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MAY 2016



NZ DEAF BLACK OFF TO ARGENTINA



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!

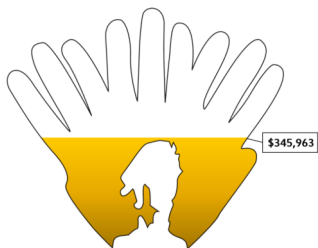
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

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

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Welcome to May! This month is a very special month for us to celebrate NZSL Week as our official language of this country. New Zealand Sign Language became official on the 6th April 2006, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. I remember the day I joined hundreds of other people in Parliament and holding up a huge banner and celebrating a new achievement for the NZSL community.

As NZSL Week is approaching just around the corner, I hope you will participate events to participate and celebrate our language together. I have been invited to attend the NZSL Awards Gala on the 14th May with Deaf Aotearoa, and I am particularly excited to take part and toast to the Award winners this year dedicating their passion, commitment and promotion of NZSL.

On the Friday 13th May, at our Friday Deaf Club gatherings at CQ Hotels, the WFD Board will be visiting Wellington as part of NZSL Week, and on this evening there will be a Q+A panel for you all to ask them anything, this event is welcome to all!

Deaf Aotearoa has organised a lot of events for Wellingtonians to enjoy - check out their events as well Comedy Shows are being interpreted, will be great to see some of you there. I'm keen in learning how to make a decent mug of mocha! Most of all, will be great to see you all be involved and celebrate our language together.

On 16th April, we had our 78th Annual General Meeting, and it was a very successful turnout of at least 30 people. I have been accepted to stand as President for the year, and with Riaan as our newest Vice President, having Robert and Joanne continue being our Treasurer and Secretary with some new faces in our committee with Candice and Craig continuing and welcoming Kellye Bensley and Anton Sammons. We farewelled Chuck Odsey and Erich Krogmann from our board. Erich has now changed his participation with us, joining our sub Building committee.

My focus for this year forward is to organise a governance workshop along with the BOM; reviewing our Rules - aligning with the new Society Act taking effectively to all Incorporated Societies; setting up committee portfolios; and look at the options about having a Trust.

On the 19th April, we farewelled our local NZ Deaf Blacks team to Argentina for their rugby tournament against Argentina Deaf team and have had matches on 24th, 27th and 30th April. You can follow them on NZ Deaf Rugby Football Union's Facebook page to be in the know.

Happy reading,

Shannon Krogmann
President

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BLACK DEAF RUGBY VS ARGENTINA RUGBY AT ARGENTINA.

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*

The World Of A Deaf Child

I'm crawling on the wooden floor,
Watching my mommy's hands.

Although I can't hear no more,
My mom I do understand.

I can't hear when she talks to me,
But through her hands I do.
I don't know what my world would be
If I was a child like you.

I move my hands and this is how
I always talk to her.
I've just said: "I'm hungry now,
And milk's what I prefer".

2016 gatherings

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

29 April	1841, Distraeli 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, Distraeli 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, Distraeli 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, Distraeli St, Johnsonville (Upstairs)
9 December	Brewers & Butchers, 175 Jackson St, Petone

Become a WDS member now to be in the know!
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WELLINGTON DEAF SOCIETY

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Help, NZSL Teachers!

We are looking for an awesome, experienced and energetic teacher to teach our new NZSL courses we will be offering to the Wellington community. YOU?

You must be:

- Fluent in NZSL
- Current member with NZSLTA & WDS
- Organised and professional
- Have own transport
- Confident and passionate about NZSL and Deaf culture

Please send your CV and covering letter to gen@wds.org.nz
Application deadline: 5pm, Friday 27th May 2016



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PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

NZ Sign Language Course

There are three official languages in NZ. Everyone knows about English, it's the one we mostly use. Maori is part of the bicultural nature of the country and it's seen as patriotic to learn at least a bit of it. But fewer people know about the third language and even less learn it or use it unless they have a personal connection to do so. That language is

New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL).

Despite having worked as an Occupational Therapist previously I'd had no direct experience of the Deaf community. It's shocking really but it shows how separate the two communities - hearing and deaf - are from each other. So when a teacher and interpreter of NZSL moved into our neighbourhood, offering very reasonably priced classes, both my husband and I decided to go along.

We were pleased to see several people from our neighbourhood had taken up the offer too. We have at least two deaf families in the area and it was nice to feel people were taking a genuine interest in trying to reach out, even in a small way. Most of the other pupils were either teachers who wanted to know it for being inclusive in the classroom or people who had a Deaf person in the family.

Our Deaf tutor started the course with a quick history of NZSL and discussed some of the issues around being part of a minority group to help us understand 'being Deaf' which was very helpful and insightful.

The lessons themselves were well planned, clearly executed and easy to follow. Using your hands for speaking was an interesting experience that was fun and a lot easier than you would think. That said I was aware my fumbling was the equivalent of someone with a thick accent, poorly constructed grammar and limited vocabulary. After all this a language, as complex and rich as any spoken one, which takes years to master in fluency and proficiency.

However far from cringing at our attempts our tutor seemed genuinely pleased to see us all 'having a go' and getting stuck into things. Having tried to learn foreign spoken languages, in a classroom situation, the thing that struck me about taking my turn in NZSL was how prepared I was to do so. Previously with other spoken languages, I have felt awkward and embarrassed about sounding wrong or getting the words jumbled. I've not wanted to open my mouth anything in case I got it wrong, which is silly when you consider you are there to learn. NZSL seemed a lot more accessible somehow and certainly tutor made it a fun and relaxed experience.

I would say to anyone absolutely go and learn NZSL if nothing else so you have an understanding of it as a language and its role within the Deaf and hearing communities. The problem is, as with any new language, if you don't have an opportunity - or the motivation - to keep it up, you quickly lose it and never know when you may need it. I am embarrassed to say that at the weekend I'd forgotten part of the alphabet when I needed it most. It reminded me that if I want to be break down the barriers between the communities it's up to me put in the effort and continue with my studies. After all NZSL is an important second language to learn. Being able to speak it is inclusive, making everyone feel welcome, worthwhile and a part of things. Am I pleased I went to the lessons? Absolutely. I would encourage anyone to do so.

Happy NZSL Week!



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 whats on...



May's Drop-In Centre:

**26th May at Petone Community Centre
6 Britannia Street, Petone
10am to 2pm**

Last gathering until September, come along and visit the library and have shared lunch together

Keen to join?

Contact Lyneen by email hello@wds.org.nz or text 0220245229



WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

Q and A Time with the WFD BOARD!

Friday 13th May 2016

The WFD Board are having their next board meeting in New Zealand during NZSL Week—here's your chance to meet them.

Come and join us for Deaf Club during **NZSL Week**, and get the opportunity to ask the WFD Board questions!

Time: Deaf Club from 7pm onwards—WFD Panel from 8pm to 9pm

Where: CQ Hotels, 223 Cuba Street, Wellington

After the panel finishes, the socialising will continue at CQ Hotels.
Drinks and food available for purchase from the restaurant or bar.

All welcome.





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

For more information about these events please contact:
Shannon Krogmann • shannon.krogmann@deaf.org.nz • 021 545 288

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:

Shannon Krogmann • shannon.krogmann@deaf.org.nz • 021 545 288



You're invited!

New Zealand Sign Language AWARDS 2016

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

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.





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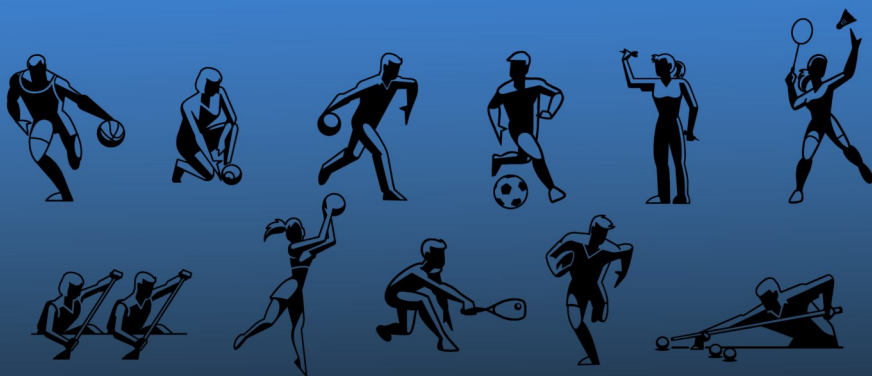




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We are interested to know your interests to help us organise events, workshops for our members to enjoy together.

What are your interests?

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

Send this form to address below, or give to WDS Committee, or email to secretary@wds.org.nz

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