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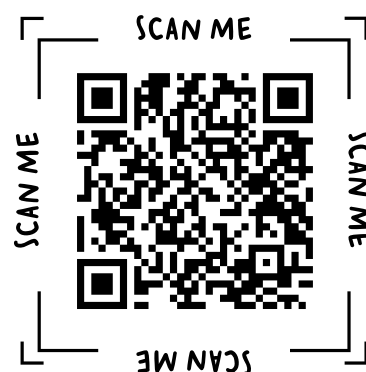
In this edition, get ready for some amazing upcoming events! From Australian Deaf Games to Deaf Festival Sydney, there's so much happening across our community.

We've also opened Semester 2 enrolments for our courses for Deaf adults, wrapped up another fantastic year of Grants and Sponsorships for 2025–26, shone a spotlight on Deafblind Awareness Week, and shared plenty more community news.

We hope you enjoy catching up on everything happening across our incredible community!

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

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COURSES FOR DEAF ADULTS - NSW

Courses for Deaf Adults are the perfect way to gradually build your foundational skills. You will gain knowledge and skills to use in your everyday life! From Healthy Living to Maths and Money, there is plenty to learn. These classes are also a great way to connect with your local community.

We offer 18 week courses and 2 day courses. There are a lot of topics to choose from!

These courses are free for eligible students in NSW.

How to enrol:

Contact us by email or text, with your name and email/phone number.

Email studentservices@deafconnect.org.au or SMS to 0447 370 941



Check out our website for more information
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WHERE TO FIND US AT THE 2026 AUSTRALIAN DEAF GAMES

The Australian Deaf Games have started! Deaf Connect is proud to be Principal Sponsor this year.

At its heart, the Australian Deaf Games are about coming together to celebrate achievement, connection and community, captured in the spirit of “Achieving Sunshine Moments Together”.

We’ve been at the Games, connecting with participants, supporters and the wider community. To learn more about our involvement, visit our website.

We hope everyone attending has had an amazing week and enjoyed being part of this incredible celebration of sport, community and connection.

Need a Deaf Connect rep?

Our friendly Community Engagement staff are on the ground, just look for the purple t-shirts.

You can find all the details on where to spot us on our ADG Events page.



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GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS - APPLY TODAY!

As we enter a new financial year, Deaf Connect is excited to renew our grants and sponsorships program.

These are allocated to empower Deaf Australians, along with funding activities and organisations which benefit the Deaf community. Funded by the Deaf Lottery, these grants aim to help individuals and groups achieve their goals, whether they are recreational, career-oriented, or focused on well-being.

Grant Categories

- Individuals and Groups: Personal or community projects.
- Community Events: Events delivered by or for the Deaf community, or events improving language access.
- Partnership Building: For organisations looking to develop a long-term association with Deaf Connect.
- Service Growth (Internal Only): Development of new service offerings and projects within Deaf Connect.

If you have a project that aligns with these goals, we encourage you to apply.

Check out some of the successful applicants from 2025-2026 by following the link.



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GET READY FOR DEAF FESTIVAL SYDNEY 2026!

Deaf Festival Sydney is back on 29 August, and we can't wait to celebrate our community together. This year we're asking everyone to register before attending. It's quick, easy and free, and we have prizes for all those who have registered. Head to Eventbrite to register!

If your business is looking to host a stall at Sydney's biggest Deaf community event, there's still time. We've extended the expression of interest deadline for stallholders to 12 July, so if you haven't applied yet, now's the time. Find out more and register on the stallholder page on our website.



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DEAFBLIND AWARENESS WEEK 2026

From June 22-28, we celebrated Deafblind Awareness Week!

Officially recognised in 2025 by the United Nations, this week acknowledges the importance and contributions of the global Deafblind community.

June 27th also marked International Day of Deafblindness – which commemorates Helen Keller's birthday each year.

Recently we chatted with Deaf Connect Support Worker, Kerry Priem, who told us about her experience working with Deafblind participants and how she supports them to communicate using tactile sign language.

"They just need a comm-guide to access the community, run errands or socialise with other deaf people. It's rewarding to see that through supporting participants to gain access, they grow confidence and independence."

You can watch Kerry's video on our YouTube channel.

Happy Deafblind Awareness Week 2026!



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