

Dear Club President,

In a previous reported I commented that 2023 was the most successful year to date for LEHP and, in particular, our Children's Vision Screening Program. Our screening target had been set for 2023 at 10,000 children but in reality we exceeded that resulting in well over 2000 children being identified with undetected vision problems.

I set the target for 2024 at 12,000 children being screening and I am very proud to be able to report that by 27th October 2024 we have already exceeded that target having conducted 13,148 screenings. Who knows what the final number will be?

This success is due in no small part to the support and commitment of Lions club members, screeners, facilitators and instructors all around Australia and I cannot thank you all enough. This superb effort has resulted in a further nearly 2500 children being identified with vision problems thus providing them with an opportunity for early treatment resulting in them having an ability to acquire a better and more complete education.

Our training program and all the associated relevant material has been reviewed and updated via the Centre for Eye Health at the University of NSW. Manuals and all other publications can be viewed and downloaded via our website at lehp.org.au Any member seeking further information about the program or the training on offer should not hesitate to make contact with either their appropriate State representative on the National Management Committee or our program manager. Contact details for all these individuals can be found in the Multiple Directory.

I am once again inviting all Lions Clubs to become a LEHP Australia participating Lions Club by making an annual voluntary payment of \$4 per club member.

Community Service at its best.

The importance of regular eye examinations cannot be overstated. 1 in 5 children have a vision problem which such screenings can identify. As with most health problems the sooner it's identified and treated the greater the chance of success. 80% of a child's learning is acquired through their sight. The greater the problem the greater the barrier to a full education.

Once again I thank all members and clubs for their support and I look forward in anticipation of receiving future contributions to this vital Lions Children's Vision Screening Program.

Yours Sincerely



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Chairman, LEHP, Australia.

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