



# 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

Alfie with Louise from the Felix Library

"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 Felix 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."



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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  
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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

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*Make Believe:  
The Story of the  
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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

### 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



### 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

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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** Felix 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 Felix 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

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Massage Zone • Fun Photos  
Western Bulldogs interactive games and prizes  
Villa Maria Wine Garden and Food Trucks

Open  
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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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## 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.

# 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.



## 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

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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

# 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

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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  
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connects memory,  
community and  
tradition, in one  
soaring emotional  
experience!”

RON HOOTON







# 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

# 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-or-oria  
In excelsis Deo  
Glor-or-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-or-oria  
In excelsis Deo  
Glor-or-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-or-oria  
In excelsis Deo  
Glor-or-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-or-oria  
In excelsis Deo



"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



# 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

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The Babe, the Son of Mary







## 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



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

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."



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.

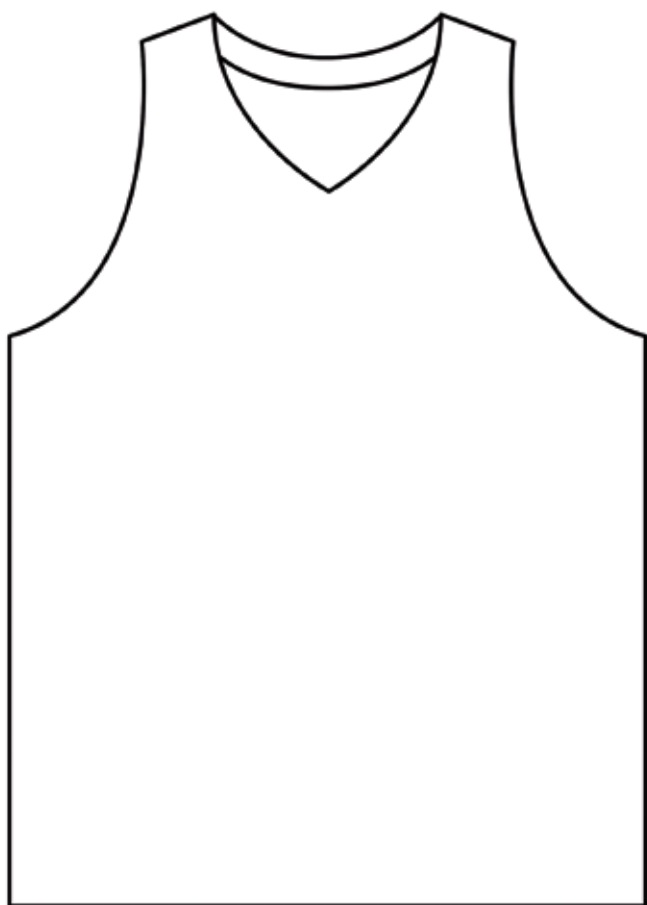
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