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MARCH UPDATE

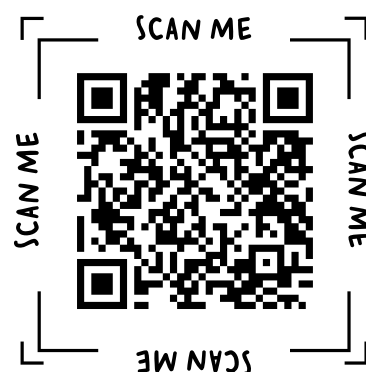
In this issue, we've got an exciting update on our Board and governance! There's also some great news on two day courses for Deaf adults, as well as an interview with one of our incredible Support Workers!

Plus - check out our upcoming Auslan Day events and learn more about support that Ageing Well can offer to Deaf seniors through My Aged Care!

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 CONNECT BOARD UPDATE



Following the 2025 Annual General Meeting, Deaf Connect is pleased to share several important updates to our Board and governance arrangements for 2026 and beyond.

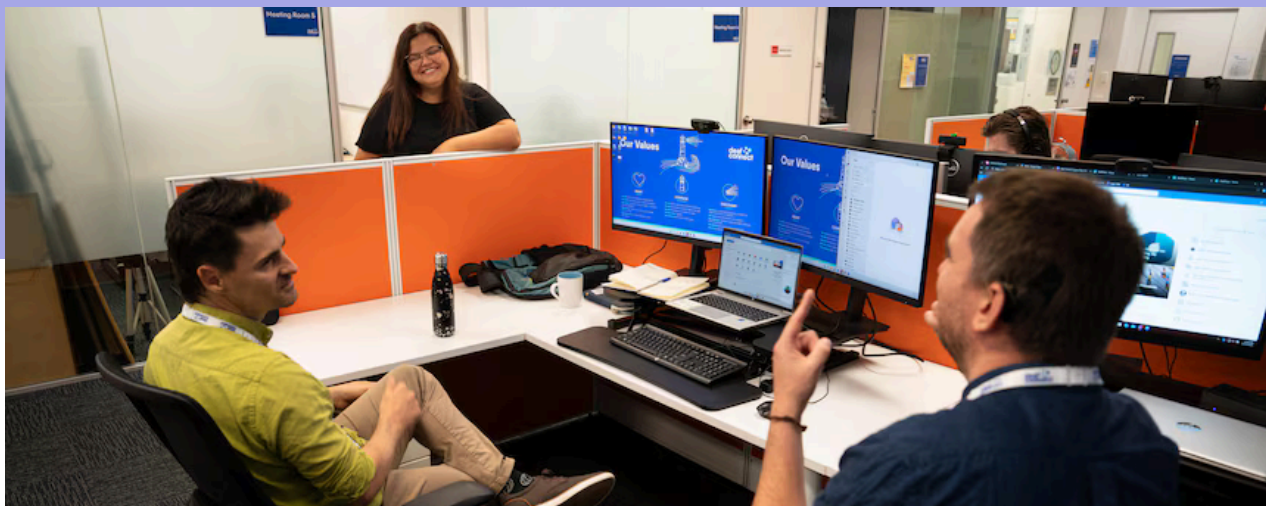
We're delighted to confirm the re-election of Stuart Lummis for his final term. Stuart has served since 2019, bringing four decades of senior executive experience across ASX-listed companies, government, and the not-for-profit sector.

We extend our sincere thanks to Robin Mack, who retired on 8 November 2025 after seven years of dedicated service. Robin's strategic insight and commitment have greatly supported Deaf Connect's growth, and we wish him all the best in retirement.

We are excited to welcome Kathy Nagle, elected in February 2026. Kathy brings over 25 years of executive leadership in the private healthcare sector, including experience as a CEO and consultant. Her strengths in governance, strategy, clinical oversight, and organisational change will be invaluable to our Board.

Check out our website for more information

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ABC News WA, Keana Naughton

SUPPORT WORKER SPOTLIGHT: OLIVIA JACKSON

As a registered NDIS provider, Deaf Connect employs Support Workers across Australia to deliver vital services to the Deaf community.

Support Workers empower Deaf NDIS participants to live independently through assistance with appointments, everyday skills, and community participation.

We recently chatted with Support Worker Olivia Jackson about how lived experience shapes her approach. As a Deaf community member herself, Olivia shared how her career has given her purpose:



“One of the barriers Deaf people face is that English is not our first language – it’s Auslan...



My favourite part is working with so many different clients...”

Being able to adapt and learn from each client is central to her work. Deaf Connect is thrilled to be hiring more people like Olivia.



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COMING SOON

MY AUSLAN STORY: COMING THIS AUSLAN DAY

This Auslan Day, we are sharing something special with our community.

My Auslan Story is a video campaign launching on Auslan Day, 13 April 2026. We sat down with our community members to ask one simple question: what does Auslan mean to you? Their answers are personal, and we are excited to share their real stories with you.

Auslan Day is also packed with events and ways to get involved. Follow us on our socials to see the video when it's released and stay up to date with everything happening on 13 April 2026.

AUSLAN DAY EVENTS

[Brisbane](#) | Interpreted Planetarium Show

[Sydney](#) | Deaf-Led Painting Class

[Cairns](#) | Hands Up For Hank Morning Tea

[Perth](#) | Tour of King's Park

[Melbourne](#) | Auslan, Art & Activism

[Adelaide](#) | Bingo & Afternoon Tead

[Townsville](#) | Afternoon Tea



See our Auslan Day 2026 events

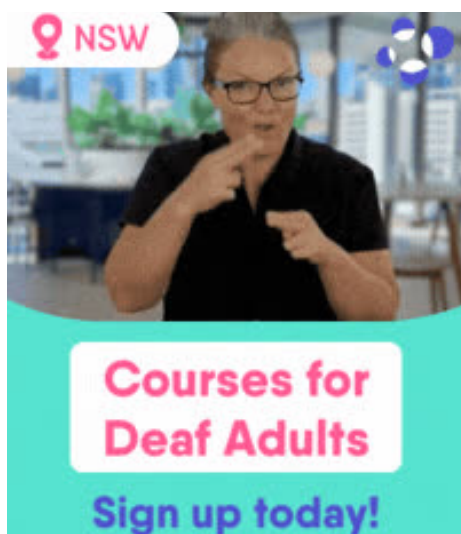


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JOIN US FOR NSW 2-DAY CLASSES



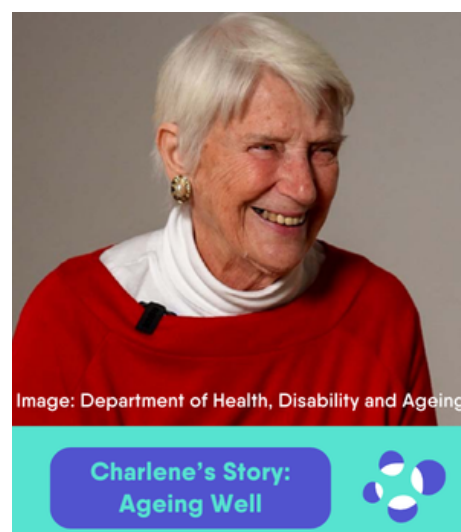
2-Day courses are the perfect way to build upon your existing skills quickly. What you will learn will support your work, hobbies, and life skills! These courses are free for eligible students in NSW.

Designed for Deaf adults looking to build upon their existing skills, our short courses run once a week for 2 weeks from our Parramatta office.

AGEING WELL: CHARLENE'S STORY

Experience Charlene's inspiring journey toward independent living, supported through Australia's aged-care services.

Presented in Auslan, this video from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing and My Aged Care shows how the right support transforms lives. Watch this uplifting story on our website today.



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