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JUNE 2016



THE BLACK TEAM—APRIL 2016



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

No Deaf Club? No worries!

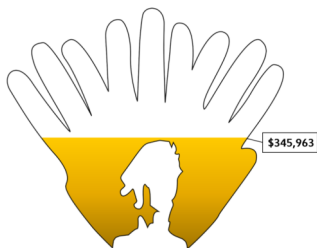
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

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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

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A message from the President

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Greetings readers,

May has been a productive month with a lot of celebrations.

As many of you know, May is the month of NZSL Week, celebrating 10 years of our language, NZ's official languages. We had many visitors across the country and from overseas, especially the World Federation of the Deaf, their Board Members stayed for a week long in Wellington for their Board meetings and workshops. They also took part of a Q+A panel at our Deaf Club gathering on Friday 13th May at CQ Hotels - the most largest turnout on an usual Friday gathering. It was great to see so many people join the panel and most of all, mingling around with friends.

Deaf Aotearoa invited me as the President to attend their NZSL Awards evening on the Saturday 14th May, along with 247 other attendees at Te Papa. It was a great night to celebrate and acknowledge the nominees and winners for this year's NZSL Awards. Wellington recieved four awards, two to CQ Hotels for the Accessible Service and Employer Awards, St Theresa's Catholic School for the School Award and to Lisa Thompson for the NZSL in the Media Award. Congratulations all!

Also, the Deaf Blacks rugby team returned back to our land from Argentina for their rugby tournament, they won all of the games by a scratch. They say the games have been tough and close, finishing off with a win. Congratulations for doing our country proud, and to our members representing Deaf Blacks. I look forward celebrating this win together.

We are saddened to see one of our life members pass away, Doreen Howell, mother of Pam Witko. She celebrated a century of her life being with her children, grand-children and great-grand-children, and being a valuable member of Wellington Deaf Society. Doreen will be forever missed by all.

As I wrap up my report, we are organising our 80th Anniversary in 2018, we are looking at having people to volunteer and help out mark our 80th celebrations memorable. If you are interested to join, please email us at hello@wds.org.nz

Keep warm and healthy as the colder season approach us.

Yours in Sign,

Shannon Krogmann
President

DEAF POEM

If I told you I was deaf would you turn away
Or would I read your lips that tell me its ok
Would you understand if I start to use my hands
And tell you how I feel

If I tried to speak and the words weren't complete
Would you smile and think less of me
Or do you really see me for me and not a disability
If I began to stare would you realise

How much I need to see and listen with my eyes
If I began to touch would you be offended
If I began to point to what I want or intended
You can take my hearing aid
To you it's just another game

You can take my love yes that's ok
No matter what you take from me
Can't take my identity
It's mine

But come closer I want to share it with you
I will show you how to sign the words
I love you too
I will show you how to laugh and be proud
I don't care who's watching I want to I sign it out
loud

Can you see me for me and not my disability
Would it sound strange to say
I am a language minority
Take me for who I am and I can laugh with you
See me for what I am and show some respect too

Only then you will find that in visual mind
I just might love you too.

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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 & Butcher's, 175 Jackson St, Petone
5 August	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
19 August	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Paremata
2 September	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
16 September	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
30 September	Brewers & Butcher's, 175 Jackson St, Petone
14 October	Roundabout Pub, 99 Main Rd, Tawa
28 October	Supply Room, 105 Mana Esplanade, Paremata
11 November	CQ Hotels, Cuba Street, Wellington
25 November	1841, Disraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
9 December	Brewers & Butcher's, 175 Jackson St, Petone

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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
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tastebuds something new!

Afrika, 18 Cambridge Terrace,
Wellington

18th June at 6.30pm

RSVP by 15 June

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GARAGE
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**BREWERY
TOUR**

Love a good craft beer? Join Kieran, one of the head brewers, along with an interpreter will guide you all over their brewery, it's inner workings, and a pint!

Meet outside at Garage Project, 68 Aro Street,
Aro Valley, Wellington

Saturday 25th June, 12 to 1pm

After this, let's hang out at 91 Aro Street's bar try out 20 of their beers on tap and some decent food before All Blacks v Wales start!

Keen to join? Please RSVP by 23rd June
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the New Zealand Deaf Rugby Football Union (NZDRFU), it is of great pleasure for me to make the following announcement. First of all, I wish all the Deaf Blacks team the best of luck with their tour to Argentina 2016. I'm so thrilled we finally have achieved one of our goals by sending the team to a major tour as our last tour was to Wales in 1998.

Special thanks to Rugby Sordos Argentina for accepting and organizing this tournament for us. We are very much looking forward to the tour and the game against the Argentina Deaf Rugby team.



I would like to specially thank the NZDRFU board for their amazing support throughout the year and supporting the Deaf Blacks team. I feel honored and privileged to have Lyneen Allen our NZDRFU International Secretary on board. Without her effort and support this would not have been possible. Lyneen has been giving up a lot of her time voluntarily to apply funding, sponsorship and find a way to support us and the Deaf Blacks to achieved our goal which has been successful. Big thank you and hand waves to Lyneen Allen. Also thank you to Kirsten Sutherland who has supported also and working on the website for our organization. Sadly, Kirsten has resigned her position to focus on her young baby. Hand waves to you too Kirsten!

There are several sponsorships' I would like to acknowledge the support of its official sponsor and various organizations for the 2016 NZ Deaf Rugby Tour. The board appreciates their invaluable support and contributions. The major sponsorships are:

- 1). Infinity Foundation Ltd for flights/accommodation
- 2). Superior Compliance Automotive 2006 Ltd (Ch/Ch) for flights/accommodation
- 3). ASB - Sports bags and drink bottle with NZ Deaf Rugby Argentina tour 2016 log
- 4). Pub Charity - Sport uniforms with logo
- 5). Vodafone - Warrior Shirt (Auction)
- 6). Give a little - Kind donation from the public
- 7). NZ Rugby Union/NZ Deaf Rugby - Contribution funds.
- 8). Deaf Aotearoa NZ - Sport uniforms and interpreter
- 9). D3 - Strapped, First-Aids Kits
- 10). Ngaire Te Huia Ngamoki/Mahikitia Ngamoki - BBQ Fundraising for the Deaf Blacks team

Thank you to Clive Morgan (Coach), Paul Buzzard (Asst Coach), Greg Pateman (Team Manager) and Dina Lewis (Physio) for taking the time off and doing their job as a voluntarily. Special thanks to Cam Ross who have working hard to sort out the financial side and willing to attend Argentina to support the Deaf Blacks team along with our life member Kevin Pivac and myself.

Tony Kuklinski – NZDRFU President

DEAF BLACKS TEAM TO ARGENTINA

The Deaf Blacks arrived in Argentina on the 20th April after 13 hours' flight. They played their first test on Saturday (Sunday NZ time) in Cordoba at the La Tablada Stadium on the 23rd April 2013.

There was a huge crowd and they had the opportunity to enjoy the Haka performed by the Deaf Blacks. It was a new experience for everyone especially for the Argentinian community. During the first half, the score was NZ Deaf Blacks 9 - 8 Argentina. Then the second half, the final score was NZ 19 - 15 Argentina. The last scored was by Maara Tuare (from Ashburton) and Darryl Alexander (co-captain from Wellington) was awarded Man of the Match for scoring 14 points for NZ with his boot. We got a beautiful trophy from the Cordoba community.

Then the Deaf Blacks went to San Salvador de Jujuy the next day, they shared a charter bus with the Argentina Deaf Team. They all had a crazy time and got to meet each other for the first time. The communication was a real challenge for all the players and team managements. Most of them use their own phone to help with the communication as both countries had a different sign language. They finally arrive in Jujuy after 13 hours trip.

They played their second test second on the 30th April on the Saturday (Sunday NZ time) held at Suri Rugby Club and once again there were huge crowd and everyone were very supportive. The Deaf Blacks team were so overwhelming with so many media included newspaper, TV and they were amazed with the hearing people supporting both Deaf Rugby teams. They all got to visit Jujuy government house and meet with the Provincial President. Sadly, we don't get the same attention in New Zealand and that something that the Deaf community throughout in NZ need to work together and promote.

The most exciting and challenge moment for us all that we finally won and the final score was NZ 18 – 18. This was the most unbelievable moment for the Deaf Blacks and Petaera Meihana from Manawatu got the last try. We were very fortune to win and everyone included the management were in tears. Receiving the larger trophy from Jujuy community, it brought happiness and wealth for the Deaf Blacks. At the end of their journey, they had a big celebration and the trip was worthwhile for everyone.

We NZDRFU board were so thrilled of our achievement. This year has been incredible for us all, we have achieved three major events this year, International Deaf Rugby conference, celebration our NZDRFU 25th Jubilee and got the Deaf Blacks team to Argentina after 18 years. We all believe we did this together and unity in one.

NZDRFU Board – Made the decision

International Secretary – Got the team to Argentina

Team Management – Taught you the skills and work as a team

Deaf Blacks – Won trophies, not one but two!

What a great team work!

Hand waves to everyone!



1. 1st test in Cordoba and won by 19-15.
2. Media in Argentina - Great turnout and the media has been brilliant. Not like in NZ which is a great shame.
3. This was taking in Jujuy and the President of Jujuy Province invited both team to the government house. The President went to watched the game on the 30th April and hand over the trophy.
4. Second test in Jujuy and won by 18– 16. Was a very close game and Petaera Meihana from Palmerston North got the last tries in 2 minutes. Argentina team got very upset and some of them were in tears.
5. Special thanks to the team management for their hard work and giving up their time.



President of Jujuy Province



NZDRFU President



"Pumas" y "All Blacks"

El Gobernador recibió a los representantes de la selección argentina de rugby y los jugadores de la selección de rugby de la Argentina.



2nd test in Jujuy



Special thanks!



Deaf Blacks Team

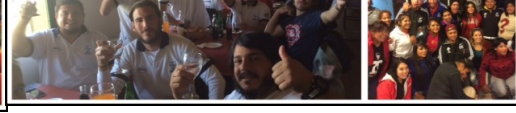
19th April 2016



Thank you to Cordoba.



Thank you to Jujuy.





DEAF LADIES, lets meet up and join one of the Women's Lifestyle Expo in Wellington, we have organised an interpreter to help you ask any burning, curious and random questions!

The Expo is a two day event for women of all ages. With 100 to 200 companies involved featuring everything from jewellery and beauty to business products & information, crafts, fitness, food & wine sampling and much more!

Expo includes a new Nail Pamper Zone, New Hair Styling Lounge and a New Beau Joie Champagne Lounge. Plus the popular Taste Zone, NZ Craft Zone, Fashion Zone, Goodie Bags plus more.

Meet outside at TSB Arena, Queens Wharf, Wellington
Saturday 2nd July at 11am

Please RSVP by 30th June 2016 to
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