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Recent Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Community Education Project Manager – Optometrists Association Vic▪ Professional Education Liaison Officer <i>Vision 2020 The Right to Sight</i>▪ Staff Optometrist Alfred Hospital Ophthalmology Department▪ Pursuing Pilot opportunities for operationalisation of Thesis (see below)▪ Developing Educational Courses for Optometrists and Eyecare Industry▪ Researching Access to Business Premises for City of Melbourne
Eyecare Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Diploma of Applied Science (Optometry) (QIT) Graduated 1980▪ Post-Graduate Certificate Ocular Therapeutics (Uni Melb) Graduated 2005
International Development Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Master of Social Science (International Development) (RMIT) Graduated 2007 Thesis : <i>An introductory theoretical and methodological framework for a Universal Mobility Index (UMI) to measure equity of access across the built environment.</i>
Professional Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Eyecare Aid▪ Visual Public Health in Developing Countries▪ Equity of Physical Access in the Built Environment
Early Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Primary – Redbank State Primary School, Qld▪ Secondary – Toowoomba Grammar School, Qld
Optometrical Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1980 – 1987 Staff Optometrist and/or Practice Manager, various Western Australian and Victorian Practices▪ 1988 Locum various regional Victorian Practices▪ 1989 – 2005 Director, Optics 2000 Pty Ltd▪ 2005 (ongoing) Director, Visionary Design Development Pty Ltd▪ 2006 Teaching Appointment Uni Melbourne Optometry (5th year) Student Clinic▪ 2006 Optometrist & Co-Management Co-ordinator Alfred Hospital Cataract Clinic▪ 2007 Community Education Project Manager Optometrists Association Vic▪ 2007 Professional Education Liaison Officer <i>Vision 2020 The Right to Sight</i>
Development Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2002 - 2004 Fundraising and organisational assistance to Motorcycle Outreach Chibuelo Project, (Health Delivery by Motorcycle central Ecuador).▪ 2003/4 Discussions with World Council of Optometry (WCO) Latin American HQ in Quito, Ecuador on eyecare projects NGO▪ 2004 - 2005 Fundraising assistance to Argentinean Pilotos Solidarios, (Health Delivery by Motorcycle - Northwest Argentina).▪ 2005 (July) ICEE Tsunami eyecare relief effort, Sri Lanka▪ 2007 Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Survey - Pilot Study in Moree

Political Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1998 Appointed Inaugural Chairman of Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council (VMAC) by then Minister for Roads and Ports Hon Geoff Craig MLC ▪ 2000 Re-Appointed VMAC chairman for second two year term by Minister for Roads Hon Peter Batchelor MLC ▪ Advisor to both Ministers 1998-2002 ▪ 1998-2002 Road Safety Reference Group – Vic peak expert group, road safety
Leadership and Stakeholder Mediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1999 Convener Motorcycles & the Road Environment Workshop bringing together for first time over 90 experts and stakeholders ▪ 1998 – 2002 Extensive consultation with various State Government Departments, Local Councils and community groups and stakeholders as VMAC Chairman involving issues on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transport Policy, Road & Community Safety ▪ Visual Disabilities Advocacy ▪ Mediation between State Govt and Melb City Council ▪ MC & Mediator for Continuing Professional Development Courses OAA Vic
Professional memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Optometrists Association of Australia ▪ Victorian College of Optometry ▪ Contact Lens Society ▪ Australian Latin American Business Council (ALABC) [Director 2006-7]
International Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Travelled extensively & independently (by motorcycle) in South East Asia and Latin America visiting isolated regions and communities ▪ 2007 Promotional tour of six South American Countries making 27 presentations to Government, NGOs and Disabled Peoples Organisations
Papers, Publications & Conference Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1996 Transporting Melbourne – Motorcycling’s Role Research Paper contracted by the Department of Roads and Ports ▪ Posner Schlossman Syndrome Clinical and Experimental Optometry Vol. 90 No. 1 pp 53-56, January 2007 ▪ Planning Institute of Australia National Conference, May 2007 Presentation: <i>The Universal Mobility Index - Measuring Equity of Access across the Built Environment</i> ▪ Architects for Peace Forum <i>Transported</i> Sept 2007 Presentation: <i>Measuring equity of access to, and within the city as an indicator of human rights, democracy and quality of life</i>
Languages other than English	Spanish (Castellano)
Volunteer experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Translation and editing of eyecare publications (English to Spanish) ▪ SBS Radio Interview, Glaucoma Week 2004, Explaining Glaucoma (in Spanish) ▪ Hosting Yr11 Spanish speaking and/or Latin American exchange students ▪ Hosting international around-the-world motorcyclists ▪ ICEE Eyecare Aid Trip to Sri Lanka, July 2005 ▪ 2007 Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA) National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Survey - Pilot Study in Moree
Interests and activities	Social Justice, Travel, Motorcycling, Philosophy

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<http://www.vdd.com.au/UMI.htm>

<http://www.vdd.com.au/IntDev.htm>

<http://www.vdd.com.au/eyecare.htm>

<http://www.vdd.com.au/writing.htm>