



# Auslan Student Newsletter

## August/September 2008



**Welcome to the 22nd edition of the newsletter.**

I am sad to report that after three wonderful years of writing the Auslan Student Newsletter, this will be the last edition that I will be responsible for.

As many readers might know, this newsletter was started by DEN in August 2005, as a way of informing students about opportunities to practice their Auslan. At that time, it was a single-sided, one page newsletter, emailed to about forty students (mostly from DEN) who I thought might be interested in finding out about Auslan happenings, upcoming courses and employment opportunities in the Deaf community. Now it is an eight to ten page newsletter, sent out to over five hundred students, Deaf parents, teachers and members of the Deaf community, in all states of Australia, and sometimes overseas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many, many people who have supported this newsletter since its humble beginnings— without you, the Auslan Student Newsletter would never have made it this far.

**The very talented, Richard Aarden** — Thank you for your patience with me, your fantastic eye for colour and detail, your enthusiasm and your commitment to the newsletter (even when you had a million other things on your plate). I am sorry I have caused you bi-monthly stress for the last three years. May my successor be punctual, computer-savvy and deadline conscious.

**John O'Neill** — Thank you for your ongoing support and faith in my (sometimes crazy) ideas. You've been a brilliant boss, and I'll miss you going through my drawers, looking for chocolate.

**Anna Nardi** — Miss Anna, you are a ray of sunshine to work with and your sense of humour has saved me more times than I can count. You are the pink bits in my Turkish Delight.

**You guys! The newsletter readers** — Thank you for your emails, letters, poems, phone calls, updates, feedback, suggestions, travel stories, contributions and ongoing support. All along, this newsletter has been for you, and I couldn't have continued to do it without you. It has been an absolute pleasure.

Next month, after more than three and a half years with DEN, I will be stepping out of my role as Project Supervisor, to continue to focus on my interpreting career. The charming Anna Nardi, Program Supervisor of the Accredited Auslan courses here at DEN, will be taking the reins of the Auslan Student Newsletter, and I look forward to watching it continue to grow, change and flourish in her care.

With a tear in my eye, a bye for now and, as always, happy reading.

*Natalie Kull*

Project Supervisor,  
Accredited Auslan

(If you have any ideas for this newsletter, or would like to be included on the mailing list, please email Anna Nardi at [anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au) or call (02) 8833 3604. Snail mail newsletters are also available.)

## **Congratulations!**

- ⇒ Congratulations to DEN teacher **June Stathis**, on the birth of her beautiful son Levi Jayden. Jade is delighted to have a new brother to cuddle!
- ⇒ Congratulations to some recent winners! We love your work....

### **ASLIA NSW St Jerome Awards 2007**

**Paula Bun**- Paraprofessional Interpreter of the Year  
**Kathy Wright**- Professional Interpreter of the Year  
**Linda Warby**- Deaf Relay Interpreter of the Year  
**Westpac Banking Corporation**- Organisation Award  
**Linda Warby**- Interpreter of the Year

### **NSWAD Deaf Community Awards 2007**

**Stephen Lawlor**- Deaf Professional of the Year  
**SignPost**- Media Award  
**Westpac Banking Corporation**- Fair Go Award  
**Katrina Lancaster**- Deaf Youth of the Year  
**Kerry Priem**- Deaf Person of the Year

- ⇒ Congrats to **Danni Wright**, who was selected to present the Gift of Knowledge to Pope Benedict XVI, during the recent World Youth Day. Danni spoke to the Pope in Auslan, about her Deafness (which she described as a "gift from God"), in front of an estimated international audience of 500 million people. Impressive!



# Auslan Student Groups

## Glebe – NEW DATES

The perfect Saturday morning– some signing practice and a short stroll to Glebe markets.

**Where:** Near the fountain in Broadway Shopping Centre Food Court, top level.

**When:** Every second Sat morning, 10am-12pm. Next meetings are 23 August, 6 & 20 September 2008.

**Skill level:** Would suit CIA II or III students, and some community course students.

**How to get involved:**

Email Christine Murtagh at [christinemurtagh@yahoo.com.au](mailto:christinemurtagh@yahoo.com.au)

(Please include the word 'Auslan' in the subject line). *If you've been meaning to get to practice but for one reason or another haven't been able to manage it, think about heading down there this Sat or another meeting soon or else one day it may cease to be! If you do intend attending practice at some stage and want the group to continue, please email Christine so that she can gauge the current level of support.*

## Liverpool

One of the oldest groups in Sydney – they have been meeting for over 16 years.

**Where:** Liverpool Library.

**When:** Every Friday, 10am-12pm.

**Skill level:** Class-style group, suitable for beginners (community level).

**How to get involved:**

Contact Coordinator, Carmel Martin, at [c.martin@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:c.martin@liverpool.nsw.gov.au) or call (02) 9821 9450.

## Sydney City – NEW DATES

This *Coffee & Practice* group is a fun place to hang out on the way home from work.

**Where:** Wagamama restaurant, First Ground Floor (next level up from the station), The Galleries Victoria, Corner Park & Pitt St, City. This group also sometimes meets for dinner.

**When:** The first Thursday of every month.

**Time:** 5pm to 7pm (can stay bit longer or have a cuppa at Gloria's Jeans afterwards)

**Skill level:** Everyone welcome. Bring your friends or make new friends.

**How to get involved:**

Email Young-Joo Byun at [Young-Joo.Byun@lands.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Young-Joo.Byun@lands.nsw.gov.au) or SMS 0425 279 938 for more info.

## Central Coast

This group is organised in conjunction with Central Coast Deaf Group, to help students from TAFE, DEN and Uni mix with more Deaf people. Everyone (from beginners to interpreters) are warmly welcome. For more info about upcoming events contact Timothy Edwards at

[auslansocialgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:auslansocialgroup@hotmail.com)

## Art Gallery Auslan ★NEW CITY GROUP

On the last Sunday of every month there is a free Auslan interpreted tour at the Art Gallery of NSW. To coincide with this a new coffee and practice group has started. Practice with fellow Auslan students and then see an interpreter in action.

**Where:** Art Gallery of NSW Coffee Shop

**When:** Last Sunday of the month – Practice from 12.30pm then tour from 1.30pm (next meetings – 31 August, 28 September, 26 October)

**Skill level:** All skill levels welcome

**How to get involved:**

Email Karleena Marjoram at [karleena\\_marjoram@hotmail.com](mailto:karleena_marjoram@hotmail.com) or SMS 0418 746 480 for more info.

## Outer Western Sydney

The meetings for this group are on hold for the moment. If you have any questions about this group, or would like meet up for social events, please contact Laila Peters at [lpeters8@bigpond.com](mailto:lpeters8@bigpond.com) or call / SMS 0432 802 099 for more info.

## Eastern Suburbs—

### BIG CHANGES & SEEKING NEW IDEAS

This practice group wants to hear from enthusiastic students who are serious about improving fingerspelling readback skills and increasing their vocab.

"...We welcome your suggestions for activities and places to meet that suit everyone. Ideas include regular practice and meet for coffee, Voice Off dinner at a restaurant, attending Auslan interpreted events and chat afterwards, etc. Open to suggestion for dates & venue. Let's discuss via email.

Our group's aim is to continue to improve our signing after completion of DEN's courses...."

**Skill Level:** Suits CIA IV and beyond. All native Auslan users are appreciated and VERY welcome!

**How to get involved:**

Contact Sharon Rae at [sharonrae@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sharonrae@optusnet.com.au)

## The Deaf Club

Please note that we have a new Deaf social group starting this month and the website links are:

<http://au.geocities.com/esdcsydney/>

## Shellharbour/Wollongong area

These guys meet most weeks for a chat & coffee. There are many levels of Auslan skills, from beginner students right through to Deaf Auslan users. All are most welcomed by the group.

**Where:** Usually Micheles Patisserie at Warilla Grove Shopping Centre, although sometimes move to other places in the area for a change of scenery.

**When:** Most Tuesday's at 9:30am

**Skill level:** All skill levels welcome

**How to get involved:** Please contact Sara Willyan-Payne - voice / sms 0409 987 147 or email [beadfreak@bigpond.com](mailto:beadfreak@bigpond.com) for more details of when & where the next group will be meeting.



# What's On

## Upcoming ATOD Performance- 'Wild Boys'

*Wild Boys* is a physical movement piece, very different from anything ATOD has produced before. You will be amazed and excited by the level of skill and creativity in their fusion of sign language and physical movement/dance. Directed by Caroline Conlon, and devised by Caroline and the ensemble cast.

**When:** From 13– 29 November, 2008.

**Where:** Parade Theatre NIDA, Kensington.

For bookings and more info visit ATOD's website at [www.atod.org.au](http://www.atod.org.au)

## NSWAD Deaf Arts Festival

This is a great opportunity for Deaf people to express themselves through art including dance, paintings, photography, fashion, jewellery, etc. All Deaf and Hearing Impaired persons living in NSW can enter the Deaf Arts Festival competition – there are separate categories for school children and adults. During the festival there will be an official opening ceremony, awards ceremony, prizes, workshops and stalls.

**When:** 17-31 October, 2008

**Where:** Parramatta Artists Studio, 45 Hunter St, Parramatta.

Contact New South Wales Association of the Deaf (NSWAD) at [nswad@aad.org.au](mailto:nswad@aad.org.au) for an entry form or more info.

## Lord Mayor's Community Access Day, 2008

The 2008 Biennale of Sydney joins with Accessible Arts to celebrate **Lord Mayor's Community Access Day** on Saturday, 23 August. Following on from the success of last year's event, the Biennale of Sydney will again open up contemporary art to people with disabilities through special activities, tours and experiences. Free wheelchair friendly transport between venues will also be available on the day.



The daylong event, to be launched by **Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP**, will offer evocative audio descriptions and guided tours accompanied by Auslan interpreters. The **FREE** tours are designed to make art accessible to all by including tactile experiences, and easy to understand descriptions for people with intellectual disabilities at each of the venues.

These programs will be presented in the three major venues – Pier 2/3 (Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay); Museum of Contemporary Art (West Circular Quay) and The Art Gallery of New South Wales (The Domain). The **FREE accessible bus** will be circulating between Circular Quay, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Gallery of NSW and Pier 2/3 throughout the day enabling patrons to attend tours at all three venues.

**WHEN:** Sat, 23 Aug 08, 10am – 4.30pm (Auslan Interpreted Launch 10am – Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP at Pier 2/3)

**AUSLAN TOURS:** 10.30 am Auslan tour of Pier 2/3, 11.00 am Auslan tour of selected works at the Biennale at the MCA, 2.00 pm Auslan tour of selected works at the Biennale at the MCA, 1.30 pm Auslan tour of Art Gallery NSW.

**COST:** FREE!

**ACCESS INFORMATION:** For full access information on each of the venues please visit the Biennale website under 'Exhibition' and 'Venue' or click here: [www.bos2008.com/app/biennale/venues](http://www.bos2008.com/app/biennale/venues). Or contact Accessible Arts on 02 9251 6499 (ext 6), email [amclaren@aarts.net.au](mailto:amclaren@aarts.net.au).

For further info and bookings contact Accessible Arts 02 9251 6499 (ext 6) or email [amclaren@aarts.net.au](mailto:amclaren@aarts.net.au).

## Art Gallery of NSW Interpreted Tours



### Signing Art August & September 2008– Auslan Interpreted Art Gallery Tours

**Saturday 23 August – Lord Mayor's Community Access Day Special Event (see above)**

#### **31 August - *Earth, sky and paint***

How can a landscape reflect the artist and culture in which it was produced? Look at the works of artists who explore their feelings of connection to the land through their art. Following is ***Drawn into mime***, a family performance in which you will experience the talent, creativity and cheeky humour of Dennis Clare as he un.masks the world of art.

#### **28 September - *Love and death***

Succumb to the seductive world of art in the Age of Queen Victoria. Experience transcendental love, earthly beauty and tragic death in the work of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and the Victorian Olympians. Afterwards, take the kids to ***Australian Folklore*** as Gerard Cafe brings Australian legends and heroes to life in this interactive performance using stories and music.

(NB: Sometimes in their excitement to watch the interpreter, students have been known to stand in front of Deaf people during the tour. Please be aware of the communication needs of the people around you)

**When:** Sunday 31 August and Sunday 28 September.

**Where:** Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, Sydney.

**Time:** Meet in main foyer at 1:25pm for tour. Family event follows at 2:30pm – ask at Info desk for location.

**Cost:** FREE

Visit [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/events/accessible](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/events/accessible) or [www.gallerykids.com.au](http://www.gallerykids.com.au) for further information.



## Sporting News & Updates

### Southern Cross Deaf Rugby

Southern Cross Deaf Rugby is a recently established Deaf rugby union association for all Deaf people in Australia. Its aim is to develop a Deaf rugby union community and to build NSW and QLD Deaf Rugby Union test matches, including a proposal to organise and hold matches against the three New Zealand Deaf rugby union teams in their National Zone Championships during Easter 2009. Southern Cross Deaf Rugby will establish a regular competition with various local rugby union clubs in Australia every 3-4 months, so they can meet and get to know more Deaf players/people in our Australia Deaf Rugby Union community. For more information about this new association visit [www.southerncrossdeafrugby.beep.com](http://www.southerncrossdeafrugby.beep.com)

### Deaf Sports Australia Newsletter

Deaf Sports Australia (DSA) has a newsletter, "Deaf Sports Update" E-news, which is sent out at the beginning of each month. It is full of updates about sporting opportunities all over Australia. If you would like to subscribe or if you have any sporting events, information or results you would like to see included in next month's E-News, please email [dsa@deafsports.org.au](mailto:dsa@deafsports.org.au)

### Deaf Tennis Fun Day

Fun Day will involve stroke correction, drills and tennis specific games for all players, and will be held regardless of weather conditions. Players will be grouped according to age and/or ability. This event is limited to 16 participants so send in your enrolment form and money to Deaf Tennis NSW as soon as you can! Auslan interpreters will be provided. Open to all Deaf and hearing impaired players in NSW, from six years old to adults.

**When:** Sunday 31 August, 2008, 9am until 4.30pm.

**Where:** Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre, Rod Laver Drive, Sydney Olympic Park.

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person.

For more info or for an enrolment form contact Jitka Navratil at [jitkamn@gmail.com](mailto:jitkamn@gmail.com) or SMS 0403 952 450.

## Upcoming DEN Courses for Hearing Learners

Email Anna Nardi at [anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au) or call (02) 8833 3630 for more info about any of these fantastic voice-off courses and retreats or download an enrolment form at [www.deaf.nsw.edu.au/course.htm](http://www.deaf.nsw.edu.au/course.htm)

### The first ever AOW 3 is about to happen!!!

For the first time in the history of Auslan Only Weekends, DEN is proud to launch AOW 3. This challenging voice-off weekend is designed for competent signers, who wish to learn more about the art of storytelling, Deafblind communication, and team communication through Auslan. You will be guided and supported through structured language activities by 3 presenters, 8 Team Members and a Site Coordinator. Program includes a feedback session, group games and a treasure hunt... with a twist.

**When:** 7pm Friday 29 August – 4pm Sunday 31 August 2008

**Where:** The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy Beach (Sydney's Northern Beaches)

HURRY! Only a few places left. Minimum skill level = CIA 3 or equivalent. Please note: This AOW 3 will NOT be held at Stanwell Tops, as incorrectly printed in the recent DEN brochure.

### Auslan Only Weekend 1 & 2 – Semester 2, 2008

Get your enrolment in early and take advantage of our Early Bird rates! Minimum skill level = AOW 1– Auslan Only BBQ, AOW 2- Community course Sign Language 2 (or equivalent).

**When:** 7pm Friday 31 October – 4pm Sunday 2 November 2008

**Where:** The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy Beach (Sydney's Northern Beaches)

### Auslan Only BBQ– Semester 2, 2008

A fun, four hour voice off workshop. All food provided! If 5 students enrol together, each of them gets \$10 off their enrolment fee. Minimum skill level= Community course Sign Language 2 (or equivalent).

**When:** Saturday 20 September, 11am – 3pm

**Where:** RIDBC BBQ Area, North Rocks

### Semester 1, 2009 courses- Expressions of Interest now open!

Certificate III in Auslan and Diploma of Auslan are planned for first semester in 2009. Keep an eye out for more information in future editions of the newsletter and email Anna at [anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au) if you'd like to register your interest, and would like to receive a Course Information Guide, when they are available later in the year.



# In Your Hands

## If you have something to say, say it here.

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Due to their change in name from AAD to Deaf Australia, Deaf Australia's old [aad.org.au](http://aad.org.au) email addresses have now been closed. Their old [www.aad.org.au](http://www.aad.org.au) website address has also been closed.

Deaf Australia's website address is now [www.deafau.org.au](http://www.deafau.org.au)  
Deaf Australia's general inquiries email address is now [info@deafau.org.au](mailto:info@deafau.org.au)

Please update your records accordingly.

A few new articles to check out-

**Article about a Deaf family-**

[www.manlydaily.com.au/](http://www.manlydaily.com.au/article/2008/06/10/10534_news_feature.html)

[article/2008/06/10/10534\\_news\\_feature.html](http://www.manlydaily.com.au/article/2008/06/10/10534_news_feature.html)

**Article about Deaf cricket player-**

<http://parramatta.yourguide.com.au/news/local/sport/cricket/love-of-the-ball/791891.aspx>

Hello,

The Royal South Australian Deaf Society has re-launched under a new brand: Deaf CanDo.

Please take the time to have a look at our new website and change any address and business details that may be affected. Our new address is [www.deafcando.com.au](http://www.deafcando.com.au). Please also note that our new postal address is: PO Box 43, Brighton SA 5048

Kind regards  
Paul Flynn  
Chief Executive Officer

**CanDo Group Charities**

Direct: (08) 8298 0935, Mobile: 0419 035 634

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Website: [www.candogroup.com.au](http://www.candogroup.com.au)

## Deafblind Camp on Phillip Island– Volunteers Needed!!!

Hi Everyone,

The Able Australia Recreation program in collaboration with VUDBC (Victorian Ushers and Deafblind Club) and the VHSC (Vision and Hearing Support Club) has found the perfect site for the 2008 Deafblind camp. This is an invitation to come along and support people who are Deafblind, or who have a vision/hearing impairment. We are looking for volunteers with all Auslan skill levels to assist with guiding and interpreting so that Deafblind people can fully enjoy their weekend away!

The camp is set on a huge property with brand new accommodation and a huge conference room. There is a heated pool, a lake for fishing and canoeing, a giant swing, flying fox, archery and rock climbing. It is very close to the beach, penguins and only a short drive to the shops.

As a volunteer you would be supporting a Deafblind person while they partake in a range of activities. You will be both interpreting and guiding throughout the weekend and there will be an information session where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and practice guiding and communication methods. Volunteers and Deafblind people from all over Australia, including Sydney, will be attending the camp.

**Where:** Philip Island Adventure Resort – Cowes Rd, Phillip Island

**When:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Cost:** Previously, the camp was free for volunteers however this year we have decided to charge a small fee of \$20 in an effort to guarantee your commitment to this valuable activity, as we want to avoid any last minute changes in the roster.

**INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 8.30pm** (Snacks and drinks will be provided) , **John Michael Lovett room- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor- 340 Albert St, East Melbourne.**

For further information about the camp, to RSVP for info session or to enrol, please contact Emely McCord on Fax: 03 9882 9210 , TTY: 03 9882 6786, Phone: 1300 225 369 or email [emely.mccord@ableaustralia.org.au](mailto:emely.mccord@ableaustralia.org.au)



# Positions Vacant

## ACTOR WANTED– Australian Theatre of the Deaf

ATOD is looking for ACTORS to join their vibrant theatre company. The position is Sydney based, but includes touring to Perth, VIC, QLD, and other places. The position starts in March, 2009. Auditions will take place on Saturday 20 September 2008 at 245 Chalmers Street, Redfern.

**For a full duty statement, further information about the auditions or to make an audition time, email ATOD at [info@atod.org.au](mailto:info@atod.org.au) or contact Shauna Wolifson on ph: (02) 9310 1255, fax: (02) 9318 2835, tty: (02) 9310 1205.**

## NOTE TAKERS WANTED– Deaf Society of NSW

DSNSW is looking for note takers to be placed on their contact list for future work. *Possible jobs include note taking for our Linguistics and Deaf Studies modules of the accredited Auslan courses, external jobs such as Colleges and Universities and for private requests.*

If you would like to have your name added to our list for possible work in the above areas please contact John O'Neill at [joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au) or call 02 8833 3661 for further information.



# Volunteers Needed

## Kids Activities at Heritage School—NEW DATES

The Deaf Society is looking for volunteers to help entertain children while Heritage School is running at Thomas Pattison School. A basic conversational level of Auslan is needed - this would be the perfect opportunity for students. Experience with kids is good, but not necessary to do this work.

**When:** Saturday mornings, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November 2008 from 9.00am – 12.30pm

For more info contact John O'Neill on 02 8833 3630 (voice) or email [joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au)

## Mullauna Nursing Home

Mullauna is in the Blacktown area, and is home to many Deaf and Deafblind people with a wide range of communication needs. At the moment the nursing home needs volunteers with signing skills to join their new Volunteers Program. Due to the costs involved with preparing each volunteer, Mullauna is looking for a few wonderful people, who are prepared to commit to regular visits. The residents of the home will appreciate some new visitors, and you will be enriched by the exposure to some truly fascinating and inspiring people.

If you would like to get involved, email the Volunteers Program Coordinator Elsy Brammesan at [dt@wrv.org.au](mailto:dt@wrv.org.au) or call (02) 9680 1500 on Monday or Wednesday, and ask for Mullauna Nursing Home Volunteer Program.

## Hand Over Hand Club

The Hand Over Hand Club is a group of self-determined people with both vision and hearing loss, and is an important part of the Deafblind Association of NSW. The club provides outings, services, information, and social interaction for its members, and are looking to recruit new volunteers.

If you would like to meet some amazing individuals, and are ready to challenge your Auslan skills, contact Paula McMahon at [dbansw@bigpond.com](mailto:dbansw@bigpond.com) or call (02) 9744 0160 (Mon, Wed, Fri) to get involved. You can also contact DBA at this email address if you wish to be put on the mailing list for 'Rainbow News', the Hand Over Hand Club newsletter.

# Notice Board

- **Accessible Arts** is the peak arts and disability organisation across NSW. For more info about what Accessible Arts does or to receive their monthly newsletter, visit [www.aarts.net.au](http://www.aarts.net.au)
- **POD Macarthur— a support group for parents of children who are deaf/hearing impaired—** is run by Parent Council for Deaf Education (PCDE) and provides peer support to parents/families without any bias of communication method (i.e. signing or oral) they have chosen for their child. This support group is for all parents, carers and families who have children that are deaf or hearing impaired. Everyone welcome!  
Next meeting is Wednesday, 20 August at 7pm. Come to Liverpool Community Centre, 148 Mill Road, Liverpool (parking on site). Speaker this month is Ann Porter, founder of Aussie Deaf Kids website, who will be speaking about the upcoming website for parents of deaf kids. An interpreter will be at the meeting.  
For more info about PCDE or POD please contact Nickie Flambouras at [pcde@bigpond.com](mailto:pcde@bigpond.com), call (02) 9871 3049 or visit [www.pcde.org](http://www.pcde.org)
- Newsletter reader Janelle has her own cake decorating business. **Cakes from the Heart** makes beautiful **cakes for occasions**, such as weddings, christenings, kids birthdays, etc. Readers of this newsletter get a discount if they mention this ad when they order! To order a cake email [janelle@cakesfromtheheart.com.au](mailto:janelle@cakesfromtheheart.com.au), call (02) 8814 9456 or 0438 227 527, or visit [www.cakesfromtheheart.com.au](http://www.cakesfromtheheart.com.au)
- Westlink's (Anglicare) Host Family Program provides a playgroup for families with Deaf children in the outer west. **Deaf Playgroup** will run at the group's Westminster Street premises (Rooty Hill) on Friday mornings between 10am-12pm. For more info contact Coordinators on (02) 8805 0974 or (02) 8805 0915, or TTY (02) 9625 0145.
- Teresa Bayas is a **Deaf hairdresser**, and is currently undergoing Advanced Hairdresser Cert. 4. She has been studying for nearly 10 years to keep up-to-date with latest trends. Teresa is looking for hair models for 3 different skills areas: creative cuts, colouring and long hair designs. These models are needed at Petersham TAFE every Monday, 10am to 12pm. In return for turning up, the lucky models get CHEAP hair care!  
Colouring AND haircut- \$25.00, Treatment- \$5.00, Upstyling- FREE  
If you're interested, contact Teresa on [latinbunny20@hotmail.com](mailto:latinbunny20@hotmail.com) or SMS 0408 933 204.
- Newsletter reader, **Lauren Chandler of SHINE Wellbeing Solutions**, say...  
"Do you want to improve your fitness, sports performance, weight or health but are unable to find someone who you can communicate with? Hearing impairment can create challenges in seeking a fitness professional who can help you. **SHINE Wellbeing Solutions** is focused on functional training and holistic wellbeing, designing sessions for the hearing impaired. You can expect lots of fun on the way to your goals and ease of communication through Auslan." Contact Lauren and mention this newsletter to receive a complimentary health chat. Mobile: 0409 058 384, email: [shine@usana.com](mailto:shine@usana.com) or visit [www.shinewellbeing.com.au](http://www.shinewellbeing.com.au).



# Regional Community News

## **FREE Financial Management Service– Tamworth**

Disability Advocacy NSW, Deaf Society of NSW and the Anglican Financial Counselling Service are providing FREE private financial management meetings with an interpreter to Deaf Clients. Anyone interested should book early as there are very limited places and each appointment takes about one hour.

**When:** First Monday of every month. 3-5pm

**Where:** Anglican Financial Counselling Service, 88 Bridge Street. Across from West Tamworth Primary School, near the pink sewing machine shop and Vespa's Restaurant.

**Bookings:** SMS Helen at DA NSW 0423 290 393

## **Auslan Only Weekend - North Coast**

**A great community event and excellent opportunity to practice your Auslan!** Saturday night will be a "voice-off" excursion to the Evans Head Bowling Club. This evening is themed "**Circus Night**" and all participants are encouraged to dress for the occasion and bring a trick or skill if you have one. Prize for the best costume!

**When:** Friday 31 October 6.30pm to Sunday 2 November 2.30pm

**Where:** Camp Koinonia, Broadwater Rd, Evans Head, NSW

**Cost:** \$90.00 per person

**Booking:** Numbers are strictly limited so book fast! Bookings close Monday 29 September. Contact the Deaf Society of NSW -Lismore Office and speak with the lovely Craig Bishop on Ph: 02 6622 5572 or Fax/TTY: 02 6622 4087 or email [cbishop@deafsociety.com](mailto:cbishop@deafsociety.com)

## **Upcoming Community Events**

### **Dubbo Community Consultation**

The Deaf Society are holding this consultation to talk to the Deaf community about the changes to regional services and to ask Deaf people how Deaf Society can best help the Dubbo community.

**When:** Wednesday 12 November, 6.30pm to 8pm.

**Where:** Starlite Room 2, Dubbo RSL, Cnr Brisbane & Wingewarra St, Dubbo



### **Community BBQs – FREE!**

Come to one of these great days out. All food and drink provided by the Deaf Society.

For more info about any of these events, contact Craig Bishop at Deaf Society of NSW - Regional Services. Ph: 02 6622 5572, Fax/TTY: 02 6622 4087, Mobile: 0423 488 619, Email: [cbishop@deafsociety.com](mailto:cbishop@deafsociety.com)

### **South Coast Community**

**When:** Sunday 31 Aug, 11am

**Where:** Blowhole Point, Kiama (BBQ area is near the tourist info centre).

### **Port Macquarie Community**

**When:** Sunday 28 Sept, 11am

**Where:** Settlement Point, Settlement Point Rd, Port Macquarie (near ferry)

### **Orange Community**

**When:** Sunday 28 Sept, 11am

**Where:** Adventure Playground, (Near botanic gardens) Kearneys Drive, Orange

# DSNSW, DEN & NRS News

## **Deafair Day**

To coincide with national Week of Deaf People, DSNSW will be holding their annual Deafair Day on Saturday 11 October, 2008, from 10am until 3pm. Join us for a sausage sizzle, kids activities, information stalls and a community consultation. Put it in the diary now! Contact DSNSW for more info on 02 9893 8555 (voice), 02 9893 8858 (TTY) or email [info@deafsociety.com](mailto:info@deafsociety.com).



## **Deaf Society of NSW Open Day**

DSNSW's Open Day in May was a HUGE success! If you missed the last one, or loved it so much you want to do it all over again, come along on Friday 17 October, 2008, to see inside where the magic happens. Doors open at 10am. Contact DSNSW for more info.

## **National Relay Service– Internet Relay Info**

Did you know you don't need a TTY to make calls? You can make calls from any computer or laptop, and you can make the calls through MSN or through the NRS website. Plus you've got the ease of using a full computer keyboard and computer screen, and you can set the size and colour of the display text to suit your own requirements.

And did you know you can use internet relay to ring a TTY? Go to the NRS website to find out how. Booklets for users, demonstration DVDs and other products are also available from NRS.

**NRS Details** - TTY: 1800 555 630, Voice: 1800 555 660, SMS 0416 001 356, [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au), Email: [helpdesk@relayservice.com.au](mailto:helpdesk@relayservice.com.au).



# Courses, Workshops & PD

## The Renwick Centre For Professional Education and Research

**RIDBC Renwick Centre**  
For Research and Professional Education

For the full Continuing Professional Education Calendar of confirmed events for 2008 visit [www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/courses/continuingcalendar.asp#hi](http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/courses/continuingcalendar.asp#hi) To enrol in a course visit the website, email [cpe@ridbc.org.au](mailto:cpe@ridbc.org.au), call the Continuing Professional Education Team on (02) 9872 0207, fax your registration to (02) 9873 1614 or in person to RIDBC Renwick Centre, 361 - 365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks NSW 2151 (8am-4pm weekdays).

### **AUSTRALASIAN DEAF STUDIES SYMPOSIUM III- "Deaf Identities in a time of change"**

An opportunity to re-examine Deaf identity from a variety of perspectives, and to discuss its meaning in a changing world.

**When:** Friday 19 September– Sat 20 September

**Keynote speaker:** Robert Adam

### **DEAF HISTORY WORKSHOP**

This week long course gives a detailed overview of Deaf people's history and an introduction to issues of interpretation, effective teaching, resources and research. This course will have a special focus on recent and emerging information and resources.

**When:** Monday 22 September– Friday 26 September

**Presenters:** Dr Breda Carty, with Dr Susannah Macready and Darlene Thornton

These events will be held at RIDBC Renwick Centre, 361-365, North Rocks Road, NORTH ROCKS, Sydney, NSW 2151. Please direct questions to [cpe@ridbc.org.au](mailto:cpe@ridbc.org.au)

### **DSNSW Early Signs– Auslan for Hearing Babies & Toddlers**

The Deaf Society of NSW are providing sign language classes for parents of hearing babies and toddlers. Based on the WA Deaf Society's *First Signs* program, this series of three workshops will be presented by two experienced trainers (who are also mothers and Auslan users themselves), in Parramatta. Babies 0- 5 are welcome, although as there are no crèche facilities on site, parents should bring along their own toys and play mat.



**Where:** Level 4, Macquarie House, 169 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW

**Cost:** \$100 per adult or \$170 per couple

**To register your interest in upcoming Early Signs workshops :**

Email Sheena Walters at [swalters@deafcommunity.com](mailto:swalters@deafcommunity.com), call (02) 9893 8555 or fax (02) 9893 8333.

### **PCDE and DCA – "Cool Kids, Cool Parents" Workshop**

PCDE and Deaf Children Australia are excited to offer parents of deaf or hard of hearing children a two day program, about sharing the challenges and rewards of raising young Deaf children.



**When:** Saturday 23 August and Saturday 30 August, 9am—5pm (approx.)

**Where:** Surry Hills

**Cost:** FREE!

To book a place, contact [knorton@deafchildren.org.au](mailto:knorton@deafchildren.org.au) or call 02 9799 6456. Limited places, so be quick!

**For more information visit** [www.pcde.org.au](http://www.pcde.org.au)

### **Auslan Heritage School**

For parents, guardians and siblings of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Heritage School provides the opportunity to meet other parents of deaf children, find out more about Auslan, improve your Auslan skills, meet other deaf people and learn about the Deaf community.



**Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children**



**When:** Saturdays, 8, 15, 22 and 29 November 2008, 9:30am-12:30pm

**Where:** Auditorium and library, Thomas Pattison School, 361-365 North Rocks Road, North Rocks

**For more information,** contact either Sharon Lachmund at the Renwick Centre by 31 October.

Phone: 02 9872 0207 or email: [Sharon.Lachmund@ridbc.org.au](mailto:Sharon.Lachmund@ridbc.org.au)

or John O'Neill at DEN: [joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au)

### **ASLIA NSW– Upcoming Professional Development for Interpreters**

Put these dates in your diary now! Email ASLIA NSW at [aslia\\_nsw@yahoo.com.au](mailto:aslia_nsw@yahoo.com.au) for more information. And don't forget 2008/09 membership is NOW DUE!

**Friday 19 September** – AGM and presentation on managing the role of 'The Go-Between', including communication styles, managing stress and assertiveness, by Behavioural Specialist Kerrie Cottrill.

**Saturday 18 October** – Workshop (to be announced)

**Friday 28 November** – ASLIA NSW Christmas Party. Yee haw!

