



The Deaf Herald | Edition 138 December 2023

Welcome to the Deaf Herald.

If you have any feedback, please let us know by emailing us at

info@deafconnect.org.au.

This will be the final installment of Deaf Herald for 2024. We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



[From All Of Us At Deaf Connect | Thank You For Your Support!](#)

From everyone at Deaf Connect - we would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for your support in 2023, what an amazing year it has been. See you in the New Year, we look forward to an exciting 2024!

[Watch video](#)



[End of Year Service Closures](#)

Deaf Connect will remain open over the holiday period (except on Public Holidays). We've compiled a list of contact information for our service areas in case you need to get in contact with our teams. Have a safe and happy holidays.

[Learn more](#)



[Update on Cairns Office](#)

Deaf Connect is posting updates on our [Facebook page](#) about the situation in Cairns. Andrew Wiltshire talks about what support is available for Far North Queensland people affected by the cyclone, and what the Deaf Connect team has been doing.

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[Australian Deaf Games](#)

Deaf Connect is proud to be the Principal Sponsor of the 2024 Australian Deaf Games in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie starting 13 January. To celebrate, we collaborated with several Deaf designers to create a children's activity book and poster that you can download and share! Don't forget to visit our stall at the Games Expo!

[Learn more](#)



[Have you seen our Annual Review 2022/2023?](#)

To celebrate the past year, have a read or watch our Annual Review that was released at the recent AGM. It's important to reflect on what we have achieved as we continue our work across all of our services going into the new year.

[Learn more](#)



[Emma and Hayley Visit Parramatta](#)

Did you see Emma and Haley compete on Channel 10's Amazing Race? In late November the Deaf Connect Parramatta Office played host to Emma and Hayley Watkins for an informal event to celebrate their Amazing Race victory with all proceeds going to the Leo Jackson Memorial Foundation.

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[Support Work Services Available](#)

Do you have a goal you'd like to achieve? Are there local community or deaf community events you'd like to attend? Would you like some support with your daily activities? Deaf Connect has Support Workers across Australia who have a variety of interests, skills, and communication methods including Auslan, visual, and Deafblind communication.

[Learn more](#)



[Join our Family Mentor Program!](#)

We're now looking for families with deaf and hard of hearing children aged 0-8 to take part in our brand-new Family Mentor Program launching in Metro Sydney! This program connects families with a Deaf Mentor trained in early development to provide the foundations of language and community in the most crucial

early years and support family bonding. If you'd like to be involved, submit an expression of interest on our website.

Learn More



Courses for Deaf People Parramatta – take part in 2024!

Find out what courses are available in Parramatta for Deaf and hard of hearing adults in Semester 1 2024. Our staff can answer your questions and help you to enrol in person at our Enrolment Day. The session will be in Auslan. RSVP by Wednesday 17th January 2024 by sending an email to

[**studentservices@deafconnect.org.au**](mailto:studentservices@deafconnect.org.au)

Find out more



Courses for Deaf People Brisbane – take part in 2024!

We're excited to announce we will be running two Foundational Skills courses for Deaf and hard of hearing adults in Brisbane next semester. To express your interest in enrolling in one of our courses, please contact us via email at

[**studentservices@deafconnect.org.au**](mailto:studentservices@deafconnect.org.au)

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Mind and Memory Activity

The Deafness and Mental Health Service are asking for volunteers who are Deaf, use Auslan to communicate, and are 50 years of age or over to participate in a Mind and Memory Activity to help their research and the cognitive health of the Deaf Community.

Watch the video to find out more!

Learn more



[Introducing Jenny | Ageing Well Western Australia](#)

Meet Jenny! Our Ageing Well Project Officer based in Perth, WA. If you're interested in learning more about the support and services we can offer seniors in WA, feel free to contact us at ageingwell@deafconnect.org.au or drop by our office to chat with Jenny Pupich.

[Learn More](#)



[Introducing Simon | Ageing Well Victoria](#)

Meet Simon! Our Ageing Well Project Officer based in Melbourne, Victoria. If you're interested in learning more about the support and services we can offer seniors, feel free to contact us at ageingwell@deafconnect.org.au or drop by our office to chat with Simon.

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