

Trevor and Caroline have a long history of philanthropy in education, having implemented an ongoing program funding underprivileged children to attend private schools in New Zealand.

"It is typical of Trevor and Caroline Gray that they are modest philanthropists, not in terms of the sums provided but rather in the sense that they freely give in the modest

sense. Such is their modesty that they did not wish to name this Unit after their family, nor even have a celebratory event," said Charles.

"This generosity of spirit will enable the Department of Ophthalmology to pursue research over the next decade that will lead therapeutics from our laboratories to the patient's bedside."

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# Awards

## Prof Ivan Goldberg named recipient of The Glaucoma Foundation's 2013 Robert Ritch Award

**The Glaucoma Foundation presented its 2013 Robert Ritch Award for Excellence and Innovation in Glaucoma to RANZCO Fellow Prof Ivan Goldberg, a noted international figure in the glaucoma community. The announcement and presentation was made at the Foundation's December Annual Benefit Ball in New York City.**

The award recognises the contributions of individuals who have played a significant and unique role in promoting the medicine and science of glaucoma. It is named in honour of Dr Robert Ritch, founder of The Glaucoma Foundation and its Medical Director, who received the inaugural award in 2008.

Ivan is Director of Eye Associates in Sydney, head of the Glaucoma Unit and Visiting Ophthalmologist at the Sydney Eye Hospital, as well as a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Sydney. He is the President of Glaucoma Australia and of the Australian and New Zealand Glaucoma Interest Group. In 2009 he was the recipient of an Order of Australia Award "for services to glaucoma and the community nationally and internationally".



*Prof Ivan Goldberg*

## Ophthalmologist recognised for work with Asian community

**Dr Shuan Dai from Eye Doctors was presented with a community award by the New Zealand Health Foundation for Asian and Ethnic Communities.**

The organisation focuses on health and medical issues and related services for Asian communities as well as promoting exchanges between Asian countries and New Zealand in health and related areas, and bridging Asian communities with mainstream government and non-government organisations.

Minister of Health, Hon. Mr Tony Ryall said the awards were an important

recognition of each recipient's dedication to making a difference to the health outcomes of Asian communities living in the Auckland region. He said a report assessing the health needs of Asian people living in the region point to there being a number of health challenges. Asian people are now the second largest ethnic group in the Auckland and Waitemata district health board regions, and the third largest group in the Counties Manukau district health board. To help address one of the fastest growing long-term conditions, diabetes, the Government has invested \$12.4 million to expand local diabetes care programs and \$7.2 million for the green prescription initiative which supports people to eat healthier, get active and improve their health.

Mr Ryall said a common international issue for migrant groups is that language is a barrier for accessing health and disability services. He said a number of initiatives have been undertaken to address some of these challenges. "We are making good progress to improve the health of all New Zealanders, however there is still more to be done. In helping to meet these challenges, it is heartening to have committed individuals like our award recipients who give their time freely to educate our communities about what they can do to protect their health and wellbeing. I thank you for all the hard work, skills and dedication you have demonstrated in the interests of improving the health outcomes of Asian communities," said Mr Ryall.

**Ms Maryanne Dransfield**  
**NZ Optics**



*Dr Shuan Dai being presented a certificate by Hon. Mr Tony Ryall*

## Australia Day Honours Award

**Medal of the Order of Australia  
 (OAM)**

**Dr Darryl John Gregor – For  
 service to ophthalmology and to  
 education.**

A leading Gold Coast ophthalmic surgeon, Dr Darryl Gregor is a well-recognised pioneer in both cataract surgery and laser vision correction. He is particularly passionate about cataract surgery and refractive lens exchanges, and has performed over 20,000 such procedures to date. Darryl was one of the first in Australia to perform laser eye surgery (1991). He began his practice in Southport in 1980, becoming one of the first Australian ophthalmologists to implant intraocular lenses. He was also a pioneer of day surgery, building Southport's Brockway House in 1985 – a specialist medical centre and day surgery and the first licensed day theatre in Queensland. Throughout his career, he has become a well-known advocate of reform in education and business.



*Dr Darryl Gregor*