



Fellow Lions of Australia,

Welcome to World Sight Day for 2024.

LEHP has a number of exciting announcements to make during the day but first please let me express my sincere thanks and congratulations to all those Lions and others involved with the Children's Vision Screening Program for their efforts and commitment so far during 2024.

During 2023 we screened over 10,000 children and set the target of 12,000 for 2024. I am very pleased to be able to report that we are less than 150 screenings away from reaching our target figure and we expect to hit the 12,000 in the coming days. So well done everybody and big thankyou's all round.

What does this mean?

80% of a child's learning is acquired through their eyes hence a vision problem potentially will affect their ability to learn. 1 in 5 children have a previously unidentified vision problem hence identifying these problems will greatly assist children in securing a full education thus developing into a responsible adult.

The net result of all this wonderful community service is that over the past 2 year more than 4500 children around Australia have been identified with vision problems and their parents/guardians have been provided with an opportunity to take remedial action at their earliest opportunity.

It's a wonderful example of "Community Service at its Best."

Any member wishing to obtain further information re our screening program or how to become a screener should check our website at lehp.org.au

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'B. K. Hearn OAM JP'.

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