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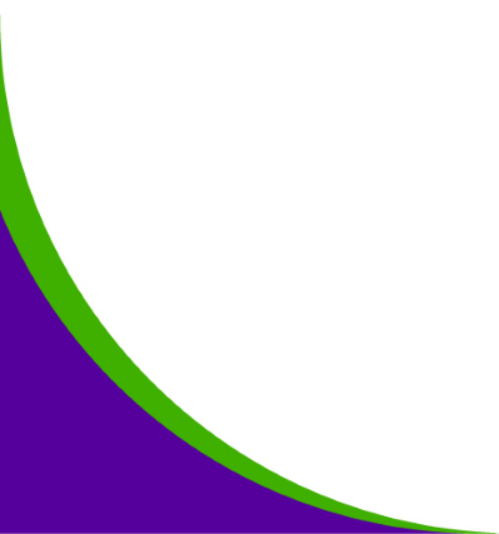
blindness and low vision services

**Visual Impairment – Early
Rehabilitation Intervention for
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Clients**

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Acknowledgement of Country



Our Commitment



Vision Australia's **vision for reconciliation** is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who are blind or have low vision, will have **access to**, and be **able to fully participate in every aspect of life they choose**.

MOUs

As Vision Australia is committed to working together to **close the gap on eye health** our Senior Managers are in agreement that **MOUs** be developed to **ensure respectful relationships** in the delivery of services. MOUs can cover a number of elements of service delivery.

Did you know?

- Vision loss accounts for 11% health gap
- Blindness rates are 6 times higher in Indigenous adults
- Many people with other disabilities also have vision loss to consider e.g. up to 75% children with Cerebral Palsy
- Vision Australia is a charity that supports people with blindness and low vision

Taylor HR, Jatkar U, Anjou M (2015)

The roadmap to close the gap for vision: summary report September 2015
Melbourne: Indigenous Eye Health Unit, the University of Melbourne



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A Message from Kevin

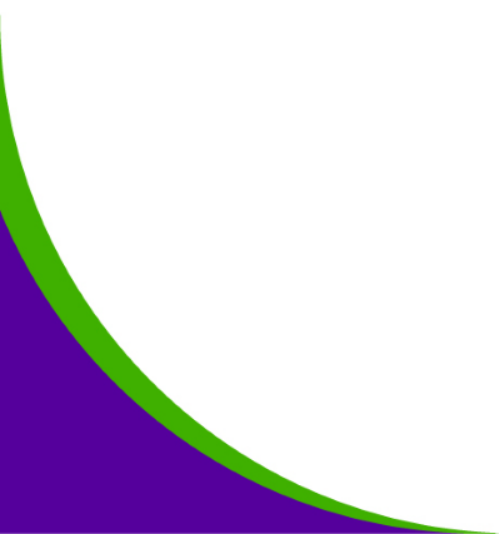


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Feedback



Cataracts

- Blurred vision
- Sensitivity to glare
- Reduced ability to perceive colours
- By 80 most people will have some degree of cataract

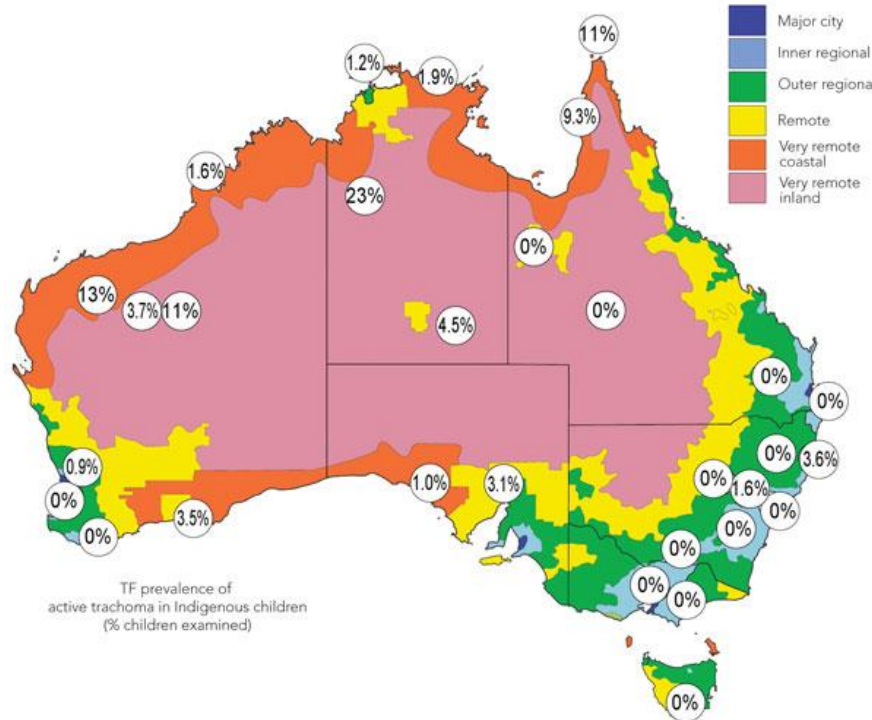


Diabetic Retinopathy

- Reduced vision
- Sensitivity to glare
- Decreased night vision
- Approximately 15% of people with diabetes have diabetic retinopathy*



Trachoma



Taylor, H. Fox, S. Xie, J., Dunn, R. A., Anna-Lena M, R Arnold & Keeffe, J.E. (2010).
The prevalence of trachoma in Australia: the National Indigenous Eye Health Survey
Med J Aust, 192 (5), 248-253.

Aged-Related Macular Degeneration

- Blurring of central vision
- Loss of ability to see fine detail
- Need for more light
- Leading cause of blindness for people over 55



Glaucoma

- Reduced side vision
- Blurring of central vision in advanced cases
- Genetically inherited



Retinitis Pigmentosa

- Tunnel vision
- Night blindness
- Progressive and degenerative
- Hereditary and currently no treatment



Children

- Genetic
- Maternal infection during pregnancy
- Extreme prematuring
- Tumours, injury, poisons

An estimated 1: 2500 children in Australia has a vision impairment not correctable with glasses

Bigger



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*Google images



*www.nib.org.uk

*www.visionaustralia.org

*www.humanware

Bolder



Brighter

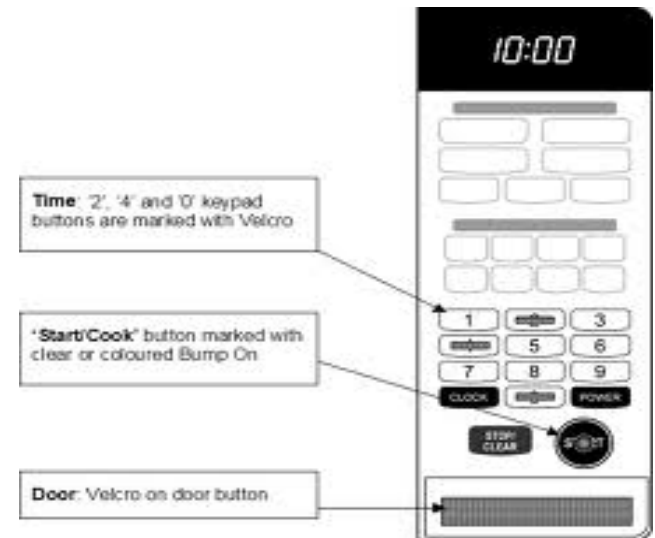


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*www.visionaustralia.org

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Office and service locations



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MAP SYMBOLS



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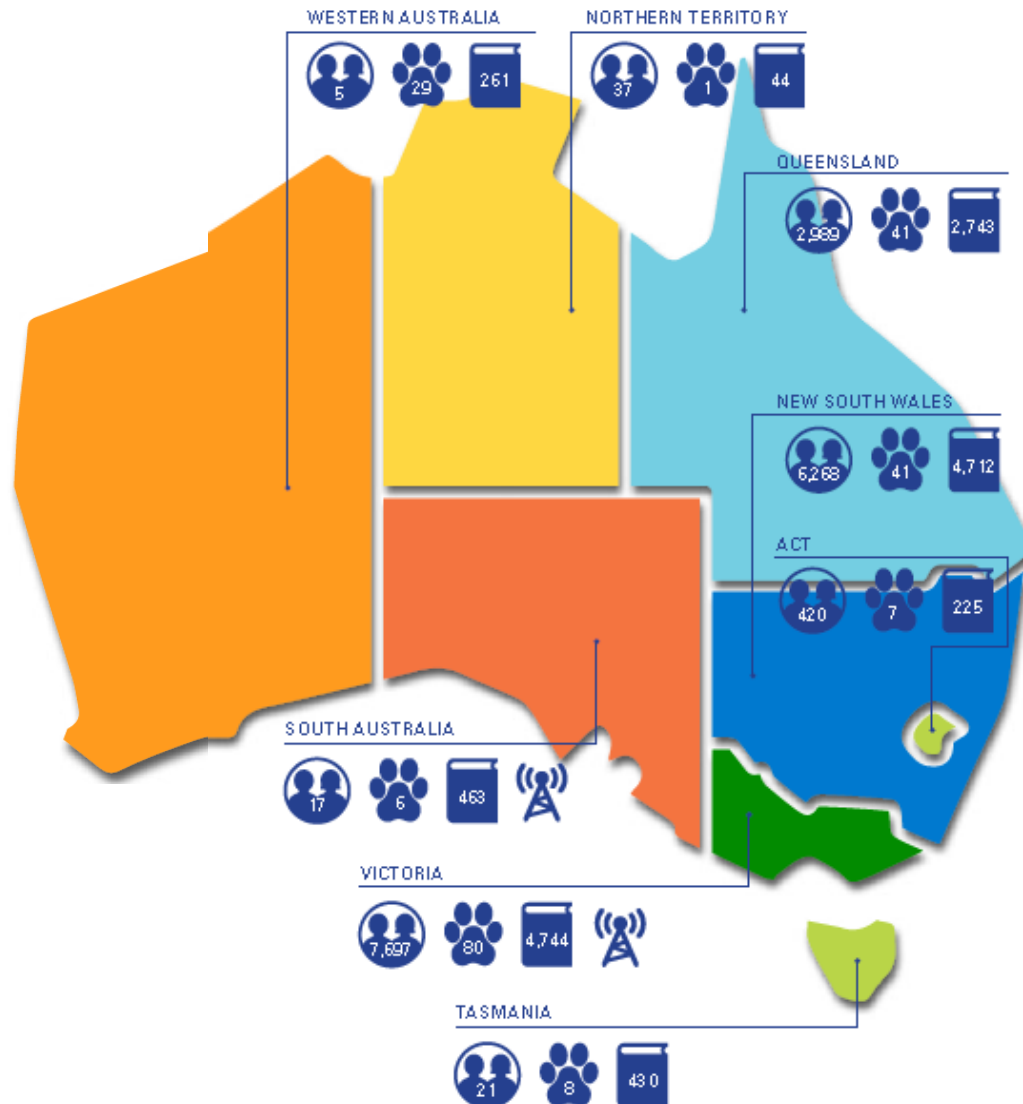


LIBRARY SERVICE CLIENTS



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Referral Process



- **Phone:** **1300 84 74 66 (national)** or contact your local centre
- **Email:** **referrals@visionaustralia.org** Note: please include your patient's name, address and contact phone number. Tell us if you'd like us to contact the person directly or contact you. Please include any other relevant details.
- **Fax:** 1300 84 73 29
- **Write:** Vision Australia, PO Box 176, Burwood, NSW, 2134

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