

CALENDAR ENTRY:

Title of Event: **WORLD GLAUCOMA WEEK 2012**
Organisation: Glaucoma Australia
Date: Sunday 11th March to Saturday 17th March 2012
Locality: National
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Description: Glaucoma is a worldwide epidemiological challenge affecting approximately four percent of the global population with an estimated 50 percent of glaucoma cases remaining undiagnosed. **World Glaucoma Week** seeks to raise awareness of this 'silent' eye condition.

In Australia, glaucoma is a major cause of sight loss in adults over the age of 40. There are generally no warning signs and is therefore often referred to as the 'sneak thief of sight'.

Australians will be encouraged during the week to undertake an eye check as early diagnosis and appropriate treatment are paramount in saving vision from glaucoma.