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- Currently
- Locum Optometrist to Regional Victorian OAA Practitioners
 - Part Time Student
- Eyecare Qualifications
- Diploma of Applied Science (Optometry) (QIT) Graduated 1980
 - Graduate Certificate Ocular Therapeutics (Uni Melb) Graduated 2005
- Current Tertiary Enrolments
- Master of Social Science (International Development) (RMIT)
Minor thesis subject area: ***Universal Design within the Built Environment***
- Professional Interests (Optometry)
- Eyecare Aid
 - Ocular Disease
 - Contact Lenses
- Early Education
- Primary – Redbank State Primary School, Qld
 - Secondary – Toowoomba Grammar School, Qld
- Optometrical Experience
- 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-ordinator Alfred Hospital Cataract Clinic
- Development Experience
- 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
 - 2004 - 2005 Fundraising assistance to Argentinean NGO Pilotos Solidarios, (Health Delivery by Motorcycle - Northwest Argentina).
 - 2005 (July) ICEE Tsunami eyecare relief effort, Sri Lanka
- Political Appointments
- 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

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
Professional memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Optometrists Association of Australia ▪ Victorian College of Optometry ▪ Contact Lens Society ▪ Director Australian Latin American Business Council (ALABC)
International Experience	<p>Travelled extensively & independently (by motorcycle) in South East Asia and Latin America visiting isolated regions and communities</p>
Papers & Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1996 <i>Transporting Melbourne – Motorcycling's Role</i> Research Paper contracted by the Department of Roads and Ports ▪ Case Report <i>Posner Schlossman Syndrome</i> Clinical and Experimental Optometry (in press)
Languages other than English	Spanish
Volunteer experience	<p>Translation and editing of eyecare publications (English to Spanish) SBS Radio Interview, Glaucoma Week 2004, <i>Explaining Glaucoma</i> (in Spanish) Hosting Yr11 Spanish speaking and/or Latin American exchange students Hosting international motorcyclists ICEE Eyecare Aid Trip to Sri Lanka, July 2005</p>
Interests and activities	Travel, Motorcycling, Philosophy
References	
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