



Auslan Student Newsletter

A resource for anyone learning or using Auslan. Get some ideas, know where to practice and become involved!

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Hi Readers!

HAPPY NEW YEAR - Welcome to 2009!

Well it's the start of another year, another round of opportunities to learn and to be involved in things you love!

As it seems to be a time for change, please enjoy the new look newsletter. (and I welcome feedback at any time)

We're going to trial printing it quarterly, so if you want me to add anything make sure you let me know in advance by the end of April, June and September 2009. It's up to you to remember to let me know.

Don't forget to join up with other organisations. It's a great way to get on other mailing lists and to show your support. I aim to put in all the events that I find out about in the newsletter but sometimes events occur at short notice—so always keep your eyes open!

Well done to our 2008 Certificate in Auslan students! I know at DEN we had two CIA II groups and the CIA IV guys who all put in the hard yards.

Well done to those starting the Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan) course. Good luck to everyone for the next twelve months.

Feel free to contact me if you want anything added to the newsletter or want to enquire about any courses.

HAPPY AUSLAN LEARNING!

Anna

See below the add for PCDE—there is a survey for them attached to the last page!



Speak to me ... the visual language. Photo: Robert Pearce

Better help for deaf children

Auslan Calling parents of children using Auslan in the NSW public school system. The Parent Council for Deaf Education is lobbying the NSW Department of Education for improved services for deaf children using Auslan in public schools. The council urgently needs your story to assist its campaign on your child's behalf. Contact Kate Kennedy or Juliet Schumacher, pcde@bigpond.com. All information will be kept confidential.

Deaf Society of NSW Stuff

DEN Graduation! Classes of 2008!

If you were involved in a certificate course in 2008, Then come along to graduate!

Saturday 28 February, Burwood RSL 10am – 12pm

Performance by Chevoy Sweeney and Kate Nelson

Morning Tea and Interpreters will be provided!

Please RSVP to Jennifer by 17 February.

Ph: (02) 8833 3630 Email: den@deaf.nsw.edu.au



REMEMBER:

CHECK OUT THE DEAF SOCIETY OF NSW EVENTS PAGE!!!

http://www.deafsocietynsw.org.au/events/deaf_society_events.html

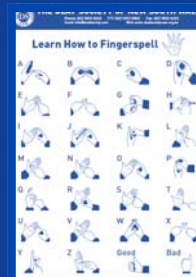
FINGERSPELLING POSTERS... for sale

Yes it's true - and they're only \$3.00 each at the Deaf Society of NSW. (If you pay for postage we can send them out)

LAPEL PINS...buy one now



Very fashionable!!! \$5 each or \$3 for Deaf people and financial or life members of the Deaf Society.



Auslan Courses

Please contact me for more info: anardi@deaf.nsw.edu.au

[Click here for Community Courses!!](#)

CIA III (\$2,150.00) *Already started*
3 February to 25 June 2009 -
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Diploma of Auslan
(You must have completed CIA IV)
13 May to 16 December 2009
Mondays and Wednesdays

CIA II (\$1,950.00)
28 July to 10 December
Tuesdays and Thursdays

AOBBQ (\$55.00)
19 September
Saturday 11am - 4pm

AOW Semester 1
Friday 29 May to Sunday 31 May
The Tops Conference Centre

AOW Semester 2
Friday 23 to Sunday 25 October
The Collaroy Centre

Contact me if you want to be added to the expression of interest list!



Student Practice Groups!



Glebe

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 to 12pm. Next meetings on 4 and 18 October and 1, 15 and 29 November 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 (Please include the word 'Auslan' in the subject line). 3 hours free parking if coming by car. Bike parking available at Bay Street entrance beneath escalator, beside car down ramp Harris Farm level, and near exit to car park on Francis Street. Take Parramatta Road Broadway or Glebe buses if coming by public transport.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Sydney City

This Coffee & Practice group is a fun place to hang out on the way home from work. They usually meet at Wagamama restaurant, the first Thursday of every month 5pm to 7pm everyone welcome.

Previously this was organised by Young-Joo WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE NEXT ORGANISER???

Contact Young-Joo.Byun@lands.nsw.gov.au or SMS 0425 279 938 for more info.

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 on 9821 9450 or c.martin@liverpool.nsw.gov.au



Sydney Deaf Club

Meets every 3rd Friday of each month

Where: Rugby Bar Room, Club Burwood

97 Burwood Rd (on the Corner of George Street Burwood)

7pm till Midnight then they move to 1st floor of the club - the Club closes at 4am.

Check out their website:

www.thedeafclub.info/

or for more information email: thedeafclubsydney@yahoo.com.au

Sydney Deaf Club has an ongoing success rate as attendance averages over 120 people each social night.

Glenn Welldon
CO ORDINATOR,
THE SYDNEY DEAF CLUB



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 on 0432 802 099 or for more info.

Art Gallery Auslan

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. **Where:** Art Gallery of NSW Coffee Shop
When: Last Sunday of the month – Practice from 12.30pm then tour from 1.30pm **Skill level:** All skill levels welcome SMS Karleena Marjoram on 0418 746 480 or email

karleena_marjoram@hotmail.com

Eastern Suburbs

Big changes and 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. 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:** Email Sharon Rae sharonrae@optusnet.com.au

Central Coast



This group is organised in conjunction with the 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

auslansocialgroup@hotmail.com



Auslan Related Events!

ASLIA NSW & NSWAD: **AMAZING RACE** 14 March 2009 1pm-5pm

This is going to be AWESOME! \$40 (\$35 for members)

For more information contact: aslia_nsw@yahoo.com.au

ASLIA
NSW Association of the Deaf Inc.
A NSW Branch of the Australian Association of the Deaf

AMAZING RACES

Date: 14th March 2009 Cost: \$35 members / \$40 non-members
Time: 1:00 pm — 5:00 pm

Start Venue: Shakespeare Hill Rotunda The Rocks (Waterloo Rd)
Finish Venue: Macquarie Hotel The Rocks (18 Lower Fort St)

Teams: 2 people per team (limited places available)
You can make your own team or be put in a team on the day

Required:
Running shoes
Suitable clothing for weather conditions
Sun protection
Personal medication (if necessary)

RSVP: 10th February 2009 Contact: aslia_nsw@yahoo.com.au

Check it out for yourself!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgpeFgkVd4e&list=PLhttp://www.thrill.com.au>

THRILL Team Events

STOP PRESS!!!

ASLIA (NSW) is holding their first PD events of the year!

Friday evening, 20 February: Wine and Cheese Night.
Come and join ASLIA (NSW) for our first General Members' forum for 2009, an opportunity to meet the committee, share your ideas, learn from each other and be present for the launch of our new skills development program. New interpreters, interpreters-in-waiting, and people who might possibly start to think about becoming an interpreter one day are all welcome. Contact aslia_nsw@yahoo.com.au for more information.

Saturday morning, 21 February: Jemina Napier, George Major & Lindsay Ferrara will provide an overview of the Medical Signbank research project being conducted at Macquarie University, and give participants the opportunity to have input into the project. This workshop is open to all Deaf and hearing interpreters, whether or not you regularly work in the medical setting.

Contact aslia_nsw@yahoo.com.au for more information.

Silencebound Film Productions present:



The newest double-billing Deaf Comedy HD movies

Mr Deaf Pea goes to Garage (PG) and Mr Deaf Pea goes to Beach (M)

Silencebound Film Productions Presents
The Joseph A P Heenan films

The newest double-billing Deaf Comedy HD movies
Mr Deaf Pea Goes to Garage (PG)
&
Mr Deaf Pea Goes to Beach (M)

Burwood RSL
Ambassadors Room
Rt. Sharrasbury Road
Burwood NSW 2134
20th Feb 2009, 7 and 9 PM 2 shows only
Running time approx 78 min
Seated to limited on book your seat by emailing
Email: info@silencebound.com.au
CB
Seat number 060777 183
Your name and contact details
AUSL \$10, Hearing and 06081010 \$10

Friday 20 February 2009
7pm and 9pm \$13 for adults.

Seating is limited so make sure you book your seat by SMS 0407 977 148 or sfilm@iprimus.com.au



THE DEAF CLUB presents ST VALENTINE'S NIGHT

Friday 13 February, Club Burwood (97 Burwood Rd)
7pm onwards

Check it out!! <http://www.thedeafclub.info/>

The Deaf Club St Valentine's Night
presents Night

WHEN: 13TH FEBRUARY 2009
WHERE: CLUB BURWOOD
97 BURWOOD RD, BURWOOD
TIME: 7.00PM TILL MIDNIGHT
RUGBY BAR ROOM BASEMENT
After midnight, 1st floor Bar Room is open until 4.00am

<http://au.geocities.com/esdc/sydney/>
Please note: Our website will be changing soon, an auto redirect page will take you to a new website address.

Email: thedeafclubsydney@yahoo.com.au

Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
Auslan Heritage School
Auslan Skills for Families
09, 16, 23 and 30 May 2009 (Saturdays)
9:30am to 12:30pm

- Do you have a child who is Deaf or hard of hearing (hearing-impaired)?
- Would you like to meet other Deaf people?
- Would you like to find out more about Auslan and improve your Auslan skills?

Who can come?
Parents, teachers and siblings get free admission. We also have places for other family members.

Parents' program
The classes are offered at beginner, intermediate and advanced level, beginning at demand. The program is for people without any background in signing. There will be an interpreter at these classes. The intermediate class is for people who have previously learnt some Auslan. The advanced class is for people who have already done the intermediate class.

Children's program
Only parents are in class. Children (both Deaf and hearing) will learn about Auslan and Deaf culture, who parents and staff.

Volunteers Needed Please contact John O'Hair at the Deaf Society of NSW on 02 9601 6000 or email john@deaf.org.au

Where is Heritage School?
In the Auditorium and Library at the Thomas Fadden School, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, 81-83 South Street Road, South Rocks

The program is FREE but you MUST return the registration form by fax or post by **FRIDAY 1 MAY 2009**. NO REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE.

HERITAGE SCHOOL AUSLAN SKILLS FOR FAMILIES

Do you have a child who is Deaf or hard of hearing (hearing-impaired)?
Would you like to meet other Deaf people?
Would you like to find out more about Auslan and improve your Auslan skills?

The last FOUR Saturdays in May 2009

If you would like to volunteer to help or want more information, please email ioneill@deaf.nsw.edu.au



Your Notice Board

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DEAF SPORTS AUSTRALIA

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Two exciting opportunities exist to join a dynamic and driven organisation that is committed to facilitating and supporting the participation of all deaf and hard of hearing Australians in all levels of sport.

MANAGER (full-time)
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (full-time)

Applications for at 5.00pm
on Wednesday 25 February
2009.



Any queries can be directed
to: Brent Phillips (President)
brent.phillips@deafsports.org.au

You can become a member of most organisations or simply make a donation. Show your support and learn more! Have a look at the Deaf Society of NSW's website, it has links to many [other related organisations](#). Information and knowledge is priceless.

Recent Headlines...

- A hearing impaired woman should not have been on the jury, the court was told
- Deaf pill sounds like a good idea
- Can kissing make you go deaf?
- 3 Million Deaf and blind in Australia by 2050
- ATOD joins Todd McKenney on stage

and much more...

For more information, go to
www.deafsocietynsw.org.au/news

ART GALLERY OF NSW INTERPRETED TOURS

Last Sunday of each month at 1.30pm
http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/events/cal/auslan_tours

Meet at the Information Desk, Ground Level. Tours for Deaf people (hearing people also welcome) using registered Auslan interpreters involving, informative and fun while exploring the Gallery through a different theme each month

Free Collection Highlights Tours

25 January
See the Light

22 February
Country, Culture, Community

29 March
Exploring Self: Portraiture

26 April
Painting ideas: Tim Johnson



Some VERY cool Websites to have a look at:

CAPTIONS!!! http://au.youtube.com/t/captions_about

www.soccer-crazy.com/auslan-in-sport-soccer/

<http://www.ridbc.org.au/publications/insideinfo.asp>

Video Relay! <http://www.videorelay.com.au>

Deaf Drive Through: <http://deafdrivethru.com/>

TPS Kids Sign Singing: www.musiccountusin.org.au

Amazing Race (season 14) will be advised on this month on Channel 7. There will be mother and son (23 yrs old graduate student) team competing.

The son is deaf. <http://forum.realityanforum.com/index.php?topic=18258.msg371735;topicseen>

Mardi Gras Fair Day - come and visit the Deaf Society of NSW Stall!!!

For those that don't know, Fair Day is a massive picnic day at Victoria Park (across the road from Broadway Shopping Centre). They expect 80,000 people to go. There are stalls, food, entertainment, a dog show, colour, glamour and a whole lot more – including the Deaf Society of NSW Stall! Check out the link and I'll see you there!

<http://www.mardigras.org.au/internal.cfm?sub=Fair%20Day&nav=Mardi%20Gras%202009>





Survey for Parents of a Child Using Sign Language in the NSW Public School System.

PCDE is working with the Deaf Society of NSW and NSWAD to ask the NSW Dept of Education for improved benchmarks for Auslan training for our Teachers of the Deaf, and for improved support for children who access the curriculum via sign language.

If you have a child/children using sign language in the mainstream public school system in NSW, including hearing units, please take the time to fill in this information and get it back to PCDE. Your information is vital to us, as we endeavour to get a clear picture of the situation for signing children in NSW public schools.

Where does your child attend school?

Is your child:

- Deaf Hearing Impaired Additional Disabilities

Is your child dependant on sign language to access the curriculum?

- Yes No

What age and school year is your child?

Is the level of signing support adequate?

- Yes No

(Please provide detailed information about the level of support for your child)

Name -----

Email Address-----

Phone No:-----

**Please fax this page back to PCDE at 02) 9871 3193 OR
FILL IN THE SURVEY ONLINE AT PCDE@BIGPOND.COM**

*Note: This information is for PCDE's use only and will be treated confidentially.
No names or email details will be passed on to other organisations or parties.*
