



## Welcome to the Deaf Herald

In this issue, we'll explore the athlete achievements at the Australian Deaf Games, and provide updates on our Seniors programs including Ageing Well Victoria and My Aged Care.

Additionally, we'll introduce you to our dedicated Family Mentors, share upcoming dates for Auslan Storytime, and showcase some images from our recent Lego Learners Program.

Join us as we celebrate the diverse talents and initiatives within our vibrant community!



Deaf and hard of hearing athletes from across Australia and the Pacific battled it out across 19 sports over 7 days. The 2024 Australian Deaf Games came to a close on 20 January with host state NSW taking out the prestigious John M. Lovett Cup.

Deaf Connect are proud to be the principal sponsor of the Australian Deaf Games and were present to congratulate athletes and present medals at several events.

Deaf Connect also distributed some exciting children's Deaf sports activity books as well as Auslan sport sign posters throughout the games as well as all registrants receiving a Deaf Connect bucket hat...

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### Deaf Connect Property Updates

As part of the organisation's future planning Deaf Connect uses our property strategy to ensure we have the right buildings in the right location for both staff and community. This includes consolidating our two Brisbane offices and locating a new space for our Melbourne based team.

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### Gallaudet University Immersion Program | Participants Announced

We are thrilled to announce the representatives selected to participate in the [Gallaudet University Immersion Program!](#) This will be an immersive cultural exchange to build connections through engaging in events, classes, and exploring Washington D.C.'s vibrant Deaf ecosystem.

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### Save the Date | Deaf Festival Sydney

Deaf Festival Sydney will take place on Saturday, 24th August 2024 at Sydney Olympic Park!

We will be looking for sponsors, stallholders and volunteers soon.

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### **Meet our Family Mentors | Family Mentor Program**

Our Family Mentors have undergone training and are ready to support families with their child's language journey! Click the link below to meet mentors Dimitra, Mark, Raphie and Renee.

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### **Gonketa exhibition at Bengalla Art Gallery**

We recently supported Melbourne-based artist, Gonketa, to present the amazing Moving Forward exhibition at the Benalla Art Gallery. Gonketa is an immensely talented Deaf artist, and working with Deaf 3D artist Ravi Vasavan has created an immersive exhibit that celebrates Deafness.

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### **VIC | Meet Simon at the information sessions**

Are you interested in learning more about how Deaf Connect supports seniors through our Ageing Well program? If so, join us at one of our upcoming information sessions or contact Simon to discuss you or your loved ones' needs and how we could potentially support you in the future.

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## NSW | Social Support - Individual

Deaf Connect's Ageing Well service offers My Aged Care, Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) funded Social Support – Individual in New South Wales. We have availability for new clients, express your interest by contacting us.

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