coast. The Vision Centre Day Surgery, a dedicated Ophthalmic day surgery facility with advanced technology for Ophthalmic surgery, is located on the ground floor of our Southport practice

We are dedicated to excellence in the care of your eyes and your eyesight at our purpose built clinics.

The Vision Centre Gold Coast combines the expertise of a number of internationally qualified and recognised Ophthalmologists. We specialise in cataract-refractive surgery, vitreoretinal surgery, oculoplastics, glaucoma diagnosis and treatment, retinal diseases such as age related macular degeneration and diabetic eye problems, tear duct and eyelid disease, adult strabismus, and general ophthalmology.

We provide active co-management of eye care with our patient's own local Optometrist and General Practitioners.

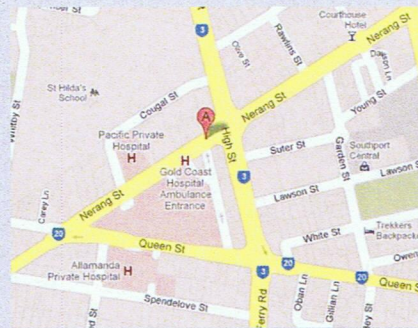
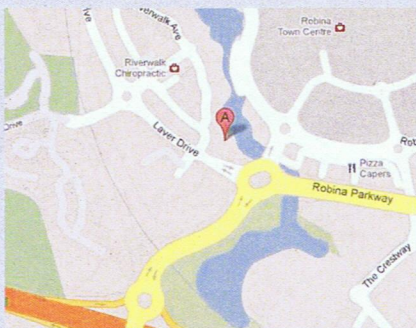
Both our offices are fully equipped, provide ample free undercover parking for our patients, and lift access to the clinics. We have easy access for the elderly and patients with disabilities as well as a friendly and comfortable environment for your visit.



Front reception – Southport



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The Ceyclones and Dr. R Welch - Finals

The Ceyclones

Premiers of Their Debut Season

Vision Centre Gold Coast's Netball team, *The Ceyclones*, under the guidance of Skye (Vision Centre Day Surgery Receptionist), have won their debut tournament – making them the premiers of their division at the end of last year.

Many thanks to Dr Roger Welch and Dr André Théron who have kindly sponsored the team.

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