

HANDS ON NEWS



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by email?
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and let us know!

Westpac Interpreting Service

Westpac, in conjunction with The Deaf Society of NSW, are now pleased to offer customers in the Deaf Community of New South Wales the opportunity to have an interpreter present in your conversations with us, at no cost. We understand there is a need for the Deaf Community to be able to communicate with financial institutions and we feel this service will enable you to have a greater customer experience with Westpac when discussing your financial needs.

This service will be available in New South Wales from September 3. Please visit your local Westpac branch or contact us through the National Relay Service (TTY or computer with modem users, phone 133 677, then ask for 132 032) and ask about the interpreting service. Please note locating an interpreter for your conversation will take a minimum of 5 working days from when the service is booked, and is subject to interpreter availability.

Along with introducing the interpreting service, you may continue to use the National Relay Service to conduct your banking needs over the phone with Westpac.

looking after your needs

NATIONAL RELAY NEWS

TRIALS FOR INTERNET RELAY SERVICE ARE VERY POSITIVE



This August, the National Relay Service introduced Internet Relay to the suite of communication options for deaf, and hearing and speech impaired Australians.

Internet relay allows you to phone people from your personal computer or laptop. If you have an internet-enabled mobile phone, you can use that too. It will be an excellent addition not just for home use, but for calls that need to be made from the office.

And instead of being dependent on a fixed TTY located at home or at work, access to any computer or laptop will allow calls to be made from work, wireless internet cafes, or friends' houses.

The number can be dialled in one simple entry either through the NRS website, or through existing Microsoft Messenger (MSN) and AOL instant messaging arrangements.

It's the online version of the *type and read* caller option, using a conventional computer keyboard, and without having to use a TTY keyboard.

While calls can be made anywhere, you will still need a TTY to receive calls.

Because it is online, you can set the size and colour of the display text to suit your own requirements.

Please remember, this new technology is **in addition** to the various call options currently offered by the National Relay Service – all users will still be able to use their TTYs and will still receive the friendly professional service from our relay officers, whichever option you choose.

Community Events

St Gabriel's School

HURRY TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

85th Anniversary Reunion Weekend
19 October to 21 October, 2007

Friday night—Welcome in Dome function room, Burwood RSL Club

Saturday—tour of St Gabriel's school and old St Gabriel's buildings, Castle Hill. Anniversary dinner at Parramatta RSL Club

Sunday- Anniversary Mass, Seven Hills

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Stefan Jahn (Treasurer)

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Fax: 02 9620 8635



Does your child want to be in a short film?

Deaf Children needed

Vast Productions, (a Sydney-based film and television production company), needs a small group of 8-12 year old Deaf and hearing impaired children to take part in a short film. It will be filmed in Sydney at the end of October 2007.

There will be an interpreter there. Also, maybe Caroline Conlon from ATOD will be there to help.

Please contact

tim@vastproductions.com.au or

joanna@vastproductions.com.au,

or SMS/mobile 0410 495 205

Deaf Social Gathering, Parramatta

A Deaf social group regularly meets in Parramatta and are happy for everyone to join them for drinks and chat.

When: 14th and 28th September
Second Friday of each month.

Time: 8pm onwards

Where: Parramatta RSL
Cnr Macquarie & O'Connell Sts
Parramatta

(next door to entrance of Parramatta Park)

For more information email Karen Jahn at

kjahn@deaf.nsw.edu.au

NSW Zonal Deaf Oztag Tournament 2007

MEN/WOMEN MIXED TEAMS on the day
Zonal = North vs South vs East vs West

When: Saturday 6th October 2007 (RSVP, 1st Sept)

Where: Kingsway Playing Field, The Kingsway Drive, Werrington

Time: 9.00 am—Welcome and meet your team

9.30am—Kick-off

Cost: \$2 coin donation

BBQ and Drinks on sale. Anyone is welcome to watch.
Any question/RSVP please contact to Matthew Thornley or Timothy Edwards on
email: deafoztagnsw@hotmail.com

After the game—drinks at Penrith Panthers 6.30pm



Sydney Deaf Coffee Shops

Join in, chat and have fun together



Chatswood

When? 1st Friday of every month at 11am

Where? Near McDonalds
Westfield Shopping Centre
Victoria Road, Chatswood.

Richmond

When? 2nd Friday of every month at 11am

Where? Richmond Club
East Market Street, Richmond

Penrith

When? 3rd Friday of every month at 11am

Where? Near McDonalds
Penrith Plaza Shopping Centre
Henry Street & Riley Street, Penrith

Liverpool

When? 4th Friday of every month at 11am

Where? Near Muffin Break, ground fl food court
Westfield Shopping Centre
Macquarie Street, Liverpool

Macarthur Deaf Happy Hours Cafe

When: 2nd Friday of every month at 11am

Where: At The Food Court, Level 3, (next to McDonalds)

Macarthur Shopping Ctr

Kellicar Lane
Campbelltown

Community Events

Are you a.....
Auslan student?
Deaf person?
University student?
Parent of deaf child?

Do you work....
In the deaf community
As an Auslan teacher
As an Auslan interpreter
As a community worker?

Then you may be interested in this FREE CONFERENCE!

The Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University are hosting a mock-conference as part of the Auslan/English Interpreting program. Students are required to interpret for conference level work in a safe environment.

Theme: "Issues facing Deaf community organisations in 2007 and beyond"

Location: Macquarie University, North Ryde
 RSVP: Fax: 02 9850 9199
 Email: jemina.napier@ling.mq.edu.au by 10th September.



An Australian Yoga First for Deaf and hard of hearing people

Inner Cor Yoga and VicDeaf have produced Australia's first Yoga DVD with sign language.

The Inner Cor "Everyday Yoga" DVD with Auslan and subtitles is available for purchase now.

If you are interested in Yoga Teacher Training with Trinity Inner Cor Yoga Academy you can find out more at <http://www.trinity.innercor.com.au>

Deaf Society of NSW OPEN DAY—19 October, 2007

Time: 10.00-3.00pm



- **Lebanese cooking demonstration**
- **Videophone demonstration**
- **Drinks and Nibbles**

Meet our staff

Group tours can be organised

Find out about our services

TTY: 9893 8858

Contact Jenny Rozsa, Pat Knight or Margaret Craig

Fax: 9893 8333

Email: info@deafsociety.com



XV Australian Deaf Games Gold Coast 2008

The official website of the 2008 Australian Deaf Games is live and includes information on how to register!

www.austdeafgames.org.au

This website will be a permanent site serving all past and future Games.
 Please bookmark this website and pass this onto your members and friends.

For information regarding the 2008 Australian Deaf Games registration process:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L66U7TTnpSo>

For information regarding the 2008 Australian Deaf Games social events:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81u06RmQxFA>

Information sessions will be held in Sydney on the following dates:

Friday 14 September

Friday 12 October

Friday 9 November

Friday 14 December

All evenings are 6:00pm-8:30pm.

For more information, contact the XV Australian Deaf Games Coordinator

E-mail: tclews@deaf.nsw.edu.au

Courses, tours...



Deaf Education Network (DEN)

DEN offers lots of workshops for Deaf people.

Check out www.deaf.nsw.edu.au for more courses.

Car Maintenance Saturday, 17 November



- ➔ Do-it-yourself oil change
- ➔ Change a spare tyre
- ➔ Basic car maintenanceand more

WHERE: Thomas Pattison School,
North Rocks
TIME: 10am—4pm
COST: \$20

D.E.A.F. Club (Deaf Education, Activities, Fun)

- ➔ Organise your own Deaf social group!

WHEN: Fridays, starting 20 July 2007
TIME: 10:30am to 12 noon
COST: \$25 admin fee
once per year

WHERE: DEN Training
Room,
Parramatta



For more details, contact Tony Clews or John O'Neill at DEN
TTY: 02 9893 8858 FAX: 02 9893 8333 PHONE: 02 8833 3630
EMAIL: tclews@deaf.nsw.edu.au

Tax Help

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.

To arrange an appointment contact **Stephen Nicholson, Tony Clews** or **Sheena Walters**
Phone: 9893 8555 Fax: 9893 8333 TTY: 9893 8858

Email: snicholson@deafsociety.com, tclews@deaf.nsw.edu.au or swalters@deafsociety.com

Art Gallery of NSW

30 September

The Spirit of Qi
Embarking from the Taihu Rock, follow the energy of Qi, or life force, through the Asian gallery. Consider the interpretations of Qi by Buddhist and Taoist artists. Discover the stories, treasures and words of wisdom in this sumptuous collection.

28 October

The French Connection
Since French mariner La Perouse arrived at Botany Bay hours after Governor Phillip there has been a link between French and Australian culture. Investigate the influence of French art on Australian artists from the Impressionists through Modernism and beyond.



Free Auslan interpreted tours

25 November

Portrait of a Gallery
The Art Gallery of NSW was born during a time of turmoil and revolution in Europe. Discover the idealism and hope embedded in the history of the buildings and collections and consider the ways in which their development reflects Australian identity and place in the world.

NB: Bookings are essential
Email: pp@ag.nsw.gov.au

For more information go to:
www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/events/access/auslan

Deaf Society



Deaf Parents and Kids Playgroup Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, Mums & Dads

1st Friday of each month, 10am-12noon
The Domain Rooms
1 Oakes Street, Westmead



Plenty of street parking OR easy 10 minute walk from Westmead train station

For more info contact Sandra Carroll:

Email: scarroll@deafsociety.com TTY: 9893 8858 Voice 8833 3626



Baby Cry Alarm Borrowing Scheme



If you are a Deaf parent you can borrow a Baby Cry Alarm from the Deaf Society of NSW. The Deaf Society has 6 Bellman brand Visit Flash Baby Cry Alarms. Each alarm has a flashing light and a bed shaker.

Who can borrow?

Deaf parents living in NSW who have a profound hearing loss. The priority is for parents of newborns.

How long can I borrow the alarm? - 6 months.

Are there any fees? It's **FREE**. There is a \$50 security deposit. There is a late return fee of \$5 per day if the alarm is not returned on the date agreed with the Deaf Society.

How do I arrange to borrow a baby cry alarm? - Contact us to book an Alarm before your baby is due. We will register your details. Alarms can be collected after the baby is born.



Cool Parents

Two day program about sharing the challenges of raising young deaf children.

Dates: Saturday 15 September & Saturday 29 September 2007

Session Times: 10.00am – 3.30pm

Venue:

BURWOOD RSL, 96 Shaftesbury Road BURWOOD

COST: FREE

Lunch & Child minding provided (Registration essential)
ENQUIRIES & RESERVATIONS: contact NICKIE FLAMBOURAS
9871 3049 or email: pcde@bigpond.com.au by 10 Sept



What's happening... (outside of Sydney)



Auslan Only Weekend for the North Coast community



Friday, 23rd November 6.30pm until approximately 2.30pm on Sunday, 25th November

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

Cost: \$85 per person

Closing date for bookings, Friday 19th October

Contact: **Craig Bishop**

Phone: 6622 5572 Fax: 6622 4087

Email: cbishop@deafsociety.com



Coffs Coast Deaf Community Social Day



Date: Sunday 23rd September 2007

Where: Sawtell Pool

Time: 11am

BYO: Picnic lunch & Drinks

Everyone welcome

(If raining move to 109 Albany St, Coffs Harbour)

For more information:

Bernadette: 0439 604 637 SMS Only

Simone: 0410 684 310 SMS Only

Positions vacant

TAFE North Coast Institute PT Teacher Recruitment Semester 2 2007

Teacher of Auslan

Location: All locations

Selection criteria:

- Able to communicate fluently in Auslan;
- Cultural understanding of both the Deaf and Hearing Communities;
- Successfully undergo an Auslan skills test
- plus some generic TAFE criteria

Teacher of Signed English

Location: Lismore, Ballina and Kingscliff only

Selection criteria:

- Able to communicate fluently in Signed English
- Cultural understanding of both the Deaf and Hearing Communities
- High level written and oral communication skills
- plus some generic TAFE criteria

Dates:

- Ads in the local papers plus Northern Star approx 15 September 2007
- Closing date for applications approx 2 October 2007

Application process:

Contact the Recruitment Officer at the TAFE Office in Port Macquarie for the application package,



Family Day

When:

Sunday 9th December 2007

Leave Lismore 8am sharp!!

Meet at Dreamworld 10am

sharp!!



Where:

Dreamworld,

Pacific Highway, Coomera, Gold Coast

How Much:

Free, but bookings are essential as numbers are very limited. Additional tickets can be bought at a discount price!

You will need to bring your own lunch or purchase it at Dreamworld on the day.

Bookings:

For information and ALL bookings, contact Craig Bishop by **Friday November 2nd 2007**.

Mobile: 0423 488 619

E-mail: cbishop@deafsociety.com

What's happening... (outside of Sydney)

Sydney and Regional Deaf Senior Citizen Group

Events

September

Wed, 19th—Sydney Market Day

Tues, 25th—Gosford Carpet Bowls and Cards

October

Wed, 3rd—Sydney Hoy Cents and Cards

Wed, 17th—Sydney Bazaar

Wed, 31st—Hamilton North Carpet Bowls and Cards

November

Wed, 7th—Sydney—All kinds of cards

Wed, 21st—Sydney Bingo and cards

Wed, 28th—Wollongong Christmas Luncheon

December

Wed, 5th—Hamilton North Christmas Luncheon also Burwood RSL open

Wed, 12th—Sydney Christmas Luncheon at Burwood RSL

Wed, 19th—Sydney Christmas Farewell

Drop In Service in NEWCASTLE and the CENTRAL COAST

Newcastle: Thursdays from 10am-2pm
Tuesdays by appointment only

Central Coast: Thursdays 4.30-6.30pm

Contact: Stephen Nicholson

Email: snicholson@deafsociety.com

TTY: 9893 8858 Fax: 9893 8333



Special One Day event

**Sunday, 17th October
10.00am-3.00pm**



DEAF SPORTS MEETINGS COUNT ME IN!

Where: Quality Resort: Twin Towers
Cnr Griffith Streets, Coolangatta QLD and Wharf
Streets, Tweed Heads, NSW

Presented by Brent Phillips
(current President of Deaf Sports Australia)

Cost: Free (but book early to get a spot)

For more details contact Craig Bishop

Ph: 02 6622 5572

Fax: 02 6672 8001

Email: cbishop@deafsociety.com

This course is supported by the Australian Sports Commission Office for Women

National Week of Deaf People Social Barbecue



Date: Saturday 14th October 2007

Where: Jetty Foreshores

Time: 11am

*BYO: Nibbles and a drink
Bring money for a Sausage sizzle*

Everyone welcome

*For more information-Simone:
0410 684 310 SMS Only*

Current Affairs



Position Vacant - Parramatta

Employment Officer for Deaf and Hearing Impaired people.

The aim of this role is to assist Deaf and Hearing Impaired people to access suitable employment opportunities and to remain employed.

Essential skills:

- Experience and skills in employment, recruitment or case management, or, experience in marketing, networking, cold canvassing, selling, referring clients.
- Ability to meet demanding targets and deadlines
- Excellent communication skills including Auslan, written English and the ability to use an interpreter
- Current NSW driver's licence

Interested applicants may obtain an information package from info@deafsociety.com.

Applications close 14th September, 2007

Don't Miss Out!

Arts Activated Conference

26-27th September



Leading Examples of inclusion of People with Disabilities in the Arts

Venue: Sydney Conservatorium of Music

For more information, a registration form and a detailed program of seminars and workshops go to

<http://www.thespasticcentre.com.au/artsactivated/>

or phone Accessible Arts 02 9251 6499



Australian Government
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

(APEC) Public Holiday

The NSW Government has announced a public holiday to coincide with the APEC Summit to be held in Sydney in September 2007.

The APEC public holiday on [Friday 7 September 2007](#),

has been declared for the Sydney metropolitan area only, including Penrith, Camden and Campbelltown.

All other areas will operate as usual.

Vale – Miss Dorothy Griffiths

Miss Griffiths, a well known and loved member of the Deaf Community, long time staff member and Life Member of Deaf Society of NSW, passed away in Blacktown Hospital after a very short illness. Doffy was 93 years old.



Doffy was involved in the split between the "Adult Deaf and Dumb Society" and "Deaf Citizens NSW". After the two organisations got back together, Miss Griffiths was employed by the ADDS as a Deaf Welfare Worker. Some time later, she became a valued member of the accounts department at Stanmore.

Doffy was a mentor to younger Deaf people and supporter of all groups, including Ladies Bowls, Women's Guild, Deaf General Committee, etc. Miss Griffiths was involved in all social, recreational, sporting, and political arenas in the Deaf Community. Doffy's English was always perfect, she never used Auslan with hearing people until very late in life. She believed that fingerspelling improved Deaf people's grammar which in turn helped with communication with hearing people. One of Doffy's only regrets was that she was born in a time which did not have access to technology because technological advances have improved access to knowledge for Deaf people.

Doffy did not have any immediate family, but her friend Judith Neilson has been like a daughter to her over the years. Judith helped Doffy to stay as independent as she could in her own unit until she moved to Mullauna Village because of her declining health.

Low cost internet services for people with disability

People with disability, veterans and frail aged throughout Australia can access a low cost Internet service thanks to a partnership arrangement between Technical Aid to the Disabled Australia and IPSOne, a Victorian based Internet service provider.

The partnership enables dial-up Internet access at the rate of \$5.50 a month with an establishment fee \$36.00. It offers unlimited downloads and flexible contract arrangements.

Technical Aid for the Disabled says that, normally, the cost of Internet access at \$30-\$40 a month is beyond the reach of many people with disability. This vastly cheaper option is available to people receiving the Disability Support Pension, a DVA Entitlement Pension and an Aged Pension Card.

For more information, phone 1300 735 439 and visit <http://www.tadaustconnect.org.au>.

