



OPTOMETRISTS
ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN TERRITORY

*An Invitation to Optometrists Association Australia
Queensland and Northern Territory Division members
to nominate an outstanding supporter for the:*

Professor Sydney B J Skertchley Award

Nomination Form

The Professor Sydney B K Skertchley Award was inaugurated in 2004 and recognizes outstanding contribution to optometry by a non-optometrist.

The Queensland Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians, the forerunner to both the AOA and the OAA, was formed on October 1908. Each meeting night there would be a suitable paper read by "some member or other scientist." Three months after its foundation, the Institute elected Professor Skertchley to membership. He was not an optometrist or an optician in the physics sense. He was a geologist... "a natural philosopher." He was immediately elected as a Vice-President and he took optometry to his heart. He was then elected to the Examining Board. He gave his first lecture in August 1909 and the Institute had him elected as its representative on the University Senate. He resigned from the Examining Board due to age and ill health in August 1925, having served as its Chairman from 1909.

In 1988, historian Charles Wright said of him, "here is a man who had corresponded with Darwin, whose work and ability had been praised by Darwin. Here is a man who had sat at the feet of Lyell, who had been taught by Huxley, who had heard Bates tell stories of the Amazon. Some people regarded him as the most remarkable man in Queensland in his day."

Please take a moment to consider an outstanding contribution to the profession by a distinguished non-optometrist and nominate that person or agency for this award.

1. **Nominee**
Name
Address.....
Telephone Number
Email Address.....

2. **Response to Criteria:** (Please address each criterion)
 - a) How has the nominee provided distinguished service to the profession or to Optometrists Association Australia Qld/NT Division?
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b) How has the nominee made an outstanding contribution to the visual welfare of the community?

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c) How has the nominee developed and enhanced relationships between optometry and allied professions?

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3. **Resume**

If possible, please attach current Resume for Nominee.

4. **Nomination Details**

a) Nominated by of address
..... Signed

b) Seconded by of address
..... Signed

c) Nominations close on the 15th of October each year. Nomination will be assessed by the Division's Conduct Committee and a determination made. Award will be presented at the President's Graduates Ball & Annual Awards, held at the Sofitel Hotel Brisbane on the first Saturday in each November.

5. **Lodgement**

Please lodge this Nomination Form to:
Optometrists Association Australia Queensland & Northern Territory Division
Optometry House, 58 St Pauls Terrace, Spring Hill Qld 4000
or to facsimile (07) 3839 4499.