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Alfie’s triumph at Christmas

Four-year-old Alfie is stepping out, with a little help from Vision Australia.

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**Season’s Greetings!**

**. . . from the CEO of Vision Australia**

**WELCOME TO VISION AUSTRALIA’S CAROLS BY** Candlelight, a fabulous tradition where families  all across Australia join to celebrate Christmas.

Children and their families are the focus of Carols by Candlelight. From celebrating big milestones, to sharing small moments of joy, Vision Australia works with 2,400 children and their families nationally, to provide expert services.

We invite you to join us in a moment of Christmas joy and generosity, to help raise funds to  continue our services for children.   With your help, Vision Australia can  make the future 4x Brighter for  children who are blind or have  low vision, and their families.

Merry Christmas!

**RON HOOTON**

CEO, VISION AUSTRALIA

**. . . from the CEO of Priceline Pharmacy**

At Priceline Pharmacy we are incredibly proud to be the presenting partner for Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight. This historic event is loved by so many Australians, including our customers. No matter what age you are, when it comes to Christmas Eve, it is a tradition to be on your TV screen, unless you’re lucky enough to be seeing it live.

Christmas is such an important time of year for Priceline Pharmacy as we celebrate within our stores and local communities. As Australia’s leading health and beauty store we’re here to help you and your families feel beautiful inside and out through the holiday season.

On behalf of the Priceline Pharmacy family, I wish you a very happy Christmas and safe holiday season ahead.

**RICHARD VINCENT**CEO AND MANAGING DIRECTOR, PRICELINE PHARMACY

**. . . from the MD  of Nine Melbourne**

Nine is very proud to be partnering once again with Vision Australia to broadcast the 81st Carols by Candlelight. Returning to the stage will be Nine’s Sonia Kruger and David Campbell to co-host the Christmas tradition featuring Australia’s top entertainers.

In support of Vision Australia, 100% of profits from ticket sales on the night will go towards services for children and their families who are blind or have low vision, ensuring they are well-equipped to lead a full life.

On behalf of the Nine Network I’d like to wish you, and those close to you, a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**MATT SCRIVEN**MANAGING DIRECTOR, NINE MELBOURNE

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**A story of  hope and  determination**

**“I STARED INTENTLY INTO MY** **SECOND** baby Alfie’s eyes, desperately trying to remember if it was something I’d seen before. ‘I’m being silly,’ I told myself and picked him up again, his warm face resting up against mine.”

“It was a few weeks later I was looking adoringly into those same eyes when I saw it again, his eyes were constantly ‘flickering’. It was no longer a surprise as I was noticing it all the time now.”

Diana Fisk, mother to William (6) and Alfie (4) recalls her first few months with Alfie with a heavy heart but, as Alfie prepares for kinder next year, she and husband Rob have a new determination and a positive outlook on the amazing things that Alfie will be able to achieve.

After Alfie was diagnosed with Nystagmus – a condition of involuntary (or voluntary, in rare cases) eye movement, that may result in reduced or limited vision – there were tears, but surprisingly, through those tears came something different.

“This challenge could shape him in  a way we never could have imagined.”

The sadness and fear started shifting for Diana and her husband Rob as they realised that along with this diagnosis there was the hope of something new. They decided not to think about the limitations and focus on empowering Alfie. “We now understood the challenge that had been dealt to our little boy,” Rob says.

They made a decision right there and then that they would take his lead on the life he would live. He would literally be viewing the world in a different way, and they could only imagine what he would be capable of with that unique perspective.

To help accomplish that, the family reached out to Vision Australia, firstly to get support and helpful information via its website and more recently to help to prepare Alfie for his first big milestone – going to kinder next year.

Alfie’s Vision Australia specialist Sue, will visit Alfie at home regularly and will also go along to the kinder with the family to talk to the staff, explore the school and visit the classroom to make sure that everything runs as smoothly as possible for Alfie. “He can’t see things in the distance, so Sue and the teaching staff will also ensure he has a front-row seat in the classroom!,” Diana adds.

And, the Vision Australia team will be there for Alfie, as he discovers his personal challenges. Support varies, from orientation and mobility training, provision of Feelix library kits, his education and even helping with employment.

“It’s amazing to have such expertise available to ensure that Alfie is able to fulfil any dream that he may have growing up,” says Diana as she reaches out to the Australian community. “With your help to support Vision Australia, fears can be replaced by determination, by pride and by hope.”

**Alfie with Louise from the Feelix Library**

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**“We now  understood  the challenge that had been dealt to our  little boy.”**

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We want  to make  Christmas

**4x Brighter**

for kids who are blind  or have  low vision.

**4x Brighter**

**Your donation will have 4x the impact this Christmas Eve ONLY, thanks to the matching donations of the Vision Australia Community.**

**$50 will turn into $200 of impact for these kids to reach their dreams.**

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**WIN a family pass to Vision  Australia’s  Carols by  Candlelight**

**Pack a picnic, dust off your Santa hats, and get ready to join us in the  Vision Australia Family Zone,  right at the front of the lawn!**

**To enter simply head to**[**carols.visionaustralia.org/family**](http://carols.visionaustralia.org/family)**and tell us in 25 words or less why your family is excited for Carols by Candlelight.**

\*Terms and conditions apply.  Visit [carols.visionaustralia.org/family](http://carols.visionaustralia.org/family)  for full details.  Entries close Wednesday, 19 December 2018.

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**Celebrate Christmas around town**

**Here are some ideas for families who want to keep their Christmas spirits up …**

**Boho Luxe Christmas Market**

All your Christmas shopping can be done in style at the Boho Luxe Christmas Market. A curated selection of makers and designers, many of whom are not available elsewhere in Melbourne, will be selling candles, jewellery, pet products, kids wear, artwork and more.

**FEDERATION SQUARE, DECEMBER 9**

**Make Believe**

The magical Make Believe: The Story of the Myer Christmas Windows exhibition is an exclusive exploration of the quirky characters and fairytale displays of one of Melbourne’s most cherished traditions, 63 years since it first delighted audiences of all ages.

**MELBOURNE MUSEUM,  OPENS NOVEMBER 17**

**The Boulevard Lights**

Residents of the Boulevard in Ivanhoe have been showcasing some of Melbourne’s biggest and brightest Christmas lights since the 1950s, with thousands of visitors flocking to the street to witness the dazzling displays over the years. Community groups provide food, coffee and entertainment.

**IVANHOE BOULEVARD,  DECEMBER 15-24**

**Santa’s Christmas Spectacular**

In a fun-filled circus adventure set in Santa’s magical workshop, the head elf, a snow fairy, Rudolph and the man in red himself, dazzle children and families. Santa’s Christmas Spectacular features a cast of singing and dancing characters performing hilarious acrobatics.

**WONDERLAND JUNIOR, DOCKLANDS, UNTIL DECEMBER 23**

**What’s lighting up Melbourne**

Fed Square hosts a 16-metre-tall Christmas Tree, a Giant Christmas Bauble, and a Gingerbread Village; sculptures in Docklands are lit up with interactive projections; Santa awaits a visit to his new home at the Town Hall and homes along Thomson Street in Northcote are decked out to impress.

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS  THROUGHOUT DECEMBER**

**Join us for Carols by Candlelight**

Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight, presented by Priceline Pharmacy, is Australia’s premier Christmas extravaganza! Pack a picnic, dust off your Santa hats and head down to Sidney Myer Music Bowl to experience the magic of this annual tradition. Tickets available from carolsbycandlelight.com.au

**SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL,  REHEARSAL NIGHT DECEMBER 23**

**MAIN NIGHT DECEMBER 24**

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**What we do  with your help . . .**

Vision Australia provides **$4.3m**  of unfunded support every year to children  who are blind or have low vision

In 2017, **$2.8m** was raised for  children’s services in just 24 hours  during the 4x Brighter campaign

Almost **2,400** children  are supported across Australia

Provide **2.5** **million**  minutes of services

**1,412** Feelix reading kits are borrowed, which enable literacy  for our youngest clients

**298** hours are dedicated  to recreation services,  in the six months  immediately following  Carols by Candlelight

**Children’s services**

**Vision Australia assists families to help their children achieve the greatest levels of independence.**

• **MOBILITY SERVICES** To help children develop skills to move around safely

• **PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL & SPEECH THERAPIES** To develop everyday living skills such as getting dressed

• **COUNSELLING** With the input of parents and other role models, we offer support to children and their families

• **EARLY EDUCATION** Services such as the Feelix Library help children to learn in a unique, sensory way to support literacy

• **BRAILLE AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY** To enable children to enter mainstream education using the techniques of their choice to read and write

• **HOLIDAY PROGRAMS** A range of fun, educational activities that strengthen a sense of belonging and  social inclusion

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**Carols by Candlelight  Christmas Festival**

**LEGO Classic Zone**

**Hey Duggee ClubHouse · Tea Cup Ride**

**Massage Zone · Fun Photos**

**Western Bulldogs interactive games and prizes**

**Villa Maria Wine Garden and Food Trucks**

**Open  Rehearsal Night 23 Dec &  Main Event  24 Dec**

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon in the Christmas Festival, with a huge range of  family-friendly activities to keep you entertained before the show begins!

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Thanks to our Christmas Festival Partners

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**The future  is bright**

Every child should have the chance to shine. They should be able to read and play and make friends, but when you’re legally blind, every day is that much harder.  Read on to discover how, with the help of Vision Australia’s Children’s Services teams, these four incredible kids are overcoming their disability to achieve amazing things and inspire us all.

**ZAVIER**

The science guy

**“Someone pointed out that his eyes were moving a lot; he was my first child so I didn’t really know any different. Once we connected with Vision Australia, Zavier came on in leaps and bounds.”**  STACEY, ZAVIER’S MUM

Eight-year-old Zavier has great ambitions, is an expert in dinosaurs, loves monster trucks, plays soccer, and is non-stop high energy and fun to be with. His career goal right now is to be a “scientologist”. For him, this is a combination of being a scientist and a palaeontologist (a dinosaur guy)!

His rare eye condition, Leber’s congenital amaurosis, has left him with very little vision. Zavier can only see very bright lights or contrasting colours. The small amount of vision he has is very blurry, he’s colour-blind, and he really struggles to read, even with the help of a magnifier. Vision Australia’s tailored support looks at all aspects of Zavier’s wellbeing. It’s not just the tools he can use to read or where he sits in class that matters, it’s also important that Zavier can  feel safe at school.

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**JETT**

Reaching for the stars

**“Our time in hospital seemed like months, but it was only weeks. Thanks to Vision Australia’s Feelix Library, Jett was able to listen to Harry Potter audiobooks all the way through – and then from the beginning again! This really helped us all through that time.”**  LUKE, JETT’S FATHER

Christmas time is bitter-sweet for Jett and his family. After suffering optic atrophy following emergency surgery for a brain tumour, Jett woke up on Christmas morning in 2015 unable to see.

The team at Vision Australia were there right from the very first days of Jett’s recovery, helping him to be the best he can be.

Over the past two years, Jett has competed at the State Zone Swimming Championships, run in a five-kilometre fun run, played saxophone in the school band and learnt how to code using screen reader software.

But Jett’s true passion lies in science, technology and discovery so he was thrilled to be the first primary school student in NSW to be granted a scholarship to go to Space Camp at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Alabama in October.

**MARK**

Sporting champion

**“Even though I can’t see what’s happening on the field, when I’m sitting in the crowd I still get that same feeling of excitement, and just being in that atmosphere is one of my favourite things.”** MARK

While the word football can mean many different things to many different people, for Mark it means one thing – fun. With a list of teams from home and abroad that he follows religiously, 13-year-old Mark can’t get enough football no matter the code.

Since the age of nine, Mark has been legally blind due to a tumour on his optic nerve caused by a form of cancer known as medulloblastoma, and although he can no longer see his favourite players in action, Mark’s enthusiasm for sport, and his support of all things football, has not been dampened.

The team at Vision Australia have helped Mark to regain his confidence and have given him and his family the tools to ensure that he can do anything he sets his mind to. He went to the tryouts for his school rugby and soccer teams, where he is now team manager for both, he’s played a bit of the Paralympic sport of goalball and he is now looking to join the NSW blind soccer program.

**SORA**

Technology guru

**“I don’t really know how to explain it. We didn’t expect it at all, we didn’t have any family history with eye conditions so it really came as a shock.”**MAKI, SORA’S MUM

Soon after Sora was born her family noticed a possible issue with her eyes. This led to a trip to an eye specialist that resulted in a diagnosis of microphthalmia and coloboma - congenital issues that affect the development of the eye.

Thankfully, an almost immediate referral from the same specialist put Sora on the path to the support she needed. Working with Vision Australia’s Early Childhood Intervention team, Sora soon began to receive the support she needed to develop like any child her age.

More recently, this seven-year-old has been introduced to the world of assistive technology. For just less than a year, Sora has been using IrisVision, a revolutionary device that combines virtual reality and powerful magnification technology to allow her to do everyday things like read, watch TV and take in the world around her.

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**The Holy City**

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Last night I lay a-sleeping

There came a dream so fair

I stood in old Jerusalem

Beside the temple there

I heard the children singing

And ever as they sang

Me thought the voice of angels

From heav’n in answer rang

Me thought the voice of angels

From heav’n in answer rang

Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Lift up your gates and sing

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna to your King

The streets no longer rang

Hushed were the glad Hosannas

The little children sang

The sun grew dark with mystery

The morn was cold with chill

As the shadow of the cross arose

Upon a lonely hill

As the shadow of the cross arose

Upon a lonely hill

Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Hark now the angels sing

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna to your King

Then once again the scene was changed

New earth there seemed to be

I saw the Holy City

Beside the tideless sea

The light of God was on its streets

Its gates were open wide

And all who would might enter

And no-one was denied

No need of moon nor stars by night

Nor sun to shine by day

It was the new Jerusalem

That would not pass away

It was the new Jerusalem

That would not pass away

Jerusalem, Jerusalem

Sing for the night is o’er

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna forever more

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna forever more

**Deck The Halls**

Public Domain

Deck the halls with boughs of holly.

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Tis’ the season to be jolly,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Troll the ancient Christmas carol,

Fa la la, la la la, la la la.,

See the blazing Yule before us,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Strike the harp and join the chorus,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry Christmas

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

While I tell of Yuletide treasure,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fast away the old year passes,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Sing we joyous, all together,

Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Heedless of the wind and weather,

Fa la la la la, la la la la la la la la

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**Hallelujah Chorus**

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Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

(repeat)

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah

(repeat twice)

The Kingdom of this world

Is become the Kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ, and of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever

(repeat three times)

King of Kings

Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And Lord of Lords

Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah

(repeat)

King of Kings

Forever and ever Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

And He shall reign, and He shall reign

And He shall reign, and He shall reign

Forever and ever

King of Kings

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

And Lord of Lords

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

He shall reign forever and ever

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

He shall reign forever and ever

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Halle-lu-jaaaah

**The First Noel**

Public Domain

The first Noel the Angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds

In fields as they lay

In fields where they lay

Keeping their sheep

On a cold winter’s night

That was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star

Shining in the East beyond them far

And to earth it gave a great light

And so it continued both day and night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord

Sing praises to our heav’nly Lord

That hath made Heav’n and earth of naught

And with his blood mankind hath bought

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the King of Israel

“Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight connects memory, community and tradition, in one soaring emotional experience!”  **RON HOOTON**

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**O Holy Night**

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O holy night

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night of the dear Saviour’s birth

Long lay the world

In sin and error pining

Till He appeared and the soul felt His worth

The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices

For yonder grace a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees

Oh hear the angel voices

O night divine

O night, when Christ was born

O night divine

O night, O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another

His law is love and His gospel is peace

Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother

And in His name all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord

His name, forever praise we

Noel, noel, O night, O night divine

Noel, noel, O night, O night divine

Noel, noel, Oh night, Oh holy night

“I love Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight because when you look out at the crowd, everybody is singing as one.  I love it when you can see families singing together.”  **DAVID CAMPBELL**

**Ding Dong Merrily on High**

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Ding dong, ding dong

Ding dong, ding dong

Ding dong, merrily on high

In heaven the bells are ringing

Ding dong, verily the sky

Is riven with angel singing

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

E’en so here below, below

Let steeple bells be swungen

And io, io, io

By priest and people sungen

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Pray you, dutifully prime

Your matin chime, ye ringers

May you beautifully rhyme

Your eve-time song, ye singers

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis

“I think all the candles would be my favourite thing at Carols by Candlelight!”  **JETT**

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**Angels We Have Heard On High**

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Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o’er the plain

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heavenly song?

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see

He whose birth the angels sing

Come adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord our newborn King

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

Glor-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-or-oria

In excelsis Deo

**What Child Is This**

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What Child is this who, laid to rest

On Mary’s lap, is sleeping?

Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping?

Oh raise, oh raise a song on high

His mother sings a lullaby

Joy, oh joy for Christ is born

The Babe, the Son of Mary

This, this is Christ the King

Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing

Haste, haste, to bring Him praise

The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh

Come peasant, king to own Him

The King of kings, salvation brings

Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King

Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing

Haste, haste, to bring Him praise

The Babe, the Son of Mary

This, this is Christ the King

Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing

Haste, haste, to bring Him praise

The Babe, the Son of Mary

“I love Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight because it’s the night before Christmas and everybody is in a festive mood. I love seeing the children in the audience and how mesmerised by Christmas they are.”  **SONIA KRUGER**

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**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

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Hark the Herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Peace on earth and mercy mild

God and sinners reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise

Join the triumph of the skies

With angelic host proclaim

Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav’n adored

Christ the everlasting Lord

Late in time behold him come

Offspring of a virgin’s womb

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see

Hail the incarnate Deity

Pleased as man with man to dwell

Jesus our Emmanuel

Hark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav’n born Prince of peace

Hail the Son of Righteousness

Light and life to all he brings

Risen with healing in his wings

Mild he lays his glory by

Born that man no more may die

Born to raise the sons of earth

Born to give them second birth

Hark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

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O come all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Thee

Born the King of Angels

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Yea Lord, we greet Thee

Born this happy morning

O Jesus, to Thee be glory giv’n

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels

Sing in exultation

O sing all ye citizens of heav’n above

Glory to God

In the highest glory

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord

“My favourite part about  Carols by Candlelight  is everything!  I like it all!”  **ZAVIER**

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**Volunteers –  The heart and soul  of our community**

**THE WORSNOPS ARE A FAMILY** with a wealth of spirit, nurtured by boundless generosity. They give because they want to, and they expect nothing in return. Volunteers like these are the heart and soul of our community.

Lifelong volunteer, Paul Worsnop, is a catalyst for the continuing family tradition of volunteering at Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight. This year, Paul and brother Christopher will celebrate 45 years since the Worsnop family took over the running of one of the merchandise stalls, with their parents and grandmother.

Paul recalls that the original stall was near a little bridge over a pond: “The Sidney Myer Music Bowl was a different venue then. It was an integral part of the park without any fences or grass banks.” The only problem with that, Paul says, is that “the biggest bill was the cleaning bill,” as the council rallied to get the park ready for Christmas Day picnics.

For the past 25 years, the families’ merchandising stall has been in a fixed position on the bank inside the Sidney Myer Music Bowl; stall number four. The Worsnop team consists of 10 volunteers ranging in age from 60 years to 12 months old, comprising children, siblings, in-laws, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, so the team always has plenty of support. “It’s part of our upbringing, and as we get older, we continue to encourage the younger generation to pay it forward.”

As a family, they engage with the event by serving. Others engage through attending year after year, or by huddling around a television. “The gift that Vision Australia has given to Melbourne and Australia over the years, is returned not only by the generous giving to the cause of Vision Australia, but the community’s growing understanding of what it means to be blind or have low vision,” adds Paul.

Vision Australia’s Carols by Candlelight is all about the memories for the Worsnops. “If we didn’t go to Carols, it would be like there wasn’t any Christmas,” says Paul. And, having seen that sea of candles over so many years, Paul believes that if anyone wants the best photograph of Christmas, this would be it: “The image of Christmas for Australia.”

**The Worsnops with Pete Smith. From left: James, (Pete Smith), Paul, Christopher, Samuel, John, Sandy, Katherine and Nathan.**

**“If we didn’t go to Carols, it would be like there wasn’t any Christmas.”**

**If you or any of your friends and family are interested in learning more about volunteering with Vision Australia, please call us on: 1300 84 74 66 or email: volunteer@visionaustralia.org.**

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**Design a Christmas  inspired Guernsey**

**Submit a photo of your  design to WIN a Western  Bulldogs Prize Pack\*  Submit your entry to:  visionaustraliacarolscompetition.com**

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