

# RANZCO MUSEUM

## THREE GENERATIONS OF GIBSONS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIAN OPHTHALMOLOGY

The remarkable contributions of the Gibson family can be seen on the 'Collections' tab of the RANZCO Museum website, with the story beginning with Dr John Lockhart Gibson who was Queensland's first locally born ophthalmologist. Commencing ophthalmology and ENT in 1895, he later enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces in charge of the Ophthalmic Unit of the Australian General Hospital in Mudras. He was the first to use a giant magnet for the extraction of intraocular foreign bodies sustained in the Gallipoli campaign.

He was succeeded by his son Dr Walter Lockhart Gibson, President of the Ophthalmic Society of Australia 1949,

who was involved in the earliest cases of corneal transplantation in Australia. His son Dr Brian Lockhart Gibson was President of RANZCO in 1997 and has generously donated the artefacts shown.

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*Pathology specimens from the collection of Dr John Lockhart Gibson 1907.*



*Dr Walter Lockhart Gibson who pioneered corneal transplantation in Australia.*



*Early electromagnet used by Dr John Lockhart Gibson.*