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Society for
the Blind

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South Australian writer pens for local charity to celebrate 125 years.

Local writer and editor, David Sly, has penned a special 125th anniversary book for the Royal Society for the Blind (RSB).

Titled, 'The Vision to make a Difference' the celebratory book chronicles 125 years of RSB history, as well as current services and client stories, and will be previewed at a special reception at Government House on Wednesday, 9 December from 5:30pm.

South Australian Governor and RSB Patron, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce and Mrs Scarce will host a reception for more than 100 RSB clients, sponsors, donors, staff, friends and family, in celebration of this special milestone.

With more than 25 years experience in print journalism, from *The Advertiser* to *SA Life* magazine, as well as national and international publications, Sly enjoyed writing about a well-known South Australian institution.

"It was an honour to pen some of South Australia's richest history and be involved with the RSB's 125th anniversary," said Sly.

Featured in the book are historical photos of the original institute in Ebenezer Chapel, Brougham Place, as well as the opening of the Gilles Plains factory by Sir Mark Oliphant. Sly talks today's technology, from Braille keypads and computers with adaptive software (magnification and speech) to talking clocks, watches and phones. The 11 chapters thoroughly cover the RSB's past and ask all the important questions about the future, such as where does the RSB hope to be by its 150th anniversary.

All proceeds from every book sold will go towards assisting the RSB to provide care and services to more than 11,000 South Australians who are blind or vision impaired.

'The Vision to make a Difference' will be available in all formats, including large print, Braille and audio, and will be available for purchase from RSB's Knapman House, Pirie Street Adelaide, from January 2010. The RSB is the primary provider of services to people who are blind or vision impaired in South Australia.

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