

RANZCO Global Eye Health Workshop

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Theme: ***Uveitis in Low Resource Communities: Practical Approaches, Partnerships and Impact***

Dates: 5–6 November 2026

Location: Auckland, New Zealand

Organising Chairs: Prof Nitin Verma & Prof Mark Radford

Thursday 5 November 2026 - Glaucoma Wetlab (Practical Workshop)

Venue: Auckland University

Time	Activity	Chair/Faculty
12:30 – 12:40	Welcome & Introduction	Chair: TBD
12:40 – 17:00	<p>Glaucoma Wetlab – Practical Skills Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trabeculectomy techniques (simulation) • Tube surgery principles • Managing complications in low-resource settings • Supervised wetlab rotations 	Lead: TBD Faculty: TBD

Friday 6 November 2026 – Global Eye Health Workshop

Venue: New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC)

Time	Activity	Chair
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Purpose: Set the scene – burden of uveitis in low-resource settings, importance of pragmatic approaches, and regional collaboration.</p>	Prof Nitin Verma, Prof Mark Radford

09:15 – 10:45	<p>Session 1 (Setting the Scene & Didactic Talks: Uveitis in the Pacific Region and Clinical Management Approaches)</p> <p>Objective: Ground the workshop in real-world challenges from the Pacific and Papua New Guinea, using survey data and regional experience to frame the practical challenges of uveitis management in low-resource settings.</p> <p>Talks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk 1 (10 mins): Setting the scene – managing uveitis in a low resource Pacific Island setting: results of a WhatsApp Survey Speaker: Prof. Nitin Verma, University of Tasmania • Talk 2 (10 mins): Uveitis in Papua New Guinea – what do we see? Speaker: Dr. Jambi Garap, Papua New Guinea • Talk 3 (15 mins): Long-term uveitis management: local treatment, systemic steroids and immunosuppression Speaker: Dr. Richard Symes, Sydney Eye Hospital • Talk 4 (15 mins): Posterior uveitis: a deeper dive Speaker: Dr. Avinash Pathengay, L V Prasad Eye Institute • Talk 5 (15 mins): The many faces of infectious uveitis Speaker: Dr. Anup Kelgaonkar, L V Prasad Eye Institute • Talk 6 (15 mins): Practical support from tertiary centres – building education and mentoring links Speaker: Prof. Peter McCluskey, Sydney Eye Hospital 	D. Richard Symes, Dr Avinash Pathengay, Dr Jambi Garap
10:45 – 11:15	Morning Tea Break	
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Session 2 (Regional Case Based Presentations & Expert Panel)</p> <p>Objective: Bring real-world regional experience to the fore through case presentations from across the Asia-Pacific, with the four expert speakers on panel to draw out clinical learning points and practical management strategies.</p> <p>Regional Case Presentations (8 mins each):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case 1: Uveitis in Papua New Guinea Speaker: Dr. Jambi Garap 2. Case 2: Uveitis in Fiji Speaker: TBD 	Dr Richard Symes, Dr Avinash Pathengay, Dr Anup Kelgaonkar, Prof. Peter McCluskey

	<p>3. Case 3: Uveitis in Timor-Leste Speaker: TBD</p> <p>4. Case 4: Uveitis in Mongolia Speaker: TBD</p> <p>5. Case 5: Uveitis in Indonesia Speaker: TBD</p> <p>6. Case 6: Uveitis in Cambodia Speaker: TBD</p> <p>7. Case 7: Uveitis in Pacific Region (TBD) Speaker: TBD</p> <p>8. Expert Panel Discussion & Q&A (25 mins) Panellists: Dr. Richard Symes, Dr. Avinash Pathengay, Dr. Anup Kelgaonkar, Prof. Peter McCluskey</p> <p>Drawing out clinical learning points and practical management strategies from each case</p>	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch & Networking	
13:30 – 14:50	<p>Session 3 (Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand (FHFNZ) Global Eye Health Session)</p> <p>Objective: Highlight systems-level solutions, workforce development, Pacific partnerships, and FHFNZ programme delivery models.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir Colin Tukuitonga (Associate Dean Pacific, University of Auckland) – Workforce development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Former roles include Director of SPC Public Health Division, CEO of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, and Director of Public Health at the NZ Ministry of Health • Bernadette Cavanagh (Deputy Secretary, Pacific and Development Group) – Pacific partnerships • Dr. Audrey Aumua – Overview of FHFNZ programmes in the Pacific <p>Discussion (15 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability and scale • Collaboration opportunities 	TBD
14:50 – 15:00	<p>Workshop Closing Remarks</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key lessons • Practical take-home messages • Future directions 	Prof Nitin Verma, Prof Mark Radford
15:00 – 15:30	Afternoon Tea Break	

15:30 – 16:30	<p data-bbox="400 159 975 192">Session 4 (Global Eye Health Public Session)</p> <p data-bbox="400 237 544 271">Objective:</p> <p data-bbox="400 277 1051 349">Engage a broader audience and showcase impact, partnerships, and future opportunities.</p> <p data-bbox="400 394 675 427">Proposed Speakers:</p> <ul data-bbox="448 434 987 577" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="448 434 863 468">• RANZCO – Prof Nitin Verma <li data-bbox="448 472 847 506">• PacEYES – Dr Alma Nacuva <li data-bbox="448 510 987 544">• Regional Speaker (Pacific/PNG) – TBD <li data-bbox="448 548 831 582">• Additional Speaker – TBD 	Prof Nitin Verma, Prof Mark Radford
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