

Aussie Optom Top Gong

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Renowned optometrist Dr. Tony Hanks has been awarded the prestigious 'Order of Australia' (OAM) in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List.

He received the award for his "significant commitment, dedication and meritorious service deemed worthy of particular recognition." This involved his service to optometry and the community, as well as for his involvement in improving international eye care and education.

Dr. Hanks, the founder of Eyecare Plus, says he feels "quite humbled, but also very pleased" with having received such recognition.

For almost 40 years, Dr. Hanks has worked to improve the standards of eye care and vision correction for patients throughout Australia and worldwide.

He says he was attracted to optometry by a yearning to make a difference and to work with people one-on-one in the field of science.

"The thought of being able to make a difference in people's lives was very appealing... and I was interested in science so it was just a natural progression," he says.

Dr. Hanks career in optometry has spanned corporate and private practice roles, research and teaching.

As well as being the founder and Chairman of Eyecare Plus, Dr. Hanks is also the founding member of the Australian Optometric Panel. He is a well respected leader in the optometry industry in Australia and still practices optometry part time in his Port Macquarie practice.

Congratulations Tony.