



Media Statement

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The Lions Eye Institute pays tribute to patron Sir James Cruthers AO

The Lions Eye Institute (LEI) has paid tribute to its long-time Patron, Sir James Cruthers AO, who passed away on Tuesday.

Sir James played a pivotal role in raising the funds needed to build a stand-alone facility for the LEI, which opened on the QEII Medical Centre site in 1996.

LEI inaugural Chairman Brian King AM MBE said Sir James was a man of great integrity.

"He knew everyone in Perth and he had an outstanding reputation, which he used to open many doors for the LEI," Mr King said.

"Sir James was a very strong philanthropist who used his expertise to tap into support from industry and commerce for the causes he believed in."

LEI founder Professor Ian Constable said Sir James and his wife Lady Sheila were long-term and passionate supporters of the LEI and contributed enormously to its reputation in the community.

"His leadership as Patron ensured the success of the public campaign to build our free-standing building," he said.

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