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'COOLEST' LITTLE DEAF & SIGNING CAPITAL

JULY 2016



SUPPLY ROOM AND AFRICA 2016



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!

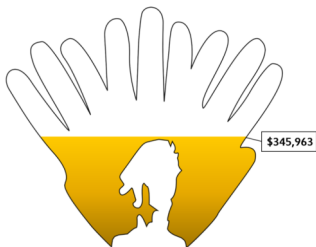
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

Newsletter Advertising

Please email secretary@wds.org.nz 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/cause/mysecondhome



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A message from the President

Watch in NZSL: youtube.com/wellingtondeafsoc

Hello Readers!

This newsletter brings us to the middle of the year already! June has crept up and went very quickly, it has been a quiet month for us all.

Our Board of Management have started planning for our governance training and our vision for our new Wellington Deaf Society's club, we have Anton working progressively with our Building committee to start gathering ideas of buildings across Wellington region and to seek what is required by our community and our future.

We are also gearing up with our constitution rules, the BOM will be having a night together to discuss the rules and we will be organising a community Special General Meeting with you all to check out the amendments and to submit remits.

Our events are picking up and being prepared throughout the year for you all to enjoy, if there is a particular event you wish to see happen in the 2017 year, please do be in touch. Our community coordinator, Lyneen has been busy networking with local schools to inform them about our society and to engage with new members as well to provide social enjoyment for you all to attend, such as our Dine Club, and other upcoming events planned. Speaking of events, we have organised on our website under 'shop', a majority of our events will be listed there for you all to register as this will be a much effective tool to monitor people's participation.

As we have changed our membership system to online, if you ever get an email from us saying your membership has been expired, please follow the instructions on the email to help you renew your membership. Do be in touch with us if you need help. Remember, membership is free if you wish to receive our newsletter by email. We would love to see new members join – all are very welcome!

You many have noticed a flier in our newsletter or a post on our Facebook page and our website about our Entertainment books, they are an excellent way to get a great deal around Wellington (and other cities across NZ) with retail, dining, attractions, travel and much more! For \$60 a year, you will get unlimited array of great deals to hunt for. We are fundraising with this and if you are an Entertainment member and due for a renewal or wishing to join, you can purchase a book or an app – please support us!

Amazing Race is approaching us... It's gonna be fun! We have some awesome prizes for the winners, so gear up a team of 4 and register!

Hope to see most of you at our Anniversary on the 16th July, there's gonna be disco lights and karaoke. Come along and be a signstar!

Best,

Shannon Krogmann
President

WHAT'S ON...

2016 gatherings

Swing by and join us on a Friday at
below bars from 7pm!

29 April	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
13 May	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
27 May	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
10 June	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Mana
24 June	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
8 July	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
22 July	Brewers & Butchers, 175 Jackson St, Petone
5 August	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
19 August	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, PatemaTa
2 September	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
16 September	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
30 September	Brewers & Butchers, 175 Jackson St, Petone
14 October	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
28 October	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, PatemaTa
11 November	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
25 November	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
9 December	Brewers & Butchers, 175 Jackson St, Petone

Become a WDS member now to be in the know!
Follow us on wds.org.nz and our Facebook page



Wellington Deaf Dine Events:

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**

What Is It Like To Be Deaf?

By Dianne Kinnee

"What is it like to be deaf?"

People have asked me.

Deaf? Oh, hmm...how do I explain that?

Simple: I can't hear.

No, wait...it is much more than that.

It is similar to a goldfish in a bowl,

Always observing things going on.

People talking at all times.

It is like a man on his own island

Among foreigners.

Isolation is no stranger to me.

Relatives say hi and bye

But I sit for 5 hours among them

Taking great pleasure at amusing babies

Or being amused by TV.

Reading books, resting, helping out with food.

Natural curiosity perks up

Upon seeing great laughter, crying, anger.

Inquiring only to meet with a "Never mind" or

"Oh, it's not important".

Getting a summarized statement

Of the whole day.

I'm supposed to smile to show my happiness.

Little do they know how truly miserable I am.

People are in control of language usage,

I am at loss and really uncomfortable

Always feeling like an outsider

Among the hearing people,

Even though it was not their intention.

Always assuming that I am part of them

By my physical presence, not understanding

The importance of communication.

Facing the choice between Deaf Event weekend

or a family reunion.

Facing the choice between the family commitment

And Deaf friends.

I must make the choices constantly,

Any wonder why I choose Deaf friends?

I get such great pleasure at the Deaf clubs,

Before I realize it, it is already 2:00 am,

Whereas I anxiously look at the clock

Every few minutes at the Family Reunion.

With Deaf people, I feel so normal,

Our communication flows back and forth.

Catch up with little trivialities, our daily life,

Our frustration in the bigger world,

Seeking the mutual understanding,

Contented smiles and laughter are musical.

So magical to me,

So attuned to each other's feelings.

True happiness is so important.

I feel more at home with Deaf people

Of various color, religion, short or tall.

Than I do among my own hearing relatives.

And you wonder why?

Our language is common.

We understand each other.

Being at loss of control

Of the environment that is communication,

People panic and retreat to avoid

Deaf people like the plague.

But Deaf people are still human beings

With dreams, desires, and needs

To belong, just like everyone else.

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THE AMAZING RACE



SATURDAY, 6 AUGUST

CONTESTANTS MEET AT
LITTLE CAFÉ, QUEEN STREET, LOWER HUTT
AT 2PM

\$10 PER TEAM (MAX 4)
ALL AGES WELCOME
CAR + MOBILE PHONE REQUIRED
PER TEAM*

PRIZES TO BE WON!



*MOBILE TO HAVE CAMERA CAPABILITY, TOPPED UP WITH CREDIT FOR TEXTING.
CAR TO BE USED WITHIN A 5KM RADIUS OF LOWER HUTT.



WDS POKER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

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Saturday 9 July | 7 - 10pm | Johnsonville Community Centre

[be seated for 7.30pm start]

\$20 cash in

Pay cash at door

CASH PRIZES!

BYO drinks & snacks

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DEAF TECHNOLOGY

TEC COURSES 2016 - TEC 1132

Hearing Aids Funding

Wally Potts, an audiologist from Kenepuru Hospital, will share information about how to get hearing aids funded and how to use funding. He can advise about hearing aids in general, what they do, how they work and what benefit to expect from them. He will also talk about ways of getting funding, what the eligibility criteria are, and any aspect of audiology - how the ears work and how hearing loss is measured.

Wally can answer any questions during the talk, if it goes in different directions.

WHERE:	Johnsonville Community Centre 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville, Wellington
WHEN:	Wednesday 6th July 2016, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
COST:	FREE - NZSL Interpreters and refreshments provided

Learn how to use Microsoft Word

Introduction to Microsoft Word includes the screen elements, save, open and close, cut and paste, formatting, font, spell checking and printing, etc.

Anne Haddon will present the workshop. Come along and have fun! Limited space available, please book early.

WHERE:	Wellington High School 249 Taranaki St, Wellington
WHEN:	Saturday 6th August 2016, 9.30am - 11.30am
COST:	FREE - NZSL Interpreters provided

For more information or to enrol in this course,
please contact Nicolette Van Vuuren:

EMAIL nicolette.vanvuuren@deaf.org.nz
TEXT 021 677 453





DEAF TECHNOLOGY

TEC COURSES 2016 - TEC 1132

Learn how to use Google Drive online storage

Understand what Google Drive is and how to set up an account. Learn how to upload a Word document to Google Drive and share it with other people. Also, learn how to create a Google document file in the cloud.

Anne Haddon will present this workshop. Come along and have fun! Limited space available, please book early.

WHERE:

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249 Taranaki St, Wellington

WHEN:

Saturday 20th August 2016, 9.30am - 11.30am

COST:

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We're 78!

Let's boogie!

Bring the whole family for a jive and to sign sing our hearts out to celebrate our 78th Anniversary together.

Saturday 16th July
Ngaio Town Hall, 1 Ottawa Street, Ngaio

Children's disco will start from 4pm, and later
on the grown ups to boogie all night!

\$10 per person
\$25 per family

Pizzas & non alcoholic drinks will be provided
BYO drinks

Deadline 14th July
Purchase tickets online:
www.wds.org.nz/shop



EMAIL: hello@wds.org.nz
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**DINE
CLUB**

*Let's go on a Mediterranean
adventure at Osteria del Toro!*

Saturday 27th August, 6.30pm

Osteria del Toro Restaurant

cnr Tory and Holland Streets, Wellington

Let us know if you want to join by 24th August

email: hello@wds.org.nz | text: 021 024 5229

**SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS
ACTION!**

LET'S GET CREATIVE!

22 JULY 10AM - 2PM

**PETONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
JACKSON ST, PETONE**

Not feeling too creative? We have games!

LET'S GET WET!

DAILY FROM 11am

H2O XTREME, UPPER HUTT

Like bathing on inflatables, rushing down

the slides? Head to H2O anytime!

ENTRY PRICES APPLY

EMAIL: hello@wds.org.nz | TEXT: 022 024 5229 | www.wds.org.nz

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

LET'S BOOGIE!

16 JULY 4pm - 10pm

**NGAIO TOWN HALL,
OTTAWA ROAD, NGAIO**

**Wellington Deaf Society is celebrating
their 78th Anniversary, with disco lights
and karaoke - come and show your dights
and singstar wannabe style!**

**If you love pizza as much as we do,
you've hit jackpot. Pizza will be provided!
Not a big fan of pizza - no worries,
we have other munchies!**

\$25 for families \$10 per person

BUY TICKETS ONLINE!



PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

My Story as a CODA *(Child of Deaf Adult)*

Our family life was great. It just seemed normal to us. Mum and Dad always did their best to provide for us and give us the best life possible. Our household was a very happy environment with lots of laughs and love.

My siblings and I learnt NZSL before we could even talk but as a side effect, we all had to attend speech therapy as our speech wasn't clear. This helped us immensely. We quickly taught our close friends, who would visit our house, NZSL so that they too could communicate with our parents. They thought this was the coolest thing to do! Out in public, people would stare at us in disbelief and the odd time people would come up to say how great it was to see us signing.

The downside was having to listen to discrimination in many cases. All 4 of us kids, experienced bullying at school just because our parents were deaf. Our school teachers and principals were great at stopping it quickly and spreading awareness about disabilities so that these kids could learn not to discriminate.

My parents struggled to find good jobs because they were deaf. They didn't care that my parents were great at making things with their hands. They were both amazing at crafting, woodwork, metalwork, sewing and were intelligent. As soon as the company found out they were deaf, they shut the door and wanted to know no more. Which was extremely sad and tough to deal with but as always there was that 1 in a 100 person who was open-minded, caring and could see past the disability. They knew that my parents were just like everyone else in the world but their ears just didn't work.

All in all, our family overcame many obstacles and discrimination and we all grew stronger from it. Although society today is more accepting of disabilities now than it was in the past, there is still some ways to go. It's important for the deaf community to stand together through thick and thin to eliminate discrimination and let society see that having a disability is not a disadvantage.

That we are all in fact the same on the inside.

I wouldn't change my upbringing for anything. I love knowing NZSL, it's an amazing language to learn and I'm still learning new signs as I go. It has also taught me so many valuable life lessons, morals and to be an open-minded person who is accepting of anyone, disabled or not.

Captions Matter at our House - What about yours?

Our family relies on captions to watch TV, film and video together. Guess what? We don't all like the same programme and that's our individual choice. We each want to choose what we watch together or separately - with captions. But we can't, because so much TV and video is broadcast or published without same language captions in NZ. I think Deaf & hard of hearing New Zealanders and their hearing family & friends, should be able to choose what they want to watch, when they want to watch it.

Now the good news. The New Zealand Government Administration Committee has launched an inquiry into captioning (Link: http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/sc/make-submission/51SCGA_SCF_00DBSCH_INQ_69222_1/inquiry-into-captioning-in-new-zealand). If you need captions to understand the audio on video of any kind or you know someone that benefits from them, please make a submission before 28 July – the more the better! The committee has representatives from across the political spectrum, which is great as accessibility should not be a political issue! You can make a NZSL submission.

Someone asked me recently why I cared so much about captions on TV and video. Here goes:

- Annabel doesn't want someone else choosing what she can and cannot watch on TV – that's her choice (or mine as her mum)
- When Annabel & Alexandra's teachers at school play a video from the Television New Zealand website that video to be accessible to both of them. Next month they are studying the Olympics she should be able to watch the Prime TV live coverage the same as her hearing classmates and directly enjoy the action from Rio (they also studied the Commonwealth Games & ICC Cricket World Cup at school, no captions)
- When there is breaking news (or even just something that happened overnight in the rest of the world) I want Annabel to see what's happened at the same time as Alexandra. She shouldn't be made to wait for the only news programme with captions several hours after the event or to be reliant on me to badly interpret or caption the story. I'm her mum not an interpreter or captioner!
- Our family want to see the Hunt for the Wilderpeople, as a family or go to the latest movie, in the children's school holidays at the cinema
- I don't want any of my children feeling left out. They both deserve to participate fully in society and for us to enjoy these things as a family.
- Our family are not pirates ☺
- Accessibility is a basic Human Right



Today video is everywhere – on TV, online, at schools, hospitals, workplaces, on your phone on your tablet. Captions are great for hearing people too. Ever tried watching TV sitting in an airport? Captions are useful for lots of people there! In the US, airport TV screens must have captions turned on.

In fact the US has had captioning legislation for 20 plus years. The UK has it, so does Australia. But there are no laws in New Zealand and we miss out - individually and collectively. Please make a submission. If you would like help making a submission please let me know.

Helen MacKay
Member Wellington Deaf Society
Mum to Annabel (Deaf) and Alexandra (Hearing)

Note: Helen MacKay is an ambassador for the #CaptionitNZ campaign but this article was contributed as a proud member of Wellington Deaf Society.

NEW ZEALAND DEAF BASKETBALL (Inc)

NEW ZEALAND DEAF BASKETBALL INCORPORATED

Membership form

2016 / 2017

Agenda for NZDB (Inc) AGM

Saturday 20th August 2016 at 2.30pm to 4pm

- 1: Present
 - 2: Apologies/Proxies
 - 3: Minutes of previous 2014 AGM
 - 4: Presidents Report (Peter Murray)
 - 5: Delegate Report from DIBF AGM at Taiwan on 2015 (Paul Batten)
 - 6: Financial Report
 - 7: Election of Board Members
 - 8: General Business
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- Closure meeting at
- Note , Room limited 90 minutes

Name _____

Address _____

Deaf

Hard of Hearing

Mobile text _____

Email _____@_____

Date of Birth _____

Membership of Deaf Sport New Zealand Yes / NZ if not and can join it that free cost

\$20 per year till end of June 2017 Membership of NZ Deaf Basketball

NZDB Bank is Kiwibank account 38-90160151496-00 Put your name in reference for pay membership

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Copy scan it then email to phattens9@gmail.com

New Zealand Deaf Basketball (Inc)

NOMINATION FORM for NZDB Committee Position

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN BY 15 JULY, 2016

_____	(name)
as [circle one]:	President
	Vice-President
	Treasurer
	Secretary
	Committee board member
Their signature (i.e. they accept the nomination) : _____	
Date signed: _____	

THE PEOPLE NOMINATING THE ABOVE PERSON:	
Name of 1 st person: _____	
Address: _____	
Signature: _____	Date signed: _____
Name of 2 nd person: _____	
Address: _____	
Signature: _____	Date signed: _____
<i>Note: All persons on this form must be financial members of NZDB or local Deaf Social Club</i>	
<i>You may nominate the same person for more than one position (i.e. make a copy of this form)</i>	
Please return this form to: Scan it then email to pbattens9@gmail.com	

NZDB Training plan program

Saturday 20th August 2016

Tawa Recreation Centre
38 Duncan Street
Tawa
Wellington

Time: 9am to 11.30am (be there at 8.30am for 9am)
Both Women and Men

Cost \$50 for Training Development

THERE HAVE MEN GAME BETWEEN

BLACK THUNDER (2015) v YOUNG/DEVELOPMENT AT 12 NOON TO 1.30PM

NZDB Bank is Kiwibank account 38-90160151496-00 Put your name in reference and put TC (eg your nameTC)



SYDNEY DEAF RUGBY LEAGUE

1966-2016



Sydney Deaf Rugby League
Football Club is hosting our

★ SPECIAL 50 YEARS ★
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

on Saturday 29 October 2016
from 11.00am to 5.00pm
at Bankstown Sports Club
8 Greenfield Parade
Bankstown, NSW 2200

Major Event too good to be missed!



★ Event Ticketing via Eventbrite: ★

<https://deafrugbyleagueparty.eventbrite.com.au>

Please go to next page for full details of SDRLFC50
Celebratory Luncheon Function & Travelodge Bankstown
accommodation room bookings.

Event Details

Come and join our 50th year celebration of Sydney Deaf Rugby League Football Club including NSW Deaf vs Queensland Deaf and Australia Deaf vs NZ Deaf. The time has come to take a trip down memory lane & celebrate our 50th Year celebration luncheon.

Featured: Eight Large Displays of Filming | Photos of Deaf Rugby League History of Sydney Deaf Rugby League FC competition, NSW Deaf vs QLD Deaf & Australian Deaf vs NZ Deaf and also including Deaf Footy Show and many more!

Date & Time: Saturday 29th October 2016 - 11.00am to 5.00pm

Cost: \$60 per person | \$3.69 booking fee including: 2 placed course & Kookaburra Cake dessert - No tickets on sale at the door so best to buy NOW!

Dress code: Smart Casual (No Jeans / shorts / sandals / sandshoes)

FAQs

What to do on Friday 28th October?

There will be a social evening for everyone at Bankstown Sports Club on Friday night starting at 6pm onwards and you can eat one of many good restaurants at the club. Come & mingle with others on the night & get ready for the next day - Our big event!

Where can I stay?

You can stay in Travelodge at Bankstown Sports Club.

How can I book my accommodation?

Click on www.travelodge.com.au then Click for Travelodge Bankstown

Click **CHECK AVAILABILITY** and you choose how many nights (28, 29 or/and 30 October) Then Click on Special Codes then type **DEAF**

Decide which room you wish to stay

If you happen to have a problem with the booking, please contact the Travelodge office.

What are my transport/parking options getting to the event?

For those who travel on a transport, the nearest railway station is Bankstown Railway Station and Interchange Area.

Bankstown Sports Club do have a car park so here is a link for more information about their car park - <http://www.bankstownsports.com/carpark>

Where can I contact the organiser with any questions?

Email: stefan.sdrffc50@gmail.com

Is my ticket transferrable?

Yes! If you bought a ticket but can't make it then you can give someone your ticket. The person who took your ticket will need to make a payment to you.

Can I update my registration information?

If you change your details, please update your information so you will not miss out anything!

Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

Yes! This will make life easier for everyone!

What is the refund policy?

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2016 - 2017

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Memberships for 2016 - 2017 are **FREE** with the exception of posted newsletters.

PLEASE TICK: ☐ E-newsletter (email) **FREE** ☐ Newsletter (post) **\$10**

ARE YOU:

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

☐ **DEAF**

☐ **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

☐ **HEARING**

☐ **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Above details are for statistical and funding purposes

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Your reference: Name, memb 2016 (eg: JOHNMEMB2016)
and email 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

Wellington Deaf Society, PO Box 6028, Marion Square, Wellington



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