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Deaf Herald

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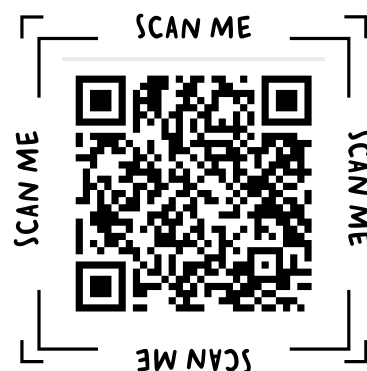
Welcome to the Deaf Herald - October 2026 Edition

In this edition, enjoy a recap of NWDP events! Plus, we've got upcoming Roadshows for Deaf seniors, new courses for Deaf adults in the ACT, and some important updates on Video Relay Services.

Plus, check out our Auslan and signed storytime sessions, and the launch of a new gym for our Therapy and Family Services clients!

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NATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE 2026 RECAP

National Week of Deaf People (NWDP) ran from 21-27 September 2026, but Deaf Connect celebrated all month long with community events nationwide and a special partnership with ABC's Bluey.

Community events across Australia included Deaf-led tours, Auslan activities, performances, workshops, games nights and community gatherings, bringing people together to celebrate Deaf culture and language.

Bluey, Sign & Seek, and Emma Memma saw our Language Services team partner with ABC on the Bluey Sign & Seek game, helping introduce Auslan to more families. We also welcomed Therapy and Family Services families to ABC Brisbane for a special Sign & Seek screening and Auslan dance session with Emma Memma.



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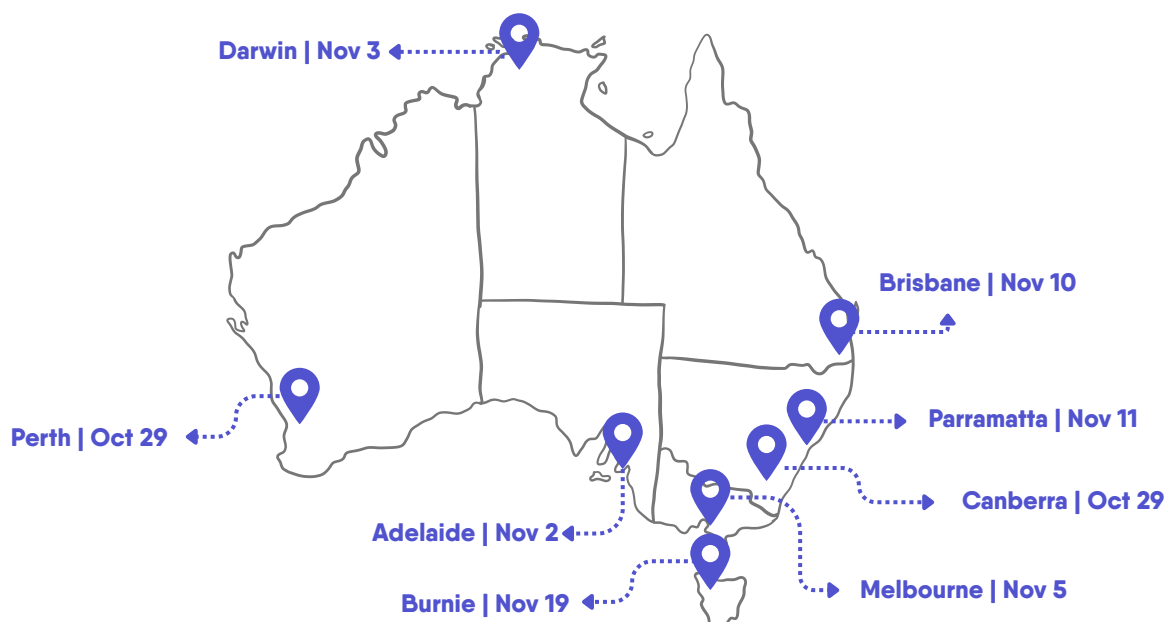
DEAF SENIORS RESEARCH REPORT COMMUNITY UPDATE ROADSHOW

Over the past 12 months, we have conducted research for the Deaf Seniors in Aged Care Project. We're now sharing the findings and invite Deaf seniors to join us for a community morning tea.

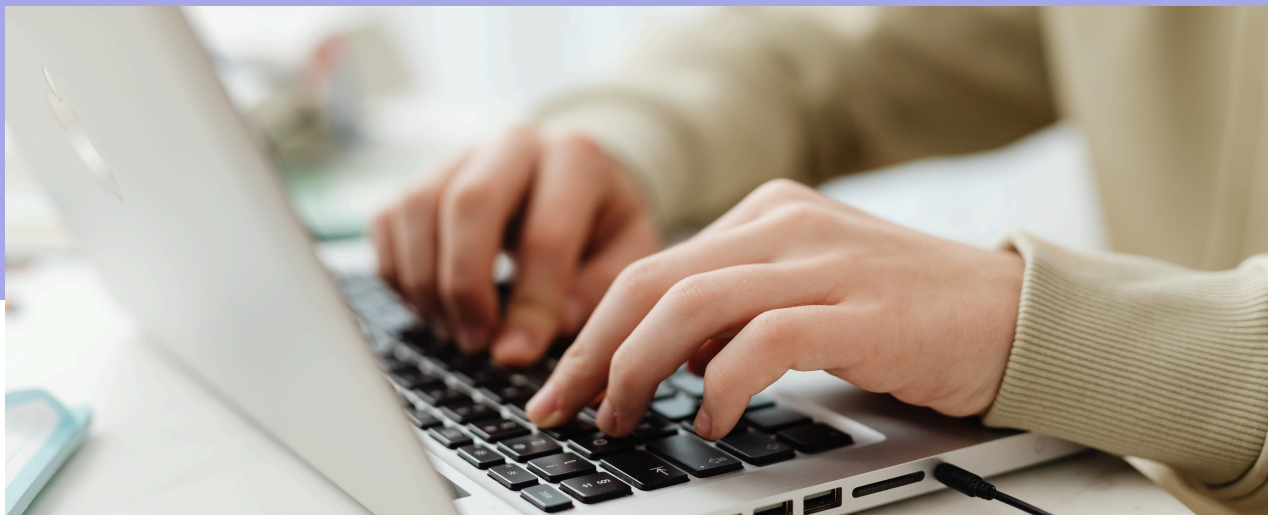
At the session, we will:

- Share an update on the project
- Create space for meaningful conversations
- Answer your questions

The discussion will be relaxed and friendly, and your views are important to us. Family members and support people are welcome. Sessions will be held in Auslan and English.



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COURSES FOR DEAF ADULTS - ACT

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!

Join our 9 week course, Sign Into Tech, to learn how to use AI, apps, websites, and online services safely.

This course is free for eligible students in ACT.

You will learn:

- How to use technology/AI tools to complete simple tasks
- How to complete a digital form
- How to stay safe online
- How to open and respond to emails

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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YEERONGPILLY - NEW THERAPEUTIC GYM

We're happy to share some exciting news from our Therapy and Family Services team at Yeerongpilly!

Co-designed by our clinicians and PlayConnect, we're thrilled to launch a new purpose-built therapeutic gym for our Therapy and Family Services clients!

This Gym will directly benefit deaf children and their families, through the provision of sensory integration, physical skill development, and increased therapy sessions.

To learn more about the space and it's impact, visit our website!



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