

YOUR VISION SPECIALIST



DR ROBIN ABELL

BMedSci, MBBS (Hons), MMed, FRANZCO

Your surgery has been scheduled with Dr Robin Abell. Robin specialises in Corneal, Cataract and Refractive Surgery, as well as General Ophthalmology. He has a special interest in laser vision correction, Keratoconus, Fuchs Dystrophy, and advanced techniques of corneal transplantation.

Dr Robin Abell relocated from Melbourne to his home town of Hobart to provide extra subspecialty services in Corneal and Laser Refractive Surgery. He has spent the last 2 years providing a statewide service practicing as a visiting specialist in Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, as well as attending the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. He runs a Corneal Subspecialty Clinic at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Robin graduated from the University of Tasmania with First Class Honours in the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery before undertaking a Masters of Medicine in Ophthalmic Sciences at the University of Sydney and significant research experiences. He spent 2 years completing a Research Fellowship at the Launceston Eye Institute with Associate Professor Brendan Vote. He was involved in many landmark clinical trials. His thesis on femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery has garnered international recognition and resulted in over 30 published research papers on the topic. Robin has presented at numerous international scientific meetings, and was an early adopter of laser eye surgery. Beyond fulfilling the requirements of a laser eye surgeon, he also holds numerous certificates in laser safety and accreditation.

Robin underwent his Ophthalmology training at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, followed by subspecialty fellowships training in Cornea and Laser Refractive Surgery. Prior to returning to Hobart Eye Surgeons, Robin worked at the Melbourne Excimer Laser Group, which is a fellow LaserSight vision correction centre.

Robin has completed both the 2019 and 2020 Alcon Wavelight Fellowship on advanced techniques of LASIK and PRK Refractive Surgery, including “no-touch” PRK, using the Wavelight platform that is present at the Hobart Eye Surgeons.

Robin is highly skilled in modern techniques of corneal surgery, and has trained several local and visiting corneal specialists in Melbourne in Descemet’s membrane endothelial keratoplasty (DMEK) corneal transplant surgery. He was the second surgeon in Australia to perform DMEK Rapid surgery, and is currently one of only 4 surgeons in Australia performing “BOOST” oxygen-assisted corneal collagen cross-linking for keratoconus.

Robin is available for all corneal, cataract, refractive and general ophthalmology consultations and emergencies at the Hobart, Rosny, and Kingston branches.

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