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'COOLEST' LITTLE DEAF & SIGNING CAPITAL

FEBRUARY 2017



## **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!**

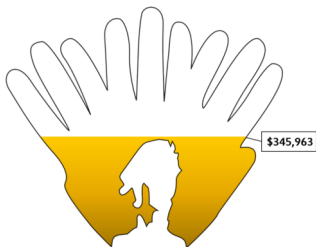
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

### **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)



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## *A message from the President*

Watch this in NZSL: [youtube.com/WellingtonDeafSoc](https://youtube.com/WellingtonDeafSoc)

Happy New Year!

Hope you all had an enjoyable holiday during Christmas and over the new year. I spent the first two weeks at home with my son, spending time together and with our family and along with my husband, we travelled to Turangi for a weeks' holiday – it was very hot, it never rained at I was constantly swimming everyday and just relaxing before we returned back to wet and windy Wellington.

We had a wonderful Christmas Dinner with all of our members and other people from Wellington region and outside. Also, at this party, it was great to see around over 60 people we had not seen in a long time! And, we had a special guest, Freda Hassan, an interpreter from the UK, she is well known in the Wellington region, so she did attract a lot of attention.

The BOM had our last meeting for 2016 and we celebrated our work with having a BBQ – very well deserved to soak some sunshine and enjoy a moment of not working!

To these who attended our Christmas dinner last year, we updated you about the progress of getting a new home for Wellington Deaf Society, we are working closely with Wellington City Council after seeing a vacant land in Newlands we strongly believe matches our community need. This is a major task we will be working on this year. Anton has been working with this and has done a report in this newsletter for your read.

As our Annual General Meeting is approaching in April, we welcome any members to join the board, we are also wanting to set up an events subcommittee to be responsible to organise, plan and facilitate local events for our Wellington Deaf and signing community to participate. If you are keen, please be in touch with us at – [secretary@wds.org.nz](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz)

Best wishes for 2017,

Shannon Krogmann  
President

# OUR SECOND HOME BUILDING UPDATE

Dear Members,

Here is the first update on the progress of Wellington Deaf Society's (WDS) search for a new home.

At our December meeting, the Board reviewed the Building sub-committee and voted to dissolve the sub-committee in favour of greater engagement with all our members in finding our future home. I would like to pay tribute to Tony Kuklinski and Cameron Ross for their contributions as members of the Building sub-committee. Tony stepped down from the sub-committee in October; Cameron stepped down in November. I also would like to pay tribute to remaining sub-committee members Clive Morgan, Erich Krogmann, Pam Witko, and Craig Becker for their contributions.

The Board decided to move the work of the Building sub-committee into a portfolio for which I have taken responsibility. I have been directed to report back to the Board on a regular basis and inform members of our progress in this area through newsletters, emails and social media like Facebook. We encourage members to contact me directly with any questions, feedback, or if you have any tips or opportunities you would like to share.

At the WDS Christmas Party, I gave the attendees an update on our situation: we have been looking for property all around the Wellington Region, from South to Porirua, Karori to Hutt City's Seaview. Most of the prices are outside our range, and while we found some residential opportunities, their zoning was a concern to us. I contacted three City Councils directly to see if they had any opportunities.

Hutt City Council didn't have anything available apart from some co-tenanting arrangements with sports clubs. None of these were suitable, and given the infrastructure of the Hutt area, it is unlikely that many options would arise in the future. We decided to focus our search on other councils.

Porirua City Council were interested in assisting us, so Shannon and I visited the council offices to discuss the plans. They undertook a search and found an opportunity on the waterfront, co-tenanting with the Porirua Brass Band. We had a discussion with the Brass Band and found that it wasn't suitable either. The Porirua City Council will continue to inform us of any future opportunities.

We met with Wellington City Council (WCC) twice, first with the community team who will look into opportunities with defunct bowling clubs. The WCC property sales team notified me of a piece of land in Newlands which is going on sale as a closed tender. Shannon and I quickly arranged a meeting with property team, who will look into options and assist us in acquiring this land. At the moment it is just land, which gives us the opportunity to either construct a building, relocate an existing building or erect a pre-fabricated building. The land in question is at 23 Batchelor Street in Newlands. The entire Board paid a visit to this property, and in our opinion, it is well-suited to our needs. It is close to Newlands village, and not too far from our three deaf communities in Wellington, Porirua and Hutt City. The neighbourhood is family-friendly, with the possibility of future opportunities for deaf children in nearby schools and NZSL classes.

The next step is that we have to lobby the WCC to provide us with options to help us acquire this land. In the future newsletter updates, we will be asking for your opinions on the land, possible building options, and other options that the WCC will provide us with.

With your continued support, we will succeed in our goal of finding a new home for the Wellington Deaf Society.

Thank you for reading, and till next time!  
Anton Sammons

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

**When:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Where:** Trust Room, Johnsonville Community Centre (entrance on Moorefield Road)

Afternoon tea provided.

The WDS BOM will report back on 2016/17 activities, report on WDS's financial situation, and present annual audited accounts. The 2017/18 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. If you are interested to be on BOM, 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 2017/2018 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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the  
Date*

*Wellington Deaf Society's 80th Anniversary*

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# DEAF NETBALL WELLINGTON

**Love netball?** Rosie and Fallon will lead WDS netball team for next year and there will be a netball tournament in conjunction of 2017's National Deaf Rugby tournament.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon!

This is welcome to everyone from the Wellington Deaf & Signing community.

Come and join the fun!

Contact Rosie & Fallon to register!

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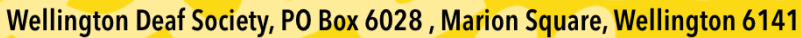
*We are interested to know your interests to help us organise events, workshops for our members to enjoy together.*

*What are your interests?*

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

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