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'COOLEST' LITTLE DEAF & SIGNING CAPITAL

APRIL 2016



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## **Welcome to the 'coolest' little Deaf & Signing community capital, Wellington Deaf Society.**

*Deaf? Hard of hearing? NZSL Interpreter?  
NZSL Student? NZSL Tutor?  
Have a Deaf family member?*

*Looking for opportunities to hang out with other people outside of school, university, and work, to use NZSL in a natural setting? The Wellington Deaf Society offers regular opportunities to do so. It was set up in 1938 to provide social, sporting and recreational activities for the Deaf community. It has grown a lot since then.*

*Anyone is welcome – bring your family and friends along too, and encourage them to become a member!*

### **No Deaf Club? No worries!**

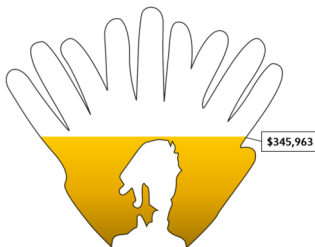
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

### **Newsletter Advertising**

Please email [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz) if you wish to place an advert in our newsletter before the **20<sup>th</sup> of each month**.

### **Our new 'second home' fundraiser**

Help us raise funds towards our new Wellington Deaf Club! You can donate at [givealittle.co.nz/cause/mysecondhome](http://givealittle.co.nz/cause/mysecondhome)



### **Board of Management**

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April has sneaked up suddenly!

As I write this report, Easter is approaching us, which I can think of two things, our annual National Deaf Rugby Championships up in Auckland. Central Zone will be playing against two other zones, Northern and Southern, this year also marks the 25th Anniversary of NZ Deaf Rugby Football Union and they will be having a special celebration on the social ceremony on the Sunday evening after all the inter-zonal championship games have completed this year's title. The second thing is chocolate easter eggs! I hope you all have a fantastic time with your close ones enjoying the long weekend by eating a chocolate egg (or five!)

Writing about Rugby above, in April, the Deaf Blacks team will be travelling to Argentina to play against the Deaf Pumas, all the best and we wish you all the very best!

Our Annual General Meeting will be on the 16th April, it is really important you attend to keep in the loop of our updates over the past year as it has been nearly a year since we moved from our Marion Street Deaf Clubroom with a lot of changes since. Also, we are looking for new faces to join on board with us to keep our coolest Deaf & signing community capital cruising, providing and informing our members and the community. If you know anyone or yourself interested to join - please do join, we are looking orward to new people joining us.

Over the last month, we have had a lot of exciting and enjoyable events, the Dakota event which I and others thoroughly had fun together, trying to beat our time riding on the bull. A group of people joined our Deaf Drop-In Centre (now called WindyHands Drop-In Centre), getting creative making masks. Then, a nice casual family gathering at KinderBear cafe in Petone, which attracted 16 parents with their children. In March, we had our St Patricks evening in town with 17 of us painting the city green! It is great to see you are interested in our events. We have a whole years' of events for you all to join, enjoy and have fun!

As you know we are selling our mellow yellow mugs, let's be WDS proud and get yourself a mug! And, have a sweeter deal, if you become a member with us, you will get a pack of tea from T Leaf T and a pack of coffee from Flight Coffee!

As daylight saving ends on the 3rd April, its getting darker earlier, as cooler and colder months approach us - keep warm and healthy.

See you at our AGM,

Shannon Krogmann  
President

Congratulations to Central Zone Deaf Rugby team for all of their efforts on the field during Easter Weekend up in Auckland. Southern Zone Deaf Rugby claimed this year's shield for the 5th year in a row. We look forward having next year's championships in Wellington.

### ***Friday Deaf Club Gatherings, from 7pm onwards***

<b><i>1 April</i></b>	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Paremata
<b><i>15 April</i></b>	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
<b><i>29 April</i></b>	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
<b><i>13 May</i></b>	Brewers & Butchers, 175 Jackson St, Petone
<b><i>27 May</i></b>	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
<b><i>10 June</i></b>	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Mana
<b><i>24 June</i></b>	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Mana

### ***Deaf Poem***

I was born deaf  
I don't hear the talks  
I see sign language  
I don't hear the voice crying  
I see sadness  
I cant hear the laughter  
I see happiness  
I don't hear the noise  
I see cars  
I don't hear singing  
I see birds  
I don't hear the wind  
I see the movement  
I'm a happy person!

### ***Wellington Deaf Dine Events:***

***June - South Africa***

***August - Italian***

***October - Japanese***

***More information of  
these dine events will  
be informed soon.***

***Lets get together for  
dinner and a glass of  
wine!***

***If you have any dine  
suggestions, please  
email  
hello@wds.org.nz***



## Advance Notice of Annual General Meeting

**When:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Time:** 1pm

**Where:** Johnsonville Community Centre

Please stay on after the AGM for afternoon tea and a catch up with your friends ☺

The WDS BOM will report back on 2015/2016 activities, report on WDS's financial situation, and present annual audited accounts. The 2016/2017 Board of Management will also be elected. The officers are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and five Committee Members.

If you wish to be part of the BOM, you must be a current Deaf member of WDS. Please fill out the form at the bottom, get it signed by another current WDS member, and post to PO Box 6028, Marion Square, Wellington OR scan and email to [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz), OR bring to the AGM meeting and give to BOM before the meeting starts.

Members may also submit motions for discussion at the AGM.

Apologies and proxy votes (i.e. the name of a Deaf WDS member to vote on your behalf if you can't make the AGM) can be emailed to [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz).

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### WDS Board of Management 2016/2017 Nominations

I wish to nominate: myself/another person (please circle) \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person), to stand for the 2016/2017 WDS Board of Management, for the following:

- |                                    |   |                                    |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President       | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member (5) |                                    |

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Signature (if nominee is not yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

*You must get a second WDS member to sign this nomination below:*

WDS Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WDS Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## WELLINGTON DEAF SOCIETY **COMMUNITY EVENTS** FOR MEN AND WOMEN

### Women's event

16th April - Dancing lesson with Saran TBC

25th June - Crystal making, Petone

16th August - Amazing Race (Men & Women), Lower Hutt

October - Masterchef with Partner (TBC)

### Men's event

28th May - Beer Tasting, Wellington (Men & Women)

July - Poker game (TBC)

16th August - Amazing Race (Men & Women), Lower Hutt

October - Masterchef with partner (TBC)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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INTRODUCING...

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Deaf? Hard of hearing? NZSL Interpreter? NZSL Student? NZSL Tutor? Have a Deaf family member?

This monthly Drop-In Centre is welcome to all, a great opportunity to hang out and use NZSL in a natural setting.

We organise different events for each month, such as getting creative or going out for a leisurely walk or visiting at an art gallery or at Te Papa. Let's check out what's on...



Last month, we did mask making! Lots of creative fun were had.

### **April's Drop-In Centre:**

14<sup>th</sup> April at Te Papa  
Cable Street  
10am to 2pm



***Keen to join?***

Contact Lyneen by email [hello@wds.org.nz](mailto:hello@wds.org.nz) or text 0220245229



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Emma	25.83		
Rob	13.83		
Tim	23.51		
Josie	16.85	SONIA	19.14
Ronan	16.38		
ELTA	16		
BURG	7.49		
TOM H	12.76		
LYN	11.81		
MORGAN	11.18		
ICOMY	8.65	CAM	4.90
SHANNON	8.02		
TOM	5.44		
REN	17.28		
RENEE	7.73		
TERRY	2.82		



# Dakota



On 28th February, we had our first Dine event at Dakota Restaurant in Wellington. It was lots of fun, people wore cowboy hats, and competed against each other on the mechanical bull to see who could stay on longer.

Pop on our Facebook page to see more photos and check out the people having fun at the Dakota.



On St Patrick's Day, we dressed up green and went to the city to paint it green! We had lots of fun celebrating St Patrick's Day together, it was great to see a group of Deaf people join.





*Barmaid can sign.*

We got some people from the bar to sign together and even one of the barmaids signed with us. Great exposure of NZSL!

# PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

## *A story from a teacher of the Deaf From Switzerland*

Once upon a time...

Almost 40 years ago, 1977 - 1983, I taught at a little Deaf School in Switzerland.

In 1977 my students were 11 and 12 years old. And this year they came to New Zealand to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays here!

For one of them, Roland, it was his eighth visit to New Zealand. When he was 40, in 2006, after playing soccer for 30 years, he decided to take up sailing as his new sport – so sailing he came, in the Bay of Islands, where he found a sailing instructor who spoke German. He liked New Zealand so much that he infected his old school mates Sandra and Bruno with his love for New Zealand.

Their trip was well planned: Roland and a friend of his visited relations in Australia before they came to New Zealand, and Sandra and her husband had a few days in Coromandel to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary before they picked up Bruno from Auckland Airport. They celebrated their birthdays in style up north, in a holiday home they knew from former stays. Then they travelled south, to Wellington to visit me.





# NZSL IN WELLINGTON

## Comedy Festival - Tim Batt

**When:** Thursday 28th April 2016, 7.00pm  
**Where:** Fringe Bar, 26-32 Allen St, Te Aro, Wellington

## Comedy Festival - Ben Hurley

**When:** Thursday 28th April 2016, 8.30pm  
**Where:** VK's Comedy & Blues bar, 60 Dixon St, Te Aro, Wellington 6011

## Comedy Festival - Beth Vyse

**When:** Thursday 5th May 2016, 7pm  
**Where:** Fringe Bar, 26-32 Allen St, Te Aro, Wellington

## Comedy Festival - Urzila Carlson

**When:** Thursday 5th May 2016, 8.00pm  
**Where:** Mac's Function Centre, 4 Taranaki St, Wellington 6011

## Comedy Festival - Juliette Burton

**When:** Thursday 12th May 2016, 7.00pm  
**Where:** The Dome at BATS Theatre, 1 Kent Terrace, Mount Victoria, Wellington

## Comedy Festival - James Acaster

**When:** Thursday 12th May 2016, 8.30pm  
**Where:** San Fran, 171 Cuba St, Te Aro, 6011

## Comedy Festival - Stand-Up For Kids

**When:** Saturday 14th May 2016, 12.00pm  
**Where:** Hannah Playhouse, 12 Cambridge Terrace, Te Aro, Wellington 6011

For ticketing information visit: [comedyfestival.co.nz](http://comedyfestival.co.nz)

**For more information about these events please contact:**

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[nzslweek.org.nz](http://nzslweek.org.nz)





# NZSL IN WELLINGTON

## Let's Make Coffee

**When:** Wednesday 11th May 2016, 7.00pm to 9.00pm  
and Friday 13th May 2016, 6.00pm to 8.00pm  
**Where:** Coffee School, 1/7 Ward Street, Lower Hutt  
**Cost:** Special NZSL Week price \$10 (usually \$25). Each class limited to 12 people!  
Ever wondered how your coffee is made? Learn how to use a coffee machine and make the perfect cup, at Coffee Educators! RSVP by Tuesday 10th May.

## NZSL at Gallipoli - The Scale of our War

**When:** Tuesday 10th May 2016, 9.00am to 10.00am  
and Saturday 14th May 2016, 9.00am to 10.00am  
**Where:** Te Papa, Cable Street, Wellington City  
**Cost:** \$10 – minimum 20 people required.  
Join an NZSL interpreted tour of Gallipoli: The Scale of our War at Te Papa.

## Wellington Chocolate Factory Tour

**When:** Tuesday 10th May 2016, 11.00am to 12.00pm  
and Friday 13th May 2016, 1.00pm to 2.00pm  
**Where:** Wellington Chocolate Factory, 5 Eva Street, Wellington City  
**Cost:** NZSL Week special price, \$10 (normally \$20), maximum 18 people.  
Join this NZSL interpreted tour of Wellington Chocolate Factory – yes, you can taste at the end!

## Tour of Government House

**When:** Friday 13th May 2016, 10.00am to 12.00pm  
**Where:** Visitor Centre, Government House, 1 Rugby Street, Newtown, Wellington  
**Cost:** FREE  
Be part of the first ever NZSL interpreted tour of Government House. Book online at <https://www.gg.govt.nz/tours>. Tour limited to 20 people.

## NZSL at Wellington Zoo

**When:** Sunday 15th May 2016, 12.00pm to 3.00pm  
**Where:** Wellington Zoo, 200 Daniell Street, Newtown, Wellington  
**Cost:** Special NZSL Week price – adults \$10, kids under 15 \$5 and kids under 3 free!  
Finish celebrating NZSL Week with a picnic and NZSL tour of Wellington Zoo!

**For more information about these events and to RSVP please contact:**  
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You're invited!

# New Zealand Sign Language AWARDS<sup>2016</sup>

Join us for 10 times the celebration and celebrate the 2016 NZSL Award winners!

**WHEN** Saturday, 14 May 2016, 6.30pm - 11.30pm

**WHERE** Amokura Gallery, Te Papa, Wellington

Interpreters and live captioning provided.

Dress code: Formal suit, cocktail or evening wear.  
Black tie optional.

Please RSVP by Monday, 11th May 2016.

**To RSVP email:** [national@deaf.org.nz](mailto:national@deaf.org.nz)

Alternatively, visit your local Deaf Aotearoa office for assistance.

Early-bird: \$95.00 until Sunday, 24th April 2016

Standard: \$110.00 from Monday, 25th April to

Wednesday, 11th May 2016

Tickets includes beverage service throughout the evening and three course dinner.





# MY LIFE IN SIGN

NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

9-15 MAY

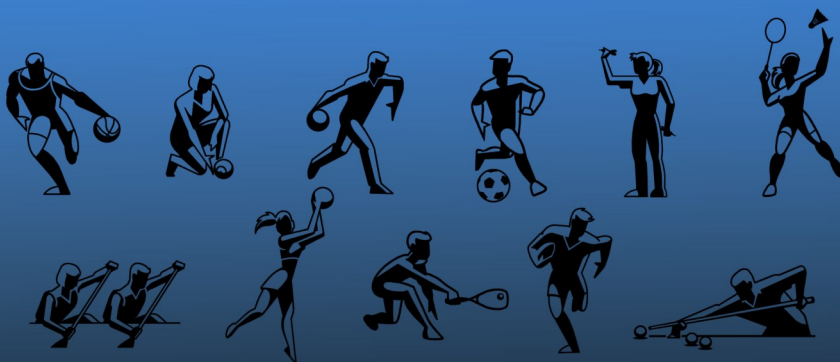
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**CHEQUE:** Post payable cheque to address below

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Your reference: Name, memb 2016 (eg: JOHNMEMB2016)  
and email [treasurer@wds.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@wds.org.nz) when payment has been made

## All about you... *(optional)*

*We are interested to know your interests to help us organise events, workshops for our members to enjoy together.*

*What are your interests?*

*Please fill your name and contact details so we can be in touch!*

Send this form to address below, or give to WDS Committee, or email to [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz)

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