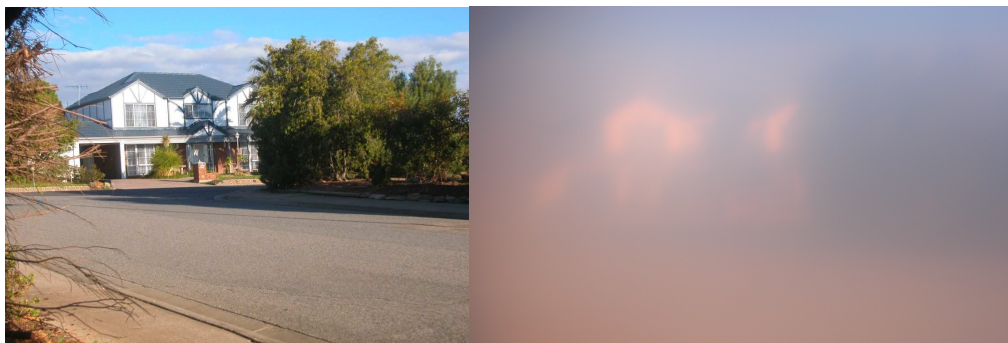


## **Report From End Trachoma by 20/20**

There is much activity as we aim to remove Trachoma from Australia by 2020.

Trachoma is the world's leading cause of infectious blindness. Some may know it as Sandy Blight. Trachoma spreads by personal contact (via hands, clothing, towels or bedding), or by flies in contact with infected discharge from the nose or eyes of children's faces.

The pictures below show a scene through healthy eyes and one with trachoma



Australia is the only developed country to have not eliminated this condition and rates are at endemic or hyper-endemic levels (Endemic meaning greater than 5% in the 'at-risk' population).

It is the most disadvantaged that suffer from Trachoma, especially in areas that have limited access to water and proper sanitation.

Trachoma is persisting in remote Aboriginal communities that still lack adequate washing facilities and education, and have poor sanitation and chronically overcrowded housing.

### **How can you help**

- Recycling used stamps - must have some envelope on outside.
- Showing the film Homeland after its release in October
- Providing hygiene packs
- Wateryard – The Wateryard has partnered with a select number of top Australian wineries to bring you premium quality and affordable wines. Your wine purchase will help fund community driven projects in remote Australia to end Trachoma by 2020.

## Work being done on the ground

Several pilot projects including

- Providing children with facility to wash their face – need for separate towels for each child to prevent cross examination
- Providing low cost washing machines for homes at retail cost \$100



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- Providing acrylic mirrors for homes (\$15 per mirror)
- Major infrastructure projects to improve access to water.

Would your Club or Group like a slide show presentation on End Trachoma by 2020 then contact Graeme Fischer on the district 9780 facebook page or by email [graeme.fischer@bigpond.com](mailto:graeme.fischer@bigpond.com)