

# Lions District 410W Sight Newsletter



**A**s I am sure you all know BrightSight is a 410 Multiple District project, and it is therefore important for all the Clubs in the Multiple District to support this project. My goal for the year was to increase the number of prescriptions received at BrightSight from District 410W and we have had some success. In 2020 for the 6 months of July to December 55 scripts were processed and this year over the same period 116 scripts were processed, more than double the previous year, which is a big improvement. Thank you to all those Clubs who have supported BrightSight so far this year. That is the good news and now for the not so good news: for the same period in 2019, 190 scripts were processed at BrightSight, so we are not yet back at the 2019 levels yet. I do however realise that Covid has had a significant negative impact on many Clubs' service activities.

For those Clubs who have been involved in the Lions Vision or Sight program, it is a really an easy activity for any Lions Club to do. You just need to enlist of your local optometrist (some will charge a nominal fee, but many will do it for free as their social responsibility) to do a screening of the patient. The script form is available for download on the BrightSight website and once completed by the optometrist can be emailed to Kirsty MacKenzie at [manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za](mailto:manager@lionsbrightsight.co.za). The spectacles will then be delivered by Seabourne Couriers for free to a business address of your choice in your town or city.

The following Clubs in District 410W have reported sight related activity on MyLion since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021:

- Sedgfield
- Paarl
- Gordons Bay
- Athlone
- Cape Town
- Knysna
- George
- Hout Bay
- Moorreesburg
- Merriman
- Wellington
- Grootfontein
- Fish Hoek
- Bergvliet
- Tokai
- Worcester
- Durbanville
- Malmesbury
- Mitchells Plain
- Uniondale
- Tableview

I do realise some Clubs use BrightSight, while others are involved with the Jonga Trust or other organisations helping patients with spectacles or sight related problems, but the point is that you are keeping up the Lions "Vision" dream. Well done all of you – you have accepted Helen Keller's challenge to Lions to become "Knights of the Blind".

Anyone who has ever handed a pair of spectacles to a child and seem the look on their face when they put the spectacles on and can see clearly for the first time in their lives will understand just how rewarding and important the Lions Sight program can be.

Just something to take note of, BrightSight used to known as LOBS (Lions Operation BrightSight), but because the word operation implied possible surgery (cataract operations, correcting squints etc.), which we are not involved in, the name was shortened to simply "Lions BrightSight".

I would encourage your Club to become involved in Sight or Vision related projects and if I can be of any assistance my cell is 0832540437 and my email is [peterdaniel@mweb.co.za](mailto:peterdaniel@mweb.co.za)

Yours in Lions,  
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