

Luke Arkapaw

Luke Arkapaw graduated from the Queensland University of Technology in 1999 with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Optometry). He worked in private practice for two years in Dunedin (New Zealand) before becoming employed as the optometrist in the ophthalmology department of the Dunedin Public Hospital (2001-2009). In this role he was responsible for low vision and speciality contact lens clinics, primary and secondary screening of diabetic fundus photographs, and teaching ophthalmology registrars how to perform refractions. During these years Luke was also involved in an undergraduate medical student training program as a Clinical Lecturer with the Otago School of Medicine. Luke has made several trips to Tonga as a member of an eye-based medical mission team, and spent most of 2009 travelling through the Middle East, Central America and the Caribbean engaging in short term volunteering opportunities with his optometry skills. Returning to Australia at the end of that year, he set up a locum business to service rurally located practices, before joining the Aboriginal Vision Program of the Brien Holden Vision Institute, Public Health Division (formerly ICEE) as a Project Development Officer in the Northern Territory where he continues to work as a practitioner, researcher and educator. Luke holds a second Bachelor degree in Applied Theology, and a Master of Public Health.