Our Vision continues, two years on...
It's hard to believe it's been two years since we launched Vision 1000 in late 2014. A lot has happened in that two years and we could not have done it without the support of our Vision 1000, 100 & 10 members, thank you!

There has been a number of highlights for 2016 that I would like to share with you:

• In July this year we commenced our first in-country fellowship project for Myanmar. Prior to this project, all of our fellows have been trained in subspecialties here in Australia. The first subspecialty fellowship in Myanmar is in neuro-ophthalmology. This involves treating patients with conditions resulting from head trauma, strokes or brain tumors. Vision 1000 member, Professor John Crompton from Adelaide, is leading the Australian and New Zealand team of ophthalmologists and neurologists to deliver this training to three female colleagues from two major teaching hospitals in Myanmar. This project will run until mid 2017 and is supported by a private trust fund.

• From August - November 2016, we welcomed Dr Phayvanh to Australia for a three month extensive observorship in paediatric ophthalmology. Dr Phayvanh, from Lao, is part way through her paediatric ophthalmology fellowship at the NOC in Vientiane. We touch more on Dr Phayvanh’s Fellowship journey later on in the newsletter.

• Those of you who attended this years The Very Slow Long Lunch would have enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of amazing food & wine and great entertainment, all in the incredible venue of the Old Ram Shed at the Adelaide Showgrounds. In addition to being an incredible event, The Very Slow Long Lunch raised over $95,000! Specifically, the funds raised have gone towards a number of projects including a Contact Lens Training Project in Cambodia, the Lao Paediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship for Dr Phayvanh and the purchase of an OCT machine for the retinal unit at the Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital in Cambodia.

Two years on our Vision 1000 initiative has given Sight For All the support to enable our organisation to be much more sustainable. We thank you for your involvement and your vision to help us create a world where everyone can see!

Of course there have been many highlights and we are delighted to share some of those with you throughout this newsletter.

On behalf of the Sight For All Board and team I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dr James Muecke
Chairman
V1000 Events & News

Here's a look at the fantastic events coordinated by Vision 1000 Members over the past year. These events have both raised awareness and vital funds for Sight For All's sight saving projects.

**ide Connect Product Design Challenge**

ide Connect generously donated proceeds from their *2016 Building Better Futures for Health: Product Design Challenge Event* to Sight For All. We were delighted to discover that eye care research and development group Ocurep were the winners of the challenge with their biological patch and low powered laser for surgical eye wound care.

**BAPeA Music & Art Event**

Peter Bok and BAPëA hosted a special SALA event, *Romantic movements in Music and Art*, in support of Sight For All. Guests enjoyed the stunning artwork and a fabulous Beethoven recital.
The Very Slow Long Lunch
Vision 100 Member Inservio was once again our Platinum sponsor for The Very Slow Long Lunch. Many of our Vision 1000 members attended the lunch and we thank you for your support and hope you enjoyed the day! A huge thank you to John Stokes and his team at Inservio for his ongoing generosity and support.

Next year’s major event will have an exciting new twist...stay tuned!
Open Garden
George & Alison McKenzie hosted an Open Garden event to help raise funds for Sight For All. Their beautiful, contemporary garden was open to the public over a weekend for a small entry donation. Congratulations to George and Alison for creating such a stunning garden within only a few years.
Sustainable education makes a definite impact!

From 2013 to 2015 Sight For All conducted teaching in paediatric ophthalmology at the National Ophthalmology Centre in Vientiane, Lao. Dr Sayalith attended many of the teaching sessions including lectures, clinics and surgery. As a third year resident, Dr Sayalith was selected as an ideal candidate to undertake a Sight For All In-Country Paediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship. Dr Sayalith had shown an interest in and skills for paediatric ophthalmology and commenced her two-year Fellowship in 2015.

Sight For All Visionaries realised that Dr Sayalith would benefit from an Enhanced Observership in Australia, to gain exposure to a busy paediatric ophthalmology unit. Dr Sayalith has just completed her time at the Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, under the supervision of Sight For All Visionary Dr James Elder. Dr Sayalith has learnt valuable knowledge and skills that will enable her to establish a successful unit at NOC. This is yet another example of our hands-on sustainable approach that will enable our colleagues to ultimately teach their own Fellows, and within a short period of time save
the sight of thousands.

Dr Sayalith stayed with Dr Elder and his wife Kate during her time in Australia. We thank the Elders for taking such great care of Dr Sayalith, and our wonderful supporter and Ambassador, Manny Stul, whose donation to Sight For All made this project a reality.

Sight For All's Executive Officer, Judy Bickmore, caught up with Dr Sayalith in Melbourne just prior to her return home. Dr Sayalith told Judy that she’d had the most rewarding time in Australia and that her learning and skills have been heightened because of the experience. Dr Sayalith’s experience demonstrates how Sight For All's sustainable educational projects are making a lasting impact on the eye-health of a developing country.

Dr Sayalith's In-country Fellowship will continue in Lao throughout 2017 and is being funded by proceeds raised from The Very Slow Long Lunch 2016. To all the guests of the event, we say a huge 'thank you' for your attendance and support. Your contribution is greatly assisting the eye health of children in Lao.
**Vision 1000 Information Sessions**

**Vision 1000 Information Sessions** are a great way for us to share information about our social investment initiative. We appreciate any opportunity to speak to groups about the work of **Sight For All** and how they might like to be involved.

**Vision 1000 Information Sessions** are hosted by our Chairman, Dr James Muecke. For a powerful and moving presentation to a group of your colleagues, contacts or friends, Sight For All can customise a time and venue to suit you. For further details please email **Judy Bickmore** or call 08 8222 4937.

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**Cambodia Glaucoma Fellowship Update**

In a previous newsletter, we shared information about our Cambodia Glaucoma Fellowship, which is currently training Drs Sophal and Tharath at the Khmer Soviet Friendship Hospital in Phnom Penh. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness in the world, and so training two specialists who can treat patients with this common eye condition is vital to the eye health of this rapidly developing nation.

The Cambodia Glaucoma Fellowship is being funded through Vision 1000 funds and is already having an extremely positive impact. The Fellowship is entering its final stages with one more visit scheduled for December 2016. The final evaluation of the two fellows will be undertaken in mid 2017.

We thank Vision 1000 Members for helping to fund this vital project which will have a long lasting effect on the people of Cambodia.
Christmas Party

The Sight For All team has been incredibly busy in the final months of 2016, as we prepare for accreditation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in mid December. We would like you to know, however, that we haven't forgotten about our annual Christmas Party! We have decided instead to host a summer party to welcome in 2017. More details will be sent to you early in the New Year.

One Day For Sight RED Exhibition

On October 13, World Sight Day, Sight For All's photographic competition opened to the public for entrants to submit their photo which reflected this year's theme
of 'RED'. With generous support from our event partners Atkins Photo Lab and Optos, a Nikon Company, One Day For Sight raised awareness and funds that will go towards Sight For All's sight-saving activities. Our fantastic judges, Lisa Slade, Narelle Autio and Hugo Michell, chose the final exhibition selection and this year’s winner, Tony Kearney. The 'RED' exhibition will run throughout December to the end of January at the Adelaide Festival Centre and thereafter at the Adelaide Airport.

If you’d like to purchase one of these incredible images, you can go to the Atkins website to order online. You can visit our Facebook page to view a live video from the evening and see a slideshow of the 33 finalists.
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