



**APPLICATION FOR HONOUR AWARD**

of

**LIONS CLUBS NSW-ACT SAVE SIGHT & HEALTH CARE LIMITED**

ABN: 25 001 232 659

the trustee company of

**Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation Charitable Trust**

ABN: 57 536 782 464

and

**Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

ABN: 75 575 730 056

Every Honour Award recipient once appointed shall be enrolled as such in Foundation records and shall be entitled to a personally inscribed plaque stating such appointment and a special lapel pin.

Please Note: Honour Awards may be paid for over time by instalments but the Secretary must be advised accordingly at the time each payment is made and the award plaque and lapel pin will only be sent after the final payment has been received.

\*I / The \*Lions / \*Leo / \*Club of / \*District 201 N..... nominate the following \*person / \*firm / \*corporate body / \*organisation [other than a Lions or Leo Club]:

.....  
[feel free to attach a profile of the nominee]

to receive the

**Prof. Frank Billson Platinum Honour Award** (donation: \$2,500)

**Keith Small Gold Honour Award** (donation: \$1,000.00)

**Neville Tucker Silver Honour Award** (donation: \$500.00)

**Harry Hession Bronze Honour Award** (donation: \$250.00)

Presented by .....  
[details for inclusion on plaque]

\*For / \*In Recognition / \*In Appreciation .....

.....  
[details for inclusion on plaque - maximum 40 characters including spaces]

I / We wish the funds to be directed to the

**\*Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation**

**\*Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation**

Please find enclosed cheque for the relevant payment made out to the appropriate Foundation.

Contact's Name: ..... Phone No.: .....

Postal Address [for receipt of plaque]: .....

..... Date: .....

Date received by Foundation Secretary: .....

Post with payment to:

**The Secretary**

**Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Save Sight & Health Care Limited**

**P0 Box 2406**

**CARLINGFORD COURT NSW 2118**

**Prof. Frank Billson**, Foundation Professor of Ophthalmology since 1978, had been Director of the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney continuously since 1985 until his retirement in August 2008.

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 was 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 was 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.

**Keith Small** joined the Lions Club of Wewak PNG in June 1970. In 1971, he transferred to the Lions Club of Cabramatta and in 1984 he transferred to the Lions Club of Green Valley. He was District Governor of District 201B in 1978-79.

He was first elected as a Director of the Foundations in 1979 and served with distinction until 1999 when he stood down due to ill health. During his 20 years as a Director, he served a number of terms as Secretary and Treasurer of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation, Treasurer of the Lions Clubs NSW-ACT Public Health Care Foundation, Chairman of the Personality Quest Committee and Grant Secretary. He was involved in the investigation committee that led to the formation of the Lions NSW Eye Bank and served on its Management Committee continuously until 1999. He also served a number of terms on the Council of the Save Sight Institute.

In 1999 he received the Commonwealth Government Seniors Award. He was the recipient of two International President's Certificates and one International President's Award and was made a Life Member of Lions in 1990, a Life Governor of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation in 1991 and a Melvin Jones Fellow in 1995. He died in 2000.

**Neville Tucker** joined the Lions Club of Brookvale in 1964. Within two years, he had been elevated to the Executive of the Lions Multiple District Council as National Treasurer, a position that he was to hold with great distinction for 23 years. He was highly respected for his professional expertise and dedication to his position of Treasurer and to Lionism in general by all with whom he was associated.

Over the years, he received many awards and recognitions as a result of his work for Lions, chief among them being the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in January 1989, three International President's Medals and the most prestigious Lions Award of all the Ambassador of Goodwill Medal, only the fourth Australian Lion so honoured,

He introduced the Lions standard accounting system in Australia and also adapted the Objects of Lions Clubs International for use in Australia to take advantage of Australian Taxation Laws, but perhaps his greatest achievement was the idea to establish the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation and his work in the formation of the Foundation. He died in 2002.

**Harry Hession** joined the Lions Club of Kempsey in 1961. He was the District Governor of District 201D in 1973-74 when the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation was formed and was one of the original signatories to the formation documentation and led his District into participation in the Foundation. He served continuously as a Director until 1980.

He was widely respected as a "hands on" Lion and one of his outstanding achievements was to organise and lead his Club in the building of a house in Kempsey which was sold and the profit used to establish a local Lions Disaster Fund.

He was made a Life Member of Lions Clubs International in 1977, awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1991 and made a Life Member of the Lions NSW-ACT Save Sight Foundation. He died in 1992.