



Deaf Regional News



News and events from regional New South Wales



Welcome

Hello and welcome to the new "Deaf Regional News".

As I mentioned in the last issue of "Life and Deaf", it is time for a change. The old newsletter has gone and is being replaced.

As many of you will be aware Craig is now the NSW Regional Services Coordinator which means he is looking after regional services for the Deaf Society all over NSW now, not just in the north.

The Deaf Society are also employing two new community workers. One in Tamworth and one in southern Wollongong in order to better service regional areas of NSW. There are also plans for another community worker in Albury in the near future.

So with the Deaf Society expanding it's regional services I thought it was time to bring all that information together in one newsletter.

In future this newsletter will include information about all regional social days and events that we have the information for. So I encourage regional deaf communities, particularly in the south and west which we have not covered before, to send in your social day information so we can let others know where it is.

Also, we are trying to build our mailing list for the future. If you have a friend or other deaf community people who might want this newsletter, tell them to contact Craig and ask to be put on mailing list.

This is going to be a "work in progress" and it will improve with time as more information is available for us and your contributions of information will help us a lot so feel free to email Craig with any social news you have.

Hopefully this newsletter will encourage you to go out and visit another Deaf community outside of your normal area. Or maybe if you are travelling you can visit a deaf bbq on your way to say hello.

We hope you enjoy this new newsletter & welcome to all those people who have not received our old newsletters.

We hope to see you around NSW.

Auslan Only Weekend 2008

For those who don't already know we now have confirmed dates for the 2008 Auslan Only Weekend at Evans Head.

The camp will be starting on Friday 31st October 2008 and going through to Sunday 2nd November 2008

The cost this year is \$90 per person, including all accommodation and meals.

This years theme is a circus theme, so bring along your outfits and any tricks you may have for us.

For a flyer and registration details please contact Craig at the Northern NSW office.



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Kiama BBQ

The Deaf Society of NSW have organized a BBQ in Kiama for the south coast community on Sunday August 31st at 11am.

This will be at Blowhole Point Kiama at the BBQ area near the tourist Information Centre. Please bring your own chair as there are not too many there.

All food and soft drink will be provided by the Deaf Society of NSW.

We are really keen to get to speak to people from the Nowra and Wollongong communities and want to talk to you about some of the changes in the area, so I hope to see you there.

Orange BBQ

Another BBQ

This time we have organized a community BBQ in Orange on Saturday 13th September at the Adventure Playground BBQ area, near the botanic gardens.

This will start at 11am and all food and soft drinks are supplied by the Deaf Society of NSW.

We hope to see people from the Bathurst and Orange communities there.

We want to talk to the community about changes that have happened recently at the Deaf Society and how it will affect your area.

Dubbo Consultation

And a consultation....

On Wednesday 12th November at 6pm the Deaf Society of NSW will be holding a community consultation at the Dubbo RSL Club—Cnr of Brisbane & Wingewarra Sts Dubbo.

We hope to speak to as many of the local Deaf community as possible so pass the word to all your friends.

This is your opportunity to let us know what is needed in Dubbo to help your community so please come along and give us your feedback. More information in next newsletter.

We look forward to meeting you there.



The Anne MacRae Technology Scheme

What is the AMRTS?

The **AMRTS** scheme was created by the Board of Directors of the Deaf Society of NSW in 2002 in memory of Ann MacRae who was Chief Executive from 1988 to 1999.

The Anne MacRae Technology Scheme (AMTS) provides equipment to help deaf people access information technology. Equipment available for loan includes a computer, printer, modem and webcam.

Eligibility for Applicants

- Must be deaf or hearing impaired (hearing loss of 55db or more in the good ear as per World Federation of the Deaf guidelines.
- Must be an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status in Australia and live in NSW. Etc
- The applicant can be any age but if they are under 18 the application must be completed by their legal guardian
- The applicant must not currently have a computer in their home
- The applicant must show how access to a computer would assist them to increase their quality of life.

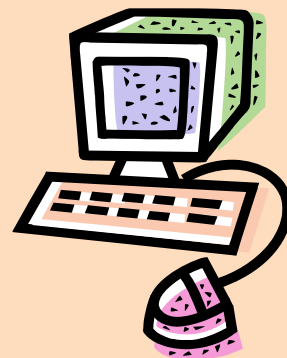
How much?

Fees for the package (computer, modem, printer, webcam) is \$100 for the first year and \$60 per year after that.

The initial loan period is for one year, however people can re-apply.

How to Apply?

Anyone interested can contact the Deaf Society for an application form.



Deaf Social News

Lismore

Lismore Family Social Days

Sunday 3rd August,

Wade Park, East Lismore
BBQ food on sale
Childrens Playground

Starts 11am

Sunday 7th September,

There will be no family social day on this day as it is Fathers Day.

Sunday 26th October

Just some advanced notice that the Deaf society of NSW will be providing a free community BBQ in Grafton on Sunday 26th October.

This is a joint BBQ between Lismore and Coffs Harbour communities.

At this point we aim to provide a bus between Lismore and Grafton for those who can't get there themselves.

More info in next newsletter.

Deaf Society office morning tea.

10am to 12 noon

Monday 25th August

Monday 22nd September

Morning tea provided

Mid North Coast

John Wright Park, Foster
Sunday 10th August
10.30am to 4pm
BYO food and drink.

Tweed Heads

Tweed Deaf Social night

Friday 24th August & Friday 28th September 2008.

Horizons Lounge Bar, level 3
Twin Towns Services Club

7pm onwards...

Tweed Drop-In and Coffee morning

Tweed Centro Shopping Centre, Food Court. from 10am to 2pm.

Thursday 21st August and Thursday 18th September.

(Please note Craig will not be able to attend the coffee morning on 21st August.)



Gold Coast

Gold Coast Deaf Club

Helensvale Tavern. 8 Sir John Overall Dve

Helensvale every second month and on alternative months it will be at Southport Sharks—Cnr Musgrave & Olsen Avenue, Southport. 6pm onwards...

9th August—Sharks

13th September - Helensvale Tavern

Come along for drinks and a chat.

Gold Coast Deaf Group

1st Monday of the month at Robina Town Centre.

At Café Campanile near K-Mart.

10am onwards...

For further information contact Christine White SMS0415 952 205 or Fax 07 5578 5032

Hinze Dam Picnic Day

August 6th at 10am

BBQ facilities available with shelter, toilets and playground for children.

BYO everything

Gold Coast....contd

Go Karting

Saturday 9th September
Kingston Park Raceway
20 Mudgee Street Kingston
10am at E Plan.
\$5 over 14 years
\$2 helmet hire

Coffs Coast

August 17th at 11am

Kegel (bowling)

\$5 per person

RSVP required

Must wear joggers.

Lunch at any of the places there.

Highway Service Centre
380 Pacific highway, Coffs Harbour

September 21st at 11am

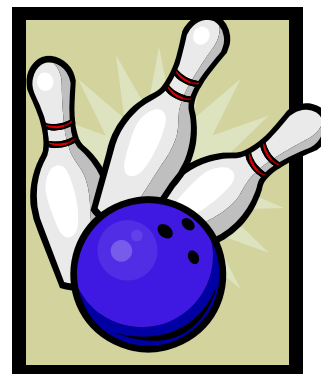
Beach Stone Café

BBQ—BYO food & drinks

Lot 1 Split Solitary Rd

Sapphire

Undercover café available



Deaf Social News...continued

Orange

Cuppa & chat at Narelle Bodgen's place.
63 Torulosa Way, Orange
2pm - 10th August

Orange Ex-Services Club
Anson St, Orange
7.30pm - 23rd August

Fathers Day Lunch

Beekeepers Inn
12 pm - 7th September
RSVP by 22nd August

Cuppa and Chat at Sue Dawson's Place
13 Prunus Ave, Orange
2pm - 14th September

Orange Ex-Services Club
Anson St, Orange
7.30pm - 27th September

Free Community BBQ

Food and drinks supplied by
Deaf Society of NSW

Adventure Playground
(BBQ Area)
Kearneys Drive
(near botanical gardens)
11am
Saturday 13th September

South Coast

Free Community BBQ

Food and drinks supplied by
Deaf Society of NSW

Blowhole Point
(BBQ area near Tourist Information centre)

11am
Sunday 31st August

Wollongong Seniors

Wednesday 27th August.

Coniston Community Centre
Next to train station

Tamworth

Free Community BBQ

Sunday August 17th 2008
11am
Anzac Park
Cnr Upper & Fitzroy Sts
Tamworth

All food and drink provided by
the Deaf Society.

Cancer Council Workshop

2pm Saturday 16th August

Conference Room
Quest apartments
Armidale Rd
Tamworth

Learn about cancer and how
to avoid it.

Newcastle

Social Tennis Day

Sunday 14th September
9am to 3pm

Ourimbah Tennis centre
Sohier St, Ourimbah

Free and open to all age and
skill levels.

BBQ and drinks on sale

Newcastle BBQ Day

Sunday 19th October
11am to 3pm

Blackbutt Reserve Park
Carnley Avenue Entry

Free lunch provided by the
Deaf Society.

If you want lunch you MUST
RSVP to Paul Nordheim

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Deaf Senior Social Club

Hamilton North Lawn Bowl
Club

Borsea Rd, Hamilton North

August 6th - Social Games
(small gifts)

August 13th - Indoor bowling
August 20th - Bingo Games
(small gifts)

Newcastle...cont

August 27th - Indoor bowling

September 3rd - Social
Games (Small Gifts)

September 10th - Indoor
bowling

September 17th - Uno card
games

September 24th - Indoor
bowling

Central Coast

Gosford Seniors

Tuesday 23rd September

Gosford Leagues Club
Dane Ave, Gosford

Social Housie & Trivia

Saturday 16th August 2008
Jaspers Café
(at old Mingara Club)
Adelaide St, Off Wyong Rd
Tumbi Umbi

4pm - Doors open
4.30pm - Housie starts
6pm - Break (BBQ)
7pm - Trivia starts
9pm - Doors close

Everyone welcome
BBQ and soft drinks on sale
(tea & coffee provided)

Housie tickets will be on sale
at the door.

Tax Help - Newcastle area

Do you need help in completing your tax return?

An accredited Tax Help officer from the Deaf Society is available to help you.

You can access free assistance if your income is less than \$35,000 and some other requirements are met.

If you earn over \$35,000 per year and have children you may be able to access this free assistance.

You will need to bring: payment summaries, bank statements, any dividend/managed fund statements, Centrelink (payment summary), information relating to your super/annuity income if you have any, spouse details including their income, if applicable.

Appointments should only take approximately half an hour

Where? The Deaf Society of NSW Level 3, 108-110 Hunter Street Newcastle, NSW, 2300

When? Thursday 04 September 2008

Cost? Free!

RSVP: You **must** RSVP by Friday, 29 August 2008.

Contact Paul: TTY: 02 9893 8858

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Learn more about Movie Maker on the computer



Learn how to make a short film and will also learn how to put subtitles.....and many more!!!!

Make a short film from start to finish in the class.

Details of the course:

When: Saturday 23 & 30 August 2008
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Cost: \$30.00
Location: Andrew Rogers Education & Training Room,
 Ground Floor, 169 Macquarie St, Parramatta

To enroll contact DEN
 Tony Clews or
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Captioned Movies

Greater Union Glendale,
Newcastle, Stockland Supercentre

Movie	Showing Date
The Love Guru	Friday, 1 August 2008
The Love Guru	Sunday, 3 August 2008
The Love Guru	Wednesday, 6 August 2008
The Dark Knight	Friday, 8 August 2008
The Dark Knight	Sunday, 10 August 2008
The Dark Knight	Wednesday, 13 August 2008
The X-Files : I want to believe	Friday, 15, August 2008
The X-Files : I want to believe	Sunday, 17 August 2008
The X-Files : I want to believe	Wednesday, 20 August 2008
Wanted	Friday, 22 August 2008
Wanted	Sunday, 24 August 2008
Wanted	Wednesday, 27 August 2008
Pineapple Express	Friday, 29 August 2008
Pineapple Express	Sunday, 31 August 2008
Pineapple Express	Wednesday, 3 September
Star Wars : The Clone Wars	Friday, 5 September 2008
Star Wars : The Clone Wars	Sunday, 7 September 2008
Star Wars : The Clone Wars	Wednesday, 10 September 2008
Tropic Thunder	Friday, 12 September 2008
Tropic Thunder	Sunday, 14 September 2008
Tropic Thunder	Wednesday, 17 September 2008
Baby Mama	Friday, 19 September 2008
Baby Mama	Sunday, 21 September 2008
Baby Mama	Wednesday, 24 September 2008
Hellboy 2: The Golden Army	Friday, 26 September 2008
Hellboy 2: The Golden Army	Sunday, 28 September 2008
Hellboy 2: The Golden Army	Wednesday, 1 October 2008

Newcastle Office Hours

Tuesday 5 August 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 7 August 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Wednesday 13 August 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 14 August 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 19 August 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 21 August 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 26 August 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 28 August 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 2 September 2008 – No appointments
 Thursday 4 September 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 9 September 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 11 September 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm
 Tuesday 16 September 2008 – Appointment only
 Thursday 18 September 2008 – OPEN 10am to 2pm

Important Notice

Some of you may be getting this newsletter for the first time as I have been given contacts in some areas to help get the information to as many people as possible.

If anyone wants their name removed from the mailing list just let me know and I apologise for any inconvenience we may have caused.

One more thing.....if you are receiving this newsletter by normal mail, but you have access to email, could you please contact us and let us know so we can change you to email list.

This means you get the newsletter faster and saves Deaf Society lots of money too.

Thanks for you help.



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World News



“No to Deaf embryos”

Tomato Lichy and his partner, Paula Garfield, are deaf and have a 3-year-old deaf daughter. Now they want to have another child using in vitro fertilization, hoping the newborn will be deaf, too.

But fertility legislation under debate in the U.K. Parliament could make it illegal for such couples to use embryos that have a known genetic flaw when healthy embryos are available.

The human embryology and fertilization bill would allow parents to decide whether to have their embryos screened before implantation into the womb.

If they don't, Lichy and Garfield could take their chances in the hopes that a deaf one is chosen. If they do, they will have to opt for the "normal" embryos over the others.

In response to what they believe is a discriminatory bill, Lichy and Garfield are determined to challenge the traditional concept of disability. Rather than seeing deafness as an impairment, they perceive it as the key to a different world with its own language, its own culture and its own history.

They consider themselves part of a minority group, like any other that might have perceived flaws or disabilities. Yet, as Lichy puts it in an interview with ABC News, "that doesn't mean we must kill off anyone who is not a straight white male Christian."

Lichy and Garfield, Londoners who communicated with ABC News via e-mail and text messaging, said they lead a perfectly normal life.

She runs a theater company that regularly produces plays in sign language, and he is a governor at their daughter's school, as well as a lecturer at the Tate Modern museum. They go to see Shakespeare and Pixar films at the local cinema, with subtitles. They pick up their daughter at school and get stuck in traffic jams, just like everyone else. "I can't see where our life is stunted," Lichy said.

They claim that the bill doesn't acknowledge their normality, believing it implicitly states that deaf people are not equal to people who hear.

"We've always said the point is that the government wants to impose state-enforced eugenics upon us," Lichy told ABC News. "For us, personally, we would love a deaf baby, but fundamentally, what we want is the same rights as hearing people."

Courtesy : ABC News

