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Expert eyes local study

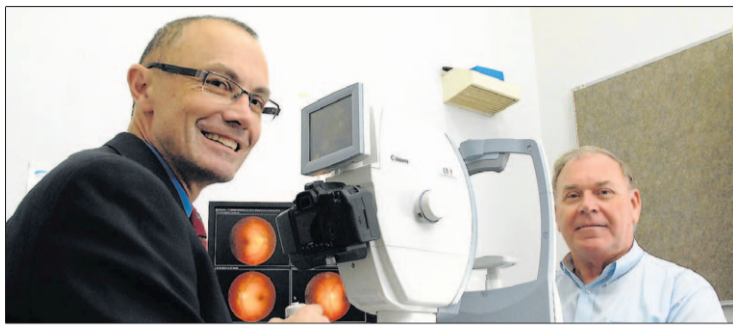
THE Busselton Health Study has proved to be a major drawcard for the Lions Eye Institute's new managing director to relocate to WA.

Professor David Mackey visited Busselton last week to meet with staff and participants of the Busselton Healthy Ageing Study. The international expert in the genetics of eye and vision disorders said the Busselton study was a one of the reasons he decided to relocate to the State and take up an appointment with the University of WA and The Lions Eye Institute.

He said the study would help the community better understand genetic and environmental factors that affect people's vision and health.

"Although specialists can study one part of the body and the diseases related to it, many diseases are interconnected and affect many parts of the body, often in unexpected ways," he said.

"This is why studies such as the Busselton Healthy Ageing Study that bring together many different specialties are more powerful



Professor David Mackey with study participant Peter Duncan at the Busselton Health Study.

than the sum of the individual projects. Photos of the eyes can show damage to blood vessels from high blood pressure or from diabetes and this can be related to diseases such as stroke or heart attacks."

The Lions Eye Institute has provided equipment to photograph the back of the eye in the health study's healthy ageing project.

Busselton Health Study's senior scientist Michael Hunter said the Lions Eye Institute had also provided equipment to measure the pressure in the eyes

which is a risk factor for glaucoma and the focus of the eyes for distance.

"Eye and vision disorders are a major cause of morbidity in ageing populations. Almost half a million Australians have significant vision loss and this is expected to double in the next 20 years as the population ages," he said.

Prof Mackey urged all Busselton baby boomers who received an invitation to the study to take up the opportunity. The Busselton Health Study clinic can be contacted on 9754 0548.

Wheels to keep turning on South West youth space

A POPULAR mobile youth space used in the Busselton shire by community groups has received ongoing funding to keep it on the road.

The Mobile Youth Space has received a grant of \$28,360 from the South West Development Commission to keep the facility

going for its third year. The vehicle contains sporting, musical and computer equipment which is used by youth and community groups across the South West.

Commission CEO Don Punch said the van attended 31 events in 2009 and more than 1500 young people took up the opportunity to

use the equipment provided in the van.

The facility is one of a range supported by the South West Development Commission's grants programs, including the Busselton Jetty Festival which received \$10,000.



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Artist - Nancy Jackson

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