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Deaf Herald

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Welcome to the Deaf Herald - September 2026 Edition

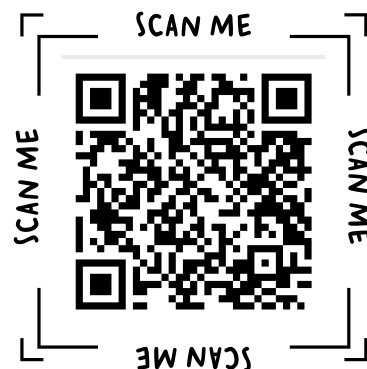
In this edition, get ready for National Week of Deaf People 2026, with some fabulous events coming up! We've also got an exciting announcement about the new Perth Deaf Hub pilot, plus meet some of the 2026 Gallaudet Immersion Program participants.

There are also new courses for Deaf adults now open in NSW and the ACT, and you can take a look back at the highlights from Deaf Festival Sydney.

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

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE!

This National Week of Deaf People (NWDP), we're excited to bring people together through a range of events and activities taking place across Australia!

From community gatherings and family-friendly activities to cultural celebrations and opportunities to connect, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Our NWDP events are held in every state and territory, so now is the time to get involved.

To find an event near you, visit our events page on our website where you can view details, locations, dates, and registration information.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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INTRODUCING THE PILOT DEAF HUB IN PERTH!

We're excited to announce a new pilot Deaf hub in Perth!

This space in Mount Lawley provides a welcoming environment for community members, groups, clubs and organisations to meet, host activities, workshops and events.

Located at Unit 1, 434 Lord Street, Mount Lawley, the Hub was inspired by insights from the Deaf Space research project and funded by the Deaf Connect Board.

The pilot aims to provide an accessible, community-focused environment where people can host events, run activities, share ideas, and build connections.

Local Deaf organisations, community groups, education providers, and community members have played a key role in bringing the project to life.

The Perth Deaf Hub will operate until April 2027, providing valuable insights into how Deaf-centred spaces can support community wellbeing and inform future Deaf Space initiatives across Australia.

We hope to see you at the Perth Deaf Hub soon!



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MEET THE 2026 GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY IMMERSION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS!

We're thrilled to introduce two of the participants selected for the 2026 Gallaudet University Immersion Program: Olivia from Melbourne and Tan from South Australia.

Through the program, participants gain access to world-class education, connect with Deaf leaders from around the globe, and share ideas that help shape a more inclusive future. This unique opportunity reflects our ongoing commitment to developing Deaf leaders, strengthening community capacity and creating lasting impact across Australia.



For Olivia, being selected is the realisation of a dream she has held since she was young. She is looking forward to experiencing life on campus, participating in classes and connecting with Gallaudet's students and community.



Tan is equally excited about the opportunity, having grown up dreaming of visiting Gallaudet. They are particularly looking forward to experiencing the campus, learning about the university's classrooms and connecting with students and staff.

Congratulations, Olivia and Tan!



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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.

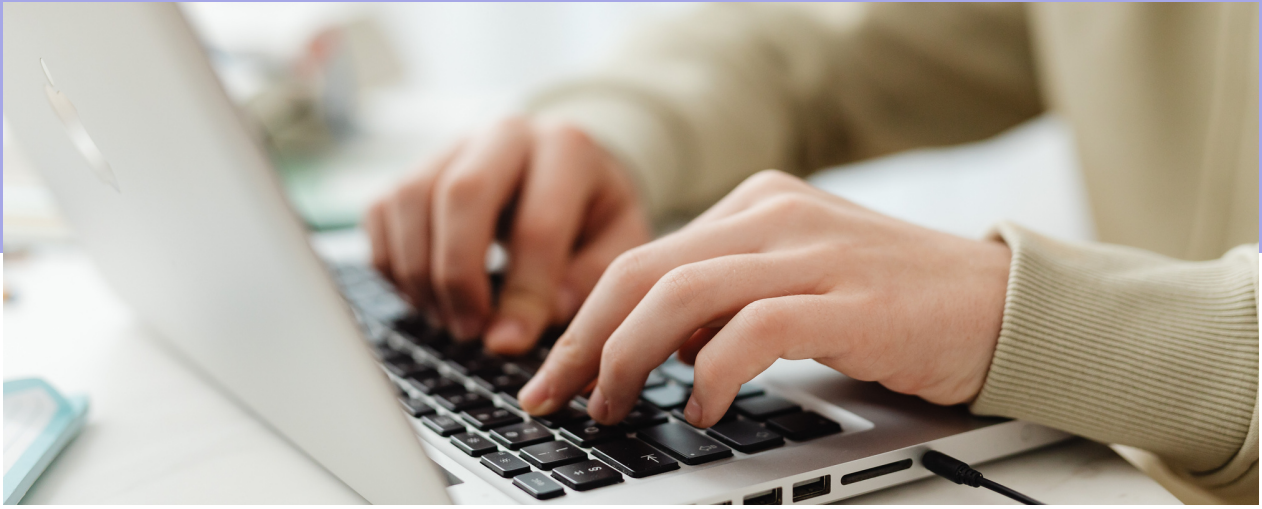
How to enrol:

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

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



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SIGN INTO TECH (ACT) COURSE FOR DEAF ADULTS

Enrolment Day for our Sign Into Tech course is coming up on 13 October 2026 at the Ainslie Arts Centre. If you've waiting to enrol or have questions about this course – Don't miss out on our enrolment day!

Learn how to use technology, stay safe online, and build confidence with digital tools in this 9-week course. The course is delivered in Auslan by a Deaf trainer. This course is free for eligible Deaf adults based in ACT.

When: 10:00am-1:00pm Tuesday, 13 October 2026

Where: Ainslie Arts Centre, 30 Elouera Street, Braddon

RSVP with name and email/phone.

Already know you want 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



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ANOTHER DEAF FESTIVAL SYDNEY FOR THE BOOKS!

Thanks to our sponsors for supporting us, our volunteers for their time and efforts to make the day run smoothly, David Wimble, for capturing so many special moments and, last but not least, to everyone who came out to celebrate the day with us!



Although Deaf Festival Sydney 2026 is over – we're not quite wrapped up yet! We'll be sharing more photos and memories from the day in our 2026 Image Gallery on the Deaf festival Sydney Website.

Stay connected on Deaf Festival Sydney's Instagram and Facebook, or sign up to the Deaf Festival Sydney mailing list to be the first to know when the photos are released!



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