



**Together we can
bring specialist eye
care into outback
Western Australia**







“We are all aware of how precious eyesight is.

The Lions Outback Vision Program ensures that patients don't have any cost barriers to their care. Research is an important component into improved access to care, as well as telehealth. We rely heavily on philanthropic sources to continue service excellence.”

Associate Professor Angus Turner, McCusker Director, Lions Outback Vision



“Lions Outback Vision is a service to every demographic, every walk of life, old and young, rich and poor. That is so important. Otherwise a large part of the population could be blind or severely vision impaired.”

Kim, a visual artist who experienced a detached retina in Broome

“I had 24 hours” – Lions Outback Vision patient Kim describes the race to save her sight

I was painting for an exhibition and was experiencing flashing and black patches in my left eye. The local optometrist in Broome suspected a retinal detachment. He said ‘please go immediately to the ER, as you could possibly be permanently blind in your eye if left unattended’.

I felt very sick and nervous as I am a visual artist by trade. I was just terrified. As it happens, two amazing ophthalmologists were in emergency from Lions Outback

Vision. They booked me in for the first appointment in the morning, 8:00am, and they proceeded to reattach my retina.

A regular doctor may not have recognised the severity of the problem and at the most would have booked me on a flight to Perth within the week. But I had 24 hours.

I went for a follow-up a few weeks later and it was 100%. I can see better out of that eye now than before.

“It’s good for me that I came to get my eye fixed. Carving shells is a tradition and I am keeping that going. I need my vision to continue doing art for many more years.”

Bruce, a senior Bardi man from Cygnet Bay and a traditional pearl shell carver and cultural guide

To learn more about Bruce Wiggan’s work, please visit cygnetbaypearlfarm.com.au



“The Lions Outback Vision is a good help, not only for me, but other West Australians who live in remote areas. I guess it will save them the travel to Perth, particularly if they have to leave their family.”

Yvonne, patient and proud Yawuru woman



Lions Outback Vision was established in 2010 as a dedicated team of eye health professionals who are committed to improving eye health in the outback.

We believe everyone should be able to access comprehensive eye care services no matter where they live.

Please give today to provide sight-saving eye care across Western Australia – so no one goes blind because of their postcode.



Over **50,000** Australians are
BLIND and another
480,300 suffer from low vision

Indigenous Australians are
14 TIMES more likely
to have **diabetes related blindness**

Blindness and vision loss is
AVOIDABLE IN
4 out of 5 Australians