

VISION AUSTRALIA'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT PARTNERS WITH LEADING AUSTRALIAN INSURER AAMI AND WELCOMES AUDIENCE MEMBERS TO HELP CELEBRATE ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BELOVED TRADITIONS



Tickets on sale Thursday November 17 at 2pm

Vision Australia is thrilled to announce AAMI as the official presenting partner for the 84th Carols by Candlelight, held at Art Centre Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl this Christmas Eve.

In a year when so many friends and families have been kept apart, Vision Australia is also excited to confirm that up to a 10,000-strong audience will be invited back, in line with the Victorian Government's post-lockdown framework.

Vision Australia CEO Ron Hooton said, "We are truly thrilled to welcome back the thousands of people who make the annual trip to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Christmas Eve. Coming together as a family is what this event is all about, which is why we're delighted AAMI will be by our side as the official presenting partner this year.

"Vision Australia has provided over 150 years of support services, aids and equipment to help people who are blind or have low vision to live the life they choose and it's because of these shared values that partnerships like this one will go a long way towards helping the over 2,300 families whose children rely upon our services each year," he added.

Since 1969, AAMI has played an incredible role helping generations of Australians overcome adversity. Supporting Australians during tough times, AAMI is an organisation synonymous with the principles that Vision Australia applies in helping families and their children achieve the greatest levels of independence.

Suncorp CEO Insurance Product and Portfolio Lisa Harrison said, "At AAMI, actions speak louder than words and we really felt that this was an important way for our organisation to give back at Christmas

time and help children in need. As one of Australia's leading insurers, we know the important role we play in supporting communities and we're proud to be helping families and children through Vision Australia in this way.

"Live entertainment has been one of the hardest hit industries during this global pandemic and we understand the joy that this incredible and iconic event brings to families and the local communities. We look forward to supporting our top Australian musical performers and we welcome the opportunity to be a part of this iconic musical tradition," she added.

The Sidney Myer Music Bowl will again be the epicentre of Christmas celebrations and event organisers will take every reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of all patrons, artists and staff. The event will operate under the Art Centre Melbourne's COVIDSafe and Wellbeing Plan and will be a fully vaccinated event for those 12 years and over.

Tickets to Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight presented by AAMI will go on sale Wednesday November 17 at 2pm AEST.

To book tickets, go to www.carolsbycandlelight.com.au.

As always, Channel 9 will broadcast the whole show live from 8pm on Christmas Eve, as well as a replay on Christmas Day. 2UE 954 in Sydney, 4BH in Brisbane and Magic 1278 in Melbourne will have a simulcast of the event for your listening pleasure, while Vision Australia Radio will provide professional audio description through their local stations and online.

The new partnership between Vision Australia and AAMI was facilitated by The Partner Group.

About Vision Australia

Vision Australia is a leading provider of blindness related services. We offer a wide range of services, equipment and training so people who are blind or have low vision can live the life they choose. Whether it's at home, work, school or in the community, our expert staff provide clients across all age groups with skills and tools to help lead active, safe and independent lives.

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