Did you know...

80% of blindness is avoidable?

Imagine being blind because you have never had the opportunity to receive treatment by an eye specialist in your own country.
Sight For All is fighting blindness by teaching the world to see, as we train local specialists to comprehensively manage all blinding diseases.

Through your support and all the voluntary hours of our Visionaries, we are improving the sight of thousands of people each day.

Thank you for sharing in our vision of a world where everyone can see.

Interesting Statistics

- 300 million people across the globe are visually impaired.
- Cataracts are the number one cause of blindness.
- Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness.
• Diabetic eye disease is the most rapidly growing cause of blindness.

Trek For Sight - making history in Bhutan!

A number of Vision 1000 Members were part of the Trek For Sight team that hiked through the Himalayas of Bhutan in April this year and raised close to $60,000.

Vision 1000 Member, mountaineer and adventurer Katie Sarah led the trek, accompanied by Members Garry & Davis.
Sarah led the trek, accompanied by Members Barry & Davis, James & Mena Muecke, Jody Rowe, Melissa Slattery, John Stokes and Marie-Louise Stokes. We congratulate this incredible team of trekkers for their fundraising and for accomplishing the trek.

The team trekked 82km, ascended 4440m, descended 4382m and reached an altitude of 4890m over six days.

The valuable funds were used to purchase a Fundus Fluroscein Angiography Camera for the National Referral Hospital in Bhutan. This sophisticated piece of equipment is used to detect blinding retinal conditions such as macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. A big thanks to Mr Carey Hazelbank of Heidelberg Engineering who installed and trained the Bhutanese ophthalmologists in the use of the camera which is now up and running and making a real difference!
On Sight with Sight For All

Sight For All Visionary, Marty Holmes, travelled to Myanmar to participate in our Childhood Blindness Study in early 2018. Of all the children Marty checked, Nar Daw (pictured above) made a huge impact...

“Four of the eight children in Nar Daw’s family are blind. She was a small child when sickness took most of her vision. Nar Daw, who had not owned a pair of spectacles since she was eight years old, increasingly found day to day activities very difficult. Following a routine test by Sight For All Visionary and optometrist, Andy Griffith, Nar Daw was presented with an upgraded pair of spectacles, giving her enough vision to return to school. Nar Daw is not sure what she would like to do when she grows up, but she told us that she loves to sing.”

The Myanmar Childhood Blindness Study was proudly
supported by Oscar Wylee Eyewear.

Be an earlybird for a chance to go shopping at Transforma Furniture!

We are excited to announce that Sculpture For Sight is making a return and tickets are now on sale for the garden party and exhibition on December 15th 2018.

Take advantage of our early bird offer via this link before Wednesday 31st October and go in the draw to win a $1000 Transforma Furniture voucher! A very big thank you to Vision 1000 Members and valued sponsors Tim and Rebecca Wood from Transforma Furniture.
Thank You to Fox Creek Wines

Fox Creek Wines provided great entertainment at our Annual Drinks event this year when they facilitated a blind wine tasting between Hon Steven Marshall MP, Chairman Dr James Muecke AM, and Mr Tim Wood, owner of Transforma Furniture where this special event was held.

Fox Creek have incorporated braille on their wine labels for almost ten years now, the only winery in Australia to do so. This evolved after a friend of the winery went blind from a blood clot after undergoing a relatively minor procedure. To support their friend, and those with vision impairment, Fox Creek introduced braille into their entire range.

To celebrate friendship, Fox Creek have put together a special offer, a 10% discount for online sales using the discount code “sightforall”. Click this link to make your special order.

View social photos from this fabulous night at Transforma Furniture here
Visionary Focus
Meet Dr Graham Lee
Glaucoma is the leading causes of preventable blindness.

Sight For All is helping to address this blinding disease across developing Asia. When doctors from our partner countries have difficulty passing the English language test to undertake a Fellowship in Australia, Sight For All’s team of Visionaries take the training to them. Dr Graham Lee is a Sight For All Visionary and glaucoma specialist from Queensland, who earlier this year participated in our Glaucoma Fellowship in Vietnam.

“The trip was inspirational and was a reminder to me of why I studied medicine. As doctors, we are at the frontline and can make significant changes for the better in people’s lives. The work that Sight For All has done in Laos and other parts of Asia is truly making a fundamental impact on building the expertise required by the doctors in these regions to ensure sustainable delivery of the highest possible standard of ophthalmic care for the future.”

– Dr Graham Lee, Queensland
Lara with Bang and her siblings

Social purpose driven documentary film-maker Lara Damiani is pictured below with Little Bang and her siblings, who featured in Lara's award winning documentary that she filmed with Chairmain Dr James Muecke AM in Vietnam last year.

'Little Bang’s New Eye' Accolades:

- Nomination for an Impact Docs Award of Recognition in the categories: Documentary Short and Women Filmmakers
- Indie Fest Film Award in the category Award of Recognition: Nonprofit / Fundraising

In April this year the film had its first international screening at the Indianapolis Film Festival in the USA. Congratulations Lara!

To view this fantastic short film, follow the link here
Upcoming Events
Tickets are available online for all the events listed below.
We hope you can join us!

- **A Dinner For Sight** - Friday 7 September
  The Ivy Ballroom, Sydney
- **Tea For Sight** - Friday 14 September
  Ayers House, Adelaide
- **Golf For Sight** - Friday 26 October
  Kooyonga Golf Course, Adelaide
- **Sculpture For Sight** - Saturday 15 December
  St Mark's College, North Adelaide

Please email **events@sightforall.org** if you are interested in becoming a Sight For All event sponsor for one or more of the events listed above.
Together we can fight blindness... Have you considered becoming a Vision 1000 member?

The **Sight For All Vision 1000** giving program is a collective which accelerates our sight saving work. Our goal is 1000 individuals or companies contributing $1000 a year! We would love you to join us! Together, we can join the fight and teach the world to see.