

# Our Mission

To improve the eye health of the public in Australia and New Zealand by assuring the quality of optometric education

## VISION

To be a leading voice for quality optometry education and training and deliver excellence in our accreditation and assessment services

## VALUES

Accountable  
Ethical  
Transparent  
Collaborative

Inclusive  
Equitable  
Evidence-based  
Independent

## SUPPORT STRUCTURES

Staff  
Governance  
Committees/Taskforce  
Profession

The Optometry Council of Australian and New Zealand respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We extend this respect to te iwi Māori, Tangata Whenua o Aotearoa New Zealand.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY

# Leaders in Accreditation & Examination Services



We commit to ensuring our standards, processes and assessments are flexible, effective, evidence-based and future-focused.

## Key Actions:

- Strive for excellence in accreditation through flexible, outcomes-focussed and evidence-based standards and processes that focus on patient safety and workforce outcomes
- Continue to review our examination to ensure it is future-focused, consistent, relevant, and evidence-based
- Proactively explore new governance and operating models and practices which are consistent with our mission, vision and values, and are efficient and effective
- Help lead future development of professional competencies for optometry and support the development and inclusion of common cross-professional elements
- Provide ongoing review of OCANZ information systems to protect and support examination functions, ensure candidate privacy, and prevent fraud

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health & Māori Health



We commit to a health system free of racism and discrimination by contributing to the development of a culturally safe optometry workforce.

## Key Actions:

- Lead the contribution of accrediting bodies to better health outcomes for Indigenous Peoples in Australia and New Zealand
- Work to strengthen Indigenous involvement throughout OCANZ
- Continue to embed the Optometry Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori Health Curriculum Frameworks across all Australian and New Zealand Optometry education providers
- Work in partnership with key organisations to develop the Indigenous Optometry Workforce
- Drive the growth of OCANZ people's\* understanding of cultural safety and responsive practice through continued training

\* OCANZ Directors, Committee/Taskforce members and staff

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

# Engagement & Influence



We collaborate with key partners to facilitate and advance capabilities of the optometry profession.

## Key Actions:

- Build ongoing partnerships with education providers and the optometry profession to evaluate how future educational developments should shape education, accreditation and assessment
- Advocate for, and collaborate with, other accreditation authorities to enhance efficiency, cost-effectiveness and quality of our services
- Foster strong positive relations with Australian and New Zealand regulators
- Enhance communications with stakeholders to improve understanding of and support for OCANZ as a trusted accreditation regulator

STRATEGIC PRIORITY

# Innovation, Agility & Sustainability



We embrace new ways of working to ensure continued success

## Key Actions:

- Value our people, support their wellbeing and develop their skills and abilities
- Continually review the organisation's activities to ensure ongoing sustainability and relevance to future and emerging needs
- Embrace new technologies and data to support, protect and enhance our operations and systems and enable continued evolution and adaption
- Continue to improve our financial and risk controls to manage our resources effectively and sustainably
- Explore new opportunities that support diversification of income streams