



## **Media Statement**

**Monday, November 16, 2015**

### **LEI Open Day promises a feast for the eyes.**

Ever wondered what it's like to be colour blind, or what the world looks like to someone with glaucoma?

These experiences and much more are on offer at this year's Lions Eye Institute (LEI) Open Day on **Saturday, November 28**.

This free annual event is your ticket to a behind-the-scenes look at the work of the LEI's internationally-renowned doctors, scientific researchers and clinic staff.

Representatives from the institute's major research groups will also showcase some of the science involved in fulfilling the LEI's vision to prevent and cure blindness and eye disease.

Other activities on offer include:

- Coffee with a Professor – your chance to sit down and talk eye health with LEI Managing Director Professor David Mackey and Clinical Services Director Professor Ian McAllister
- Touring the LEI clinic and learning what happens in day surgery
- Discovering the benefits of laser surgery
- Learning more about our renowned eye research and clinical trials
- Viewing plans for a new Lions Outback Vision Van, which will take eye care to rural and remote WA from 2016
- Learning more about why “bad sugar” is so bad for your eyes

Professor Mackey said new research work examining the possible benefits of being colour blind would also be showcased.

“People will have a chance to try on virtual-reality goggles which mimic what the world looks like to a colour blind person,” he said.

“People can also learn more about the LEI’s new research in this area. “

The LEI is located at 2 Verdun St, Nedlands, and the Open Day runs from 11am to 2pm.

For more information, phone 9381 0777 or visit [www.lei.org.au](http://www.lei.org.au)

***The LEI is a not-for-profit centre of excellence that combines world-class scientific research into the prevention of blindness with the highest level of eye care delivery. As a not-for-profit organisation, the LEI relies on community support to continue its quest to save sight.***

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