

A photograph of the Melbourne city skyline at dusk, featuring several prominent skyscrapers with illuminated windows. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and blue. The image is overlaid with a large yellow and orange diagonal shape on the left side and a dark grey diagonal shape on the right side.

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“Melbourne has an outstanding track record of hosting some of the world’s most prestigious international medical conferences. Recognised as Australia’s knowledge and innovation capital and home to a great hub of medical and research precincts, it serves as the ideal platform to connect the world’s greatest minds. I am proud of this city’s medical sector that offers delegates a productive experience.”

**Laureate Professor  
Hugh Taylor AC**







## INTRODUCING LAUREATE PROFESSOR HUGH TAYLOR AC

Melbourne Laureate Professor Hugh Taylor AC is recognised as a clinician-scientist who has achieved an outstanding career with his research focus in laboratory science and clinical research. While training in medicine and ophthalmology at the University of Melbourne, Professor Taylor's keen interest in public health led him to work with the late Fred Hollows as Associate Director of the National Trachoma and Eye Health Program.

Professor Taylor is the Harold Mitchell Professor of Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne. Previously he was Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Melbourne and the Founding Director of the Centre for Eye Research Australia. Prior to that, he was a Professor of Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Institute at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore with joint appointments in the Departments of Epidemiology and International Health.

Professor Taylor's research interests include blindness prevention strategies, infectious causes of blindness and the development of health policy. His current work particularly focuses on Aboriginal eye health and the elimination of trachoma. Professor Taylor has written 30 books and reports including a recent book on trachoma, and more than 600 scientific papers. He has received multiple international awards and prizes. In 2001, he was made a Companion in the Order of Australia. He is President - Elect of the International Council of Ophthalmology, former Vice President of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, and Deputy Chairman for Vision 2020 Australia.

## PURSUING BLINDNESS PREVENTION AND IMPROVING EYE HEALTH

Professor Hugh Taylor, one of Melbourne's great minds, is widely recognised for his deep investment and passion in Indigenous eye health. For over 40 years he has devoted himself to ophthalmic research and teaching, aiming to improve lives through the design and delivery of community eye health care programs.

His life's work has been characterised by the clarity of his vision for the elimination of preventable blindness, born out of his confidence in a rigorous combination of epidemiological research and clinical programs carefully designed to produce comprehensive results.

Professor Taylor works collaboratively with Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) and supports Melbourne in securing and hosting international conferences in the medical and public health sector.

He has supported numerous bids, including the recently secured World Ophthalmology Congress 2022 (WOC 2022), which is expected to be the largest conference ever secured for Victoria. The congress will attract over 14,000 delegates from across the globe to meet in Melbourne to discuss new trends, products and developments in ophthalmology and eye health.

Professor Taylor is part of the Club Melbourne Ambassador Program and is one of Melbourne's great minds. A thought leader in his area of expertise, his world leading research contributes to Melbourne's reputation as a knowledge capital and innovation hub.