

What another year of your support made possible

The dedication and generosity of our supporters has again played a vital role in allowing Vision Australia to change the lives of people who are blind or have low vision across Australia.

Vision Australia provided life changing services to **37,341** clients in the last financial year, the most clients we have ever worked with in a 12-month period. This record-breaking achievement wouldn't have been possible without the support of people like you.

Not only have we been able to help more people than ever before, because of you we're also able to do that in more ways than ever. In the last year we've launched our new Life Ready program to give children and young people who are blind or have low vision the best possible start in life, while our new Check In and Chat program is making sure older Australians can stay connected.

It's thanks to people like you that we can develop these new services, while continuing to provide the specialist and personalised services our clients deserve at home, school, work or in the community. Thank you!

A snapshot of how you have helped change lives

Education



18
further education
bursaries.

Three
new children's books
published as part
of the Big Visions
series.

30%
increase of the
number of audio
books produced.

16
participants
graduated from our
LEAP UP transition
to tertiary program.



Independence

18,030
hours of orientation
and mobility
support.

44
people matched
with Seeing Eye
Dogs.

170,000+
print pages
converted into
accessible formats.

27,916
hours of assistive
technology support.

Social inclusion



46,370

hours of recreation and community support.

195

older Australians supported through Check in and Chat.

83,618

downloads of Vision Australia Radio podcasts.

17,473

hours of Telelink groups.



Employment

50

employment services clients supported to achieve 52-week work outcomes.

Four

graduates accepted in to the Vision Australia Career Start program to put them on the path to employment success.

14%

of Vision Australia's workforce is blind or has low vision.

When Gemma was just five months old, her mum Nova noticed that her eyes would tear up and get a little red, and she seemed to be sensitive to light. Within weeks, Gemma was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma, and had four surgeries before she was 18 months old.

Gemma's family moved from the UK when she was just two, and Nova says their connection with Vision Australia was life-changing.

"If we had not had extra help from when she was just two, there could have had an adverse effect on Gemma's development. Learning how to make things easier for her from an early age was so significant.

"Our occupational therapist, Alessandra, is by our side, and continually coming up with ways for Gemma to learn, from tying shoelaces, tying up her hair to learning how to button up shirts."

These days, nothing slows Gemma down. She is brimming with confidence because of the wonderful support she and her family have received since their first connection with Vision Australia, and it's all thanks to generous supporters like you.

Vision Australia client, Gemma.

