



Media Statement

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LEI medical researchers recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Two exceptional Lions Eye Institute (LEI) medical researchers are recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List published today.

Professor David Mackey, a world-leading researcher into the genetics of eye disease, ophthalmologist and head of the LEI's Genetics and Epidemiology research group, was made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for "distinguished service to medicine, and to medical education, in the field of ophthalmology, as a clinician-scientist and academic".

Professor Dao-Yi Yu was made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for "significant service to ophthalmology and to education".

He heads the LEI's Physiology and Pharmacology research group, which has pioneered a new microfistula implant called the XEN[®] Gel Stent to reduce intraocular pressure in glaucoma patients.

LEI Managing Director (Acting) Professor Bill Morgan said the Queen's Birthday Honours were wonderful recognition of two ophthalmic researchers committed to preventing and curing blindness and eye disease.

"Both David and Dao-Yi have made a significant contribution to the advancement of scientific knowledge in Australia," he said.

“Their work is making a tangible impact on our understanding of many serious eye diseases and how we might develop the treatments and cures of the future.

“On behalf of all at the LEI, I congratulate them both on this great honour.”

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