

## Conference Mailing 1. March 2011

Welcome to our first Conference mailing.

### **Registration:**

Thank you to all who were so prompt in the returning of their Expression of Interest forms or followed up with an E mail contact. The anticipated numbers for the Conference are over one hundred, including delegations from outside our region coming from the Athenian School in the USA and the Doon School in India.

Registrations are now open and close on April 15. The registration forms need to be downloaded and completed, and then scanned, posted or faxed to me by that date. (A copy is also attached to this mailing.)

Polo shirt sizes are included on the registration form, so please be as accurate as possible with the sizing of these shirts. The registration package will also include cap, bag and drink bottle, as well as some South Australian 'specialities'.

Other key dates are in the registration procedure are:

- May 13 Transport details required
- May 13 Individual delegate's JPEG required
- May 13 Payment of delegation fees

Each delegate will have a photographic identity card with a lanyard in their barazza colour, which we will have ready for them when they register at the Conference on July 11, hence the need to send them through by May 13.

### **Cost:**

The cost per delegate for the Conference will be \$580 (including GST). Tax invoices will be sent out upon the finalisation of your delegation's registration.

Details of payment will accompany the tax invoice.

### **Program:**

A copy of the draft program is included with this mailing. Please be aware that it has yet to be finalised and is liable to be modified.

One of the community partners of the Conference is OneSight. Their website can be viewed at: [www.onesight.org.au](http://www.onesight.org.au)



OneSight, a Luxottica Group Foundation, is a family of charitable vision care programs dedicated to improving vision through outreach, research and education. Since 1988, these charitable efforts have provided free vision care and eyewear to more than seven million people in need around the world and have granted millions of dollars towards optical research and education.

Their vision is a world where primary vision care is a reality for everyone, and their mission is to restore and preserve clear vision for the over 314 million adults and children who suffer worldwide from poor vision.



Their volunteers give the gift of sight through four program areas:

- **Global Eye Care** – They travel to developing countries to hand-deliver much needed, free eye care and eyewear through temporary Optical Clinics.
- **Regional Eye Care** – They provide free eye care and new eyewear to those in need in our regions through temporary Optical Clinics and Vision Vans.
- **Community Eye Care** – We help recipients in our local communities through in-store and outreach programs.
- **Research and Education** - OneSight funds research to address global eye health issues and invests in the next generation of optometric professionals through scholarships and education.

OneSight are a Conference community partner through the Service Learning Day and hopefully through the collection of spectacles by your School community prior to the Conference. Each year, OneSight collect gently used prescription eyewear and non-prescription sunglasses to recycle and hand-deliver on their Global Clinics in developing

countries. That pair that is no longer wear can help OneSight recipients see clearly and fulfil their dreams. All donated eyewear is recycled at their Global Eyewear Recycle Centre. Trained volunteers take each pair through a multi-step process to ensure the highest quality is dispensed to our recipients. We ask that you start a collection of used spectacles by your delegation to bring to the Conference in July, which will form part of a larger donation to One Sight from Round Square.

**Conference website:**

The Conference website is now running, being linked to the School website. The address is:

[http://www.westminster.sa.edu.au/index.php/Welcome/round\\_square/](http://www.westminster.sa.edu.au/index.php/Welcome/round_square/)

Hopefully, you will find all of the information that you require for your delegation's needs, eventually. There are still some areas under construction, especially with the program which is being finalised.

On the website are a number of documents:

- Conference invitation
- Conference welcome
- Conference Co-ordinating Committee
- Conference theme
- Conference accommodation and facilities
- Conference registration form
- What to bring to the Conference
- Conference draft program

Please contact me further with any questions relating to the Conference.