

# **Welcome to the Deaf Herald**

In this edition, we provide an important update in regards to the National Auslan Booking System, share information on our Customer Feedback Survey, explore insights from the Gallaudet University Immersion Program, and unpack how to become a Stallholder at Deaf Festival Sydney.

We also discuss our courses for Deaf Adults in NSW, and the Interpreter Gallery launch.

And if you're holding out for a seniors update: we've got you covered with news on how to keep a healthy mind, and expressions of interest for Aged Care in Victoria.



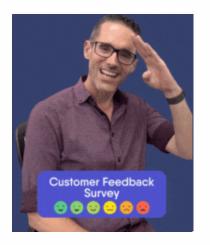
# Important Changes to the National Sign Language Program

If you are 65 years and older and do not have a NDIS plan, there are is an important change coming from July 1, which will impact which service provider you book interpreting for medical appointments through.

Interpreting for medical appointments has previously been provided by the National Auslan Booking System (NABS).

But from 1 July 2024, you will need to book an interpreter through a different program: the National Sign Language Program (NSLP) for people 65 years and older.

Interpreting services under the NSLP are arranged through Deaf Connect.



# **Customer Feedback Survey**

We're committed to continually enhancing our services to better meet your needs. Your feedback is invaluable, helping us refine and improve what we offer. A survey link will be sent to your email address if you are registered with one of our services.

#### **Learn More**



#### **Gallaudet University Immersion Program**

Our Gallaudet University Immersion Program participants have completed their trip and have arrived back home!

Watch on to go on a tour around the Gallaudet University campus and learn about the 'Coffin Door' custom and more.

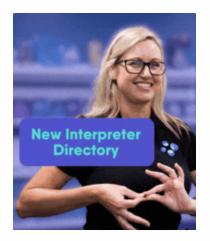
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#### **Deaf Festival Sydney**

Interested in becoming a Stallholder at this year's Deaf Festival?

The Ephpheta Centre attended last year's Deaf Festival and share why you should have a stall at the festival this year.



# **Introducing our new Interpreter Gallery**

In celebration of Interpreter Appreciation
Day on May 1st, we are introducing an
Interpreter Gallery to our website! You can
browse and book your preferred Auslan
interpreter by scrolling through the gallery
and contacting the bookings team.

#### **Learn More**



# Parramatta | Visual Arts Workshop

Join us for an exciting journey through the vibrant realm of visual arts, tailored specifically for the Deaf and hard of hearing community! Led by talented Deaf artist, Sue Jo Wright, our workshops explore diverse art styles.





#### Keeping your mind healthy

As we age, exercising and maintaining a healthy mind become increasingly important for overall well-being.

We've compiled a blog with a list of proactive steps to promote mental wellness to reduce the risk of age-related cognitive decline.

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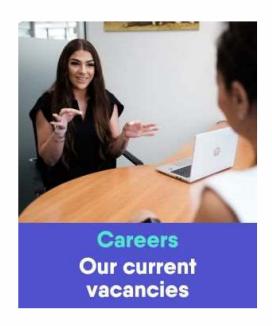


# VIC | Expressions of Interest in Aged Care

Deaf Connect are meeting with the Deaf community in Victoria to see if the Deaf community wants us to provide aged care services in Victoria.

Click below to complete your the expression of interest form.





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