

# Ophthalmology Referral Options

<b>Refer to Emergency Department</b>	<b>Refer to Dubbo Public Eye Clinic</b>		
Emergency Urgent cases need to be seen immediately	Category 1 Urgent next clinic	Category 2 < 3 months	Category 3 < 6 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acute angle closure glaucoma</li> <li>- Acute vision loss or signs of stroke</li> <li>- Central retinal artery occlusion</li> <li>- Chemical injury</li> <li>- Giant Cell Arteritis</li> <li>- Infectious keratitis (Hypopyon, fungal, Gonococcal/Chlamydia)</li> <li>- Intraocular foreign bodies</li> <li>- Malignant hypertension</li> <li>- Orbital cellulitis/acute dacryocystitis</li> <li>- Orbital fractures</li> <li>- Retinal detachment (macula on, if macula off can wait up to a week)</li> <li>- Superior retinal tear</li> <li>- Suspecting penetrating eye injury</li> <li>- Transient Ischemic Attack/Amaurosis fugax</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acquired nystagmus</li> <li>- Acute visual field loss</li> <li>- Choroidal Melanoma or suspected retinal tumours</li> <li>- Corneal decompensation (Bullous Keratopathy, Endothelial Keratopathy)</li> <li>- Cranial nerve palsies</li> <li>- Diabetes with sudden vision loss</li> <li>- Ischemic ocular conditions</li> <li>- Macula hole</li> <li>- Macula oedema</li> <li>- Non-resolving Central Serous Chorioretinopathy</li> <li>- Optic neuritis</li> <li>- Papilledema</li> <li>- Post-op injection inflammation</li> <li>- Proliferative diabetic retinopathy</li> <li>- Proptosis with visual changes</li> <li>- Ptosis if pupil occluded</li> <li>- Recent onset pupil changes</li> <li>- Retinal tear (not superior)</li> <li>- Retinopathy of prematurity</li> <li>- Vitreous haemorrhage with retinal pathology (excluding Posterior Vitriol Detachment)</li> <li>- Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration</li> <li>- White pupil reflex in children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cataract with Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) &gt; 6/21</li> <li>- Epiretinal membrane with vitreoretinal traction VA &gt;6/12</li> <li>- Eyelid tumours</li> <li>- Glaucoma un-responsive to topical therapy</li> <li>- Recent onset retinal hole</li> <li>- Severe non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy without macula oedema</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cataract with Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) &gt;6/12 &lt;6/21</li> <li>- Epiretinal membrane symptomatic</li> <li>- Eyelid problems: ectropion/entropion/ptosis</li> <li>- Proptosis without visual issues (Thyroid eye disease)</li> <li>- Pterygium encroaching pupil margin</li> <li>- Retinoschisis</li> <li>- Retinoschisis requiring treatment</li> <li>- Unresolving large chalazion</li> </ul>
<b>Refer to local Optometrist</b>			
Category 4			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cataract with Best Corrected Visual Acuity BCVA &lt;6/12</li> <li>- Chemical injury follow up</li> <li>- Choroidal naevus</li> <li>- Congenital nystagmus</li> <li>- Conjunctivitis</li> <li>- Contact lens complications</li> <li>- Corneal and sub-tarsal foreign bodies</li> <li>- Corneal ulceration</li> <li>- Diabetes review, non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (mild-mod)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drug toxicity screening ie. Plaquenil/tamoxifen</li> <li>- Dry Age Related Macular Degeneration</li> <li>- Elevated intraocular pressure &gt;30mmHg</li> <li>- Epiretinal membrane asymptomatic and no significant distortion</li> <li>- Eye discharge</li> <li>- Eye health screening</li> <li>- Eye pain</li> <li>- Eyelid lumps (stye, chalazion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flashes, floaters</li> <li>- Fuchs dystrophy</li> <li>- Glaucoma suspect</li> <li>- Herpes simplex/ zoster infection</li> <li>- Hyphema</li> <li>- Keratoconus</li> <li>- Monitoring of long-standing retinal hole and retinoschisis</li> <li>- Non-infectious Keratitis</li> <li>- Post-op cataract inflammation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pterygium visually insignificant</li> <li>- Pupil changes with change in vision</li> <li>- Refractive error, presbyopia</li> <li>- Severe dry eyes, watery eyes, blepharitis</li> <li>- Strabismus, amblyopia</li> <li>- Sudden onset of blurred vision/ headaches/diplopia</li> <li>- Swollen eye</li> <li>- Trauma to eye/orbit, chemical burns</li> <li>- Uveitis</li> </ul>