



JUNE UPDATE

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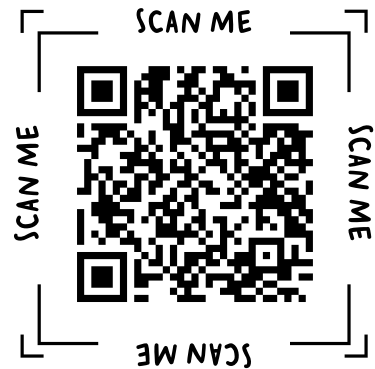
In this edition, we've got plenty of exciting things planned for the Australian Deaf Games and Deaf Festival Sydney!

If you're keen to learn and upskill, check out our stories on Deaf Studies, Deaf Learners, the new Parent Handbook, and Deaf Connect Near You events.

Join us as we share all of the vibrant happenings from our Deaf community!

Scan the QR code here to view our stories and read past versions of the Deaf Herald.

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SPONSORING THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN DEAF GAMES!

Deaf Connect is proud to be the principal sponsor of the Australian Deaf Games 2026 (ADG2026), coming to the Sunshine Coast from 4–11 July. We're proud to champion an event that brings our community together through sport, connection and shared experience.

ABOUT THE GAMES

The Australian Deaf Games is Australia's premier multi-sport event for Deaf athletes, bringing together more than 1,300 competitors and participants from across the country and neighbouring Pacific nations. Featuring up to 20 sports, the games celebrate community, connection and sporting excellence.

The games provide a unique opportunity for members of the Deaf community to take part in a national competition that supports the growth and recognition of deaf sport. Through the games, participants can:

- Compete at both social and elite levels
- Build connections and strengthen community
- Be part of an inclusive environment that celebrates Deaf identity and culture
- Progress through selection pathways for international Deaf sporting events

At its heart, the 2026 Australian Deaf Games are about "Achieving Sunshine Moments Together".



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DEAF FESTIVAL SYDNEY - STALLHOLDER & VENDOR APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

Deaf Festival Sydney is back on Saturday, 29 August 2026 at Cathy Freeman Park, Sydney Olympic Park! And guess what? Stallholder and Vendor applications are open now! If you'd like to get involved with arts, community, food, activities and more – apply now!

Are you a Deaf-owned or Deaf-friendly business? Just want to help us celebrate Australia's Deaf community? With over 3,000 attendees annually, Deaf Festival Sydney is the largest celebration of Australian Deaf culture. So don't miss your chance to get involved and celebrate with us.

Applications are open for Stallholders to join us at Deaf Festival Sydney 2026. We want to share your business with our vibrant community so get involved today.

Applications are also open for Food Vendors to join us at Deaf Festival 2026.



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DEAF STUDIES COURSE LAUNCHING JULY

Deaf Studies is a course about Deaf history, identity, and belonging. It helps you learn where the Deaf community has come from and why that matters today.

The course supports a stronger Deaf community by helping people understand themselves and each other.

You can register your interest now to enrol. Please note, this course is a 2-day course but you don't need to register for both days to attend. By registering for one of the days we acknowledge that you'll attend the 2-day course.

Email studentservices@deafconnect.org.au



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COURSES FOR DEAF ADULTS - NSW

Brand new courses for Deaf adults are running again for Semester 2, 2026. From Healthy Living to Maths and Money, there's plenty of new skills to learn.



Need support with your enrolment documents or want to see which course is right for you? Our staff can answer your questions and help you to enrol in person. Come along to our enrolment day!

When: 10am – 1pm, Wednesday 1 July 2026

Where: Deaf Connect Parramatta (Level 4/69 Phillip St, Parramatta NSW 2150)

RSVP before 28 June 2026 by emailing (studentservices@deafconnect.org.au) or SMS (0447 370 941).



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