



Employment Information Pack

We've provided all the information we think you might need in order to decide if you'd like to pursue a career with the Association for the Blind of WA.

All appointments to our paid and voluntary staff are conditional on provision of a current Police Clearance certificate and a Working with Children clearance.

Some Information about Vision Impairment

Research suggests that there are at least 40,000 people who are blind or severely vision impaired in WA.

- Around half a million adults across the nation are blind or vision impaired. This figure is predicted to rise by 57% between 2003 and 2016.
- The most common causes of blindness are age-related macular degeneration (50%), glaucoma (16%) and cataract (11%).
- Half of all vision impairment is treatable and a quarter is preventable.
- The prevalence of vision loss trebles with each decade over the age of 40.
- The indirect cost of vision loss to the community is \$4.2 billion.

Vision loss can be prevented or minimised by:

- Wearing sunglasses and hats when outdoors (at all ages).
- Having regular eye checks.
- Being a non-smoker.
- Eating a healthy diet and taking regular exercise.

Even if you decide not to follow through on this enquiry, we hope we have helped you to take care of your vision.

Source: Clear Focus The Economic Impact of Vision Loss in Australia in 2009.

Who We Are

The Association for the Blind – Guide Dogs WA is the leading provider of services to people who are blind or vision impaired in WA.

Our history dates back to 1913 and we have come a long way as an organisation since then. We are located on Kitchener Avenue in Victoria Park (just across the road from the Victoria Park train station, only a few minutes ride from Perth CBD). We also have offices in Albany, Bunbury and Geraldton and work to provide services across as much of the State as we can.

Our range of services cover all aspects of a person's life, including working closely with their families and local communities.

We provide services across the lifespan, with particular emphasis on young people and seniors, who make up the majority of our clients. Our number of clients increases each year, as does the need for us to reach more people who may benefit from our services.

Being connected with us can, quite literally, transform a person's life. That's one of the great things about working with us; what we do really can – and does – make a big difference to the impact vision loss has on someone's life.

How We Help

Our organisation fills a variety of roles, but our main aim is to minimise the impact of vision loss on the Western Australian community. Our services include:

1. Vision Management Services for Adults
2. Services and support for Children and their Families
3. Confident Living Program
4. Orientation and Mobility Training and guide Dog Services
5. Industry Skills Training to support employment
6. Library and information Services.

What it's like to work with us

The Association is a diverse organisation with a large range of different careers and occupations ranging from highly skilled professional staff to equally skilled support staff. We have over 120 members of staff and dozens of volunteers. We try hard to be as inclusive as possible and we pride ourselves on promoting a community atmosphere. We have a café and a well-equipped staff kitchen. There is a gym on site with shower facilities.

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