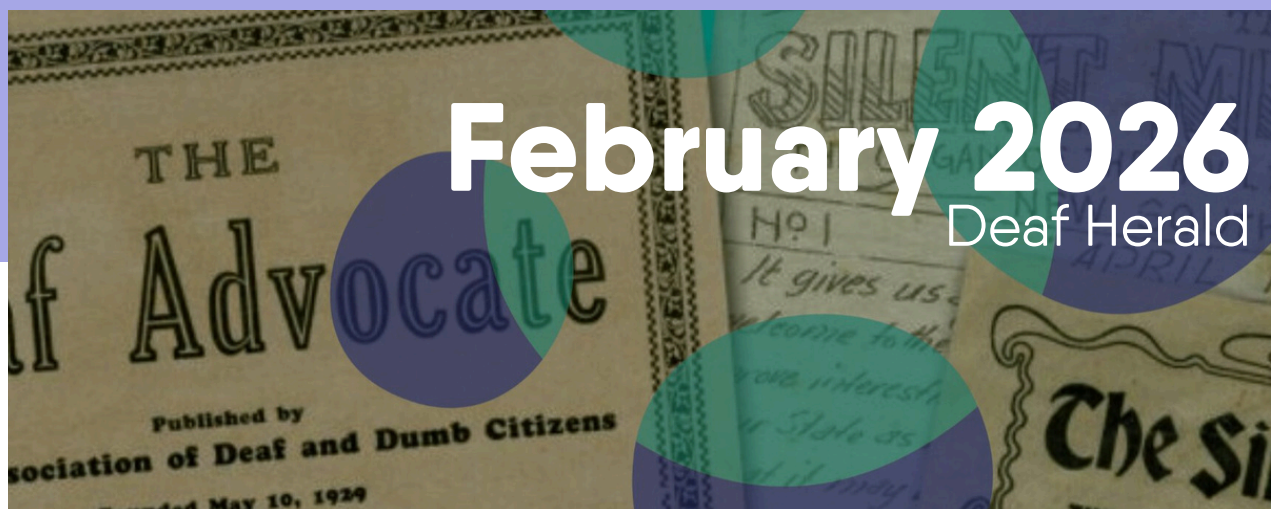




## FEBRUARY UPDATE

In this issue, we'll share a big update on the Deaf Seniors Research Project!

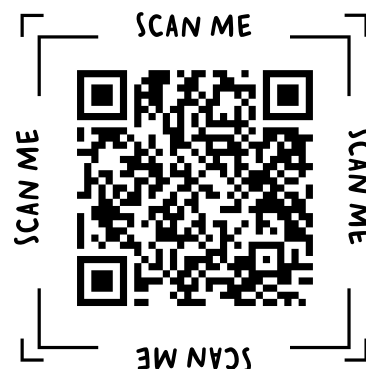
We've also got information on the Diploma of Interpreting, Courses for Deaf Adults, and the Crossing Borders Youth Camp.

Plus, stay tuned for more on the Australian Deaf Games 2026 and a celebration of our recent Deaf Lottery winner!

Let's celebrate the happenings of our vibrant community.

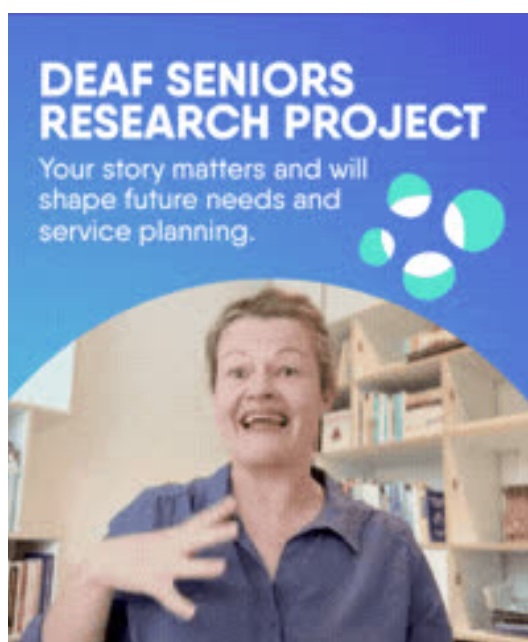
Scan the QR code here to view our stories and read past versions of the Deaf Herald.

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## DEAF SENIORS RESEARCH PROJECT



Aged care should be more Deaf-friendly.

We want to know what needs to improve so Deaf people receive accessible and respectful support.

Join a focus group or one-on-one interview in 2026 to share your experiences and help shape better services.

In-person sessions will be held in Melbourne, Geelong, the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, and Perth throughout February and March 2026.

We are also hosting online focus groups via Zoom for Deaf seniors, their families, and professionals who work with them.



Check out our website for more information and to register for one of the sessions.

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## DIPLOMA OF INTERPRETING (AUSLAN)

Apply now for pre-screening for the Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan). Open to both Hearing and Deaf students. This course can lead to work in schools, health services, jobs support, and everyday workplaces.

### **Session options (online via Zoom):**

Hearing students (English only) 3 February 2026 | 6:00–7:00pm QLD time  
4 February 2026 | 6:00–7:00pm QLD time

Deaf students (Auslan only) 10 February 2026 | 6:00–7:00pm QLD time  
11 February 2026 | 6:00–7:00pm QLD time

## COURSES FOR DEAF ADULTS

Join our courses taught in Auslan for Deaf adults in NSW. Improve your skills and get new knowledge on different topics from our office in Parramatta.

Topics include Financial Wellbeing, Arts & Crafts, Typing Skills for Beginners, and more!



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## **CROSSING BORDERS YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN**

This Deaf-led camp brings together Deaf and hard-of-hearing young people aged 12–17 for five days of connection, confidence-building and leadership. Learn more and register now!

Held in the Yarra Ranges, Victoria, the camp combines outdoor adventure, leadership development, cultural exchange, and community connection. It is all delivered in a fully accessible, Auslan-rich environment.

CBYC 2026 is proudly delivered in collaboration between Deaf Connect and Deaf Youth Australia.



Each day at CBYC offers a mix of team challenges, outdoor adventure activities, workshops, games, and creative sessions.

Spaces are limited and registrations close on 28 February 2026. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect, learn and grow at CBYC 2026.

Check out our website for more information.

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## AUSTRALIAN DEAF GAMES 2026



The countdown to the July 4 – 11, 2026 Australian Deaf Games begins.

We're a proud supporter of the XX Australian Deaf Games through our Grants and Sponsorships Program. Find out how you can get support for your individual goals or community groups with Deaf Connect.

## DEAF LOTTERY'S \$1M DRAW

On Thursday 5 February, we had the absolute joy of announcing the first ever one million dollar winner of the Deaf Lottery!

For many years, our major prize has remained at \$800,000. But after such a big 2025 and with the incredible support of our community, we wanted to deliver something truly special.



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