

Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight & Public Health Care Foundations
Professor Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award

Professor Frank Billson, Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology since 1978, has been Director of the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney since 1985.

As foundation Director of the Save Sight Institute, he was responsible for the formation of fundraising for the commissioning of a laboratory and recruiting over 50 scientists and support staff for this facility. The Institute has attracted extensive research grants from the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation and national and international sources including government, industry, and support from the community. A new laboratory was commissioned in 1997 which is amongst the most modern and best equipped in Australia.

He is the Director of the Lions NSW Eye Bank and a member of the staff of the Sydney Eye Hospital and both children's hospitals in NSW. He is Hospitaller for Australia serving the Order of St John and the Jerusalem Eye Hospital and has been instrumental in the establishment of outreach programs with St John Ambulance Australia, working with Aboriginal communities in Katherine NT and Dubbo NSW.

His enthusiasm and leadership are seen in his international commitments to the World Health Organisation and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, where he was the first Chairman of the West Pacific Region and has worked in the Asia Pacific Region for more than 20 years. His work in Bangladesh led to the establishment of the Chair of Clinical Ophthalmology in the University of Chittagong, building an eye hospital and training complex and developing a program to train eye doctors and paramedics for eight base hospitals throughout Bangladesh. He has also helped develop ophthalmic training programs in Sri Lanka, India, China, Papua New Guinea, East Timor, Solomon Islands and Eye Banks in China and Vietnam.

In November 2003, he was awarded the International Blindness Prevention Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He is an Officer of the Order of Australia and was the first recipient of the Weary Dunlop Asia Medal "for selfless leadership in the service of both his profession and his country". In 1995, he was made a Life Governor of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation and is an Honorary Lion.

**RECIPIENTS OF THE
PROFESSOR FRANK BILLSON PLATINUM HONOUR AWARD**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>District</u>
1	Professor Frank Billson	Presented by Foundations	
2	PCC Ernie Kidd	Presented by District	N5
3	PDG Paul Logue	Presented by District	N3
4	Lion Robert Finley	Presented by District	N3
5	Shun Wah Hui	Sydney Pacific	N5
6	Lion Monica Chu	Sydney Pacific	N5
7	Lion Greg Dunn	Presented by Foundations	N5
8	Lion Warren Tye	Winston Hills	N5
9	Lions Club of Mosman Members	PDG John Sim	N5
10	Linda Evans	Ulladulla	N2
11	June Field	Bowling & Districts	N2
12	PDG David Tuckerman OAM	Presented by Foundations	N5