

# WINDYhands

'COOLEST' LITTLE DEAF & SIGNING CAPITAL



April 2018



# WELLINGTON DEAF SOCIETY

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.*

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

We have events throughout the year around Wellington, once a month.  
See inside for dates and locations.  
Please keep your eyes peeled on our website, each newsletter and our Facebook page for updates.

***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 20th 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/org/wds](http://givealittle.co.nz/org/wds)

***The Board***

Anton Sammons  
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Board member

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Board member

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Janette Smith, Tony Walton, Kaz Witko,  
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**Contact us:**

**Email:** [hello@wds.org.nz](mailto:hello@wds.org.nz)

**Facebook:** 'Wellington Deaf Society'

**Post:** Wellington Deaf Society, PO Box 13817, Johnsonville Wellington 6440



## President Message

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Happy April Fools everyone!  
Happy Easter!

Wellington Deaf Society had 9 teams entered for the Amazing Race, which turns out to be great event overall, despite the “very very difficulties”... whoopsies. Nonetheless it has been beautiful day. There have been some announcements; Shannon, the ex-President of WDS will step down from the Board at the AGM Joanne, Secretary will step down from Secretary and Board at the AGM. Therefore we have four vacant positions to elect at the Annual General Meeting, including a secretary. It is important for Wellington Deaf Society to continue to have a full board. Especially now we have a good opportunity with a building. I would like to encourage you to nominate a person for the Board, attend the meeting or send in your proxy. It is important for Wellington Deaf Society to have a full board, so we can implement strategies and money investment to give Wellington Deaf community a home. Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville is building a sportville with the support of the Wellington City Council. WDS have a possible chance of becoming one of the founding clubs, to co own this building with 4 or 5 other sport clubs. This allow us as community group to give the project more opportunity to gather support. I would like to encourage you all to attend the AGM, to listen to a presentation from the Chairperson of Alex Moore Park Board about the building project. There will be more information, and more discussion about whether WDS should commit to this. WDS will arrange community meetings in May to discuss this opportunity. And if all goes well, we can arrange for a Special General Meeting in June to make final decision.

The events are going well, the attendance are good, people are enjoying it, and all it remains is to keep that going with a building so all our members and Wellington Deaf Community can come, socialise, ask for help, learn about things.

My door is always open to any of you.

Yours in Signing

Anton



# FUNDRAISER FILMS AT THE PENTHOUSE CINEMA



## Finding Your Feet

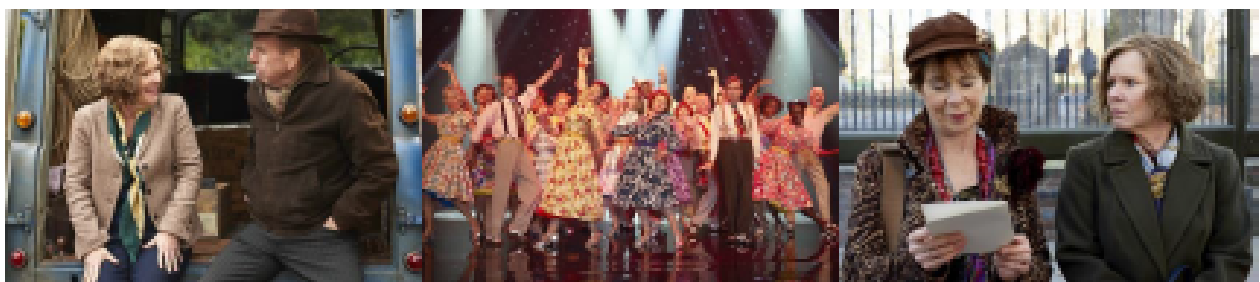
When 'Lady' Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair, she seeks refuge with her estranged sister Bif in London. The two couldn't be more different. Sandra is a fish out of water next to her outspoken, bohemian sibling. But when Bif drags her along to a community dance class, Sandra's world is transformed. With unexpected friendships, romance, and a holiday in Rome on the horizon, Sandra finds the courage to reinvent herself. Featuring an acclaimed British cast led by Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall and Joanna Lumley, *Finding Your Feet* is a hilarious and heart-warming comedy proving it's never too late to start again.

*Starring: Imelda Staunton, Joanna Lumley, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie, John Sessions & David Hayman*

[WATCH TRAILER](#)

This is an engaging and heart-warming tale with a fun cast ensemble. Expect to see these familiar faces light up the screen with their charm and humour. Given its popularity since its release date, we have a special screening of *Finding Your Feet* with open captions (subtitles) on **Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April at 1:30pm**

[Click here to book your tickets now!](#)





# NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE 1

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) is the language of the New Zealand Deaf community and was recognised as an official language in 2006. In this beginner's course, you'll learn basic NZSL skills necessary for simple communication with Deaf people.

This class is in NZSL only – so leave your voice at the door and come and learn sign language in a fun and interactive way!

***Sara Pivac Alexander** is a Lecturer for the Deaf Studies Research Unit at Victoria University and has taught New Zealand Sign Language at the university since 2006.*

**Wednesdays 11 April to 20 June, excl. 25 April (10 sessions)**

**5.45pm-7.45pm**

**Fee: \$280**

**Early Bird Fee: \$252**

For further information or to enrol visit

**[www.victoria.ac.nz/conted](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/conted)**  
or call 04-463 6556.

**CENTRE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING**

# Annual General Meeting and NZSL Challenges



Our AGM - we encourage all those who are keen to be on the Board to start thinking about it. Please note we will be electing a new Secretary, and three Board Members.

Afternoon tea provided, and stay to to take part in NZSL Challenges!

Where: Social Linden Centre

When: Saturday 14th April 2018

Time: 2:00pm onwards



# New Zealand Deaf Games Wellington 2019

Apply to be on the  
Games Organising Committee!

- Administration Coordinator
- Finance Coordinator
- Interpreters Coordinator
- Media Coordinator
- Sports Coordinator
- Entertainment Coordinator
- Infrastructure Coordinator
- Marketing Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator

Position Descriptions available on  
[deafsports.nz](http://deafsports.nz)

Please email your applications to the  
Games Organising Committee  
[deafgames@deafsports.co.nz](mailto:deafgames@deafsports.co.nz)

**Deaf Sports  
New Zealand**  
Hākinakina Turi Aotearoa





# New Zealand Deaf Games Wellington 2019



WHAT SPORTS YOU WANT TO  
PLAY? WATCH?



*Let us know what you want to watch/play for  
the Turi Aotearoa Shield and NZSL Social competitions  
by filling out Pre-registration survey.*

Go to <https://www.deafsports.nz>

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Any questions/enquiry  
Email: [deafgames@deafsports.co.nz](mailto:deafgames@deafsports.co.nz)

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# Volunteers wanted



The following events require volunteers to help run the events.

- Theatresports 22nd September
- Halloween 27th October
- NZSL Charades 17th November
- Christmas Party 8th December.

Please register your interest in volunteering by emailing us at [hello@wds.org.nz](mailto:hello@wds.org.nz)

By volunteering for an event, you will be able to have free entry into another event (subject to management approval).



# WDS Events Calendar 2018

More information will come for those events in coming months.

January

- Annual Family Summer Picnic,  
Saturday 27th January  
11am-2pm.  
Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt

May

- NZSL Week Quiz Night  
Saturday 12th May  
hosted by Deaf Aotearoa

September

- Theatresports  
Saturday 22nd September

February

- Lawn Bowling  
Saturday 17th Feb  
2pm onwards  
Seatoun Bowling Club

June

- Wellington Deaf Poker  
Championship and  
Board Games night  
Seatoun Bowling Club  
Saturday 16th June  
3pm onwards.

October

- Halloween  
Saturday 27th October

March

- Amazing Race  
Tawa Squash Club, Tawa  
Saturday 17th March  
2pm onwards

July

- WDS 80th Anniversary  
Porirua Club  
1 Lodge Street,  
Porirua  
Saturday 28th July  
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November

- NZSL Charades  
Saturday 17th November

April

- Annual General Meeting  
and NZSL Challenges  
Social Linden Centre  
Saturday 14th April  
2pm onwards

August

- Bakery competition  
Saturday 18th August

December

- Christmas Party  
Saturday 8th December



Wellington Deaf Society Membership Application  
2018-1st June 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: (please tick one)

Deaf/Hard of Hearing? ☐

Hearing? ☐

Are you: (please tick one)

Youth (under 18 years old) ☐

Senior (65+ years old) ☐

Student (Tertiary Education) ☐

How would you like newsletter delivered?

Via email? (free) ☐

Via Postal? \$10 ☐

Membership are until 1st June 2019 and is free for everyone

*Above details are collected for membership, statistical and funding purposes and all information provided shall be protected by Privacy Act 1993.*

Payment Methods:

Cash: Pay to WDS Board

Cheque: Post payable cheque to address:

Bank Deposit/Transfer: (BNZ) 02-0560-0041556-00. Please include in your reference: Name2018 (E.g. JohnSmith2018) and email [treasurer@wds.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@wds.org.nz) when payment have been made.

**Becoming member of WDS you agree to Membership obligations outlined in Rule 7 of the WDS Inc's Constitution.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Subject to the Constitution rules, membership begin from the date approved by the Board expire one year later. An invitation to renew will be send out before expiration date.*

All about you.. (optional)

We are interested in knowing about you and your interests to help us organise events. What are your interests?

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Send this form to address below, or give to WDS Board, or email to [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz)  
Wellington Deaf Society, PO Box 13817 Johnsonville, Wellington 6440



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