



Kalgoorlie to host major meeting of eye doctors.

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Eye safety in the mining industry, Indigenous eye health and the growing importance of telemedicine are all on the agenda when ophthalmologists meet for a major conference in Kalgoorlie this weekend.

Named in honour of the 31st President of the United States, the *Herbert Hoover Ophthalmology Meeting* is being hosted by the WA Branch of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO).

Professor David Mackey, who is Chair of RANZCO WA and Managing Director of the Lions Eye Institute (LEI) in Perth, said the spirit of Hoover – who as a young man worked in Kalgoorlie as a mine manager – would be felt at the meeting.

“We will have ophthalmologists from Iowa - Hoover’s birthplace - and part of the conference will be devoted to eye health in the mining industry, a cause I’m sure he would have taken to heart.” Professor Mackey said.

“We also chose Kalgoorlie because it helps highlight the importance and difficulties of delivering eye care services in regional areas to the same standard as that expected by patients in the capital cities.”

The conference will be held at the WMC Conference Centre this Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7.

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