

# WINDYhands

'COOLEST' LITTLE DEAF & SIGNING CAPITAL

OCTOBER 2016



DINE CLUB AT OSTERIA DEL TORO



## **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!**

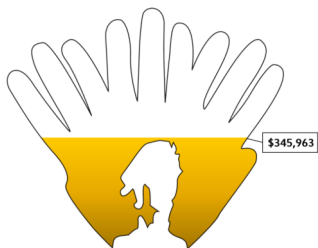
We have a Friday Deaf Club gatherings every second Fridays from 7pm at various places around Wellington as well as special events throughout the year, keep your eyes peeled on our website and our Facebook page to be in the know, or text us to find out. Please see inside for dates and locations.

### **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://www.youtube.com/WellingtonDeafSoc)

September was a steady month for most of us

The Rio Olympic Summer Games in August and the Rio Paralympics which started in early September kept us entertained. Out of the NZ Paralympics team, Wellingtonian DeafBlind cyclist Amanda Cameron represented our country. NZ received a total of 21 medals (9 Golds, 5 Silvers, 7 Bronzes) of the Paralympic Games, congratulations Amanda and to the NZ team!

Early in September, we had our second community consultation meeting to go through the updated changes of our constitution rules, we are getting to the final stages before getting our members together at our 2017's Annual General Meeting to have this motioned. Previously, we did say having a Special General Meeting in November to have our constitution rules motioned by you all, but with the tight timeframe, we have decided to put this on hold for the AGM next year, this will give us plenty of time to consult with our lawyer with some specific legislation clauses of our rules. You will receive a copy of the drafted rules prior to the AGM.

Lyneen, our Community Co-ordinator has been keeping busy engaging with Porirua and Hutt Valley Deaf community to organise regular gatherings and to bring our communities together, if you are based in these areas and wish to join, please contact Lyneen to help guide you.

In October, there will be a Deaf senior citizens lunch gathering in Paraparaumu, this event is welcome to all from the Wellington, Kapiti Coast, Horowhenua and Manawatu areas – all are welcome, please see flier inside newsletter for further details. We would appreciate if you know any people that would be keen to join – please share.

In November, Riaan and I will be attending the third and last governance workshop organised by Auckland Deaf Society. After attending the second workshop and having WDS's governance & strategy workshop, we have valued this experience. We thank ADS and to the NZSL Board for making this possible for us and the general New Zealand Deaf community.

We have approximately 11 more weeks until Christmas and before the year ends. We will be having a Christmas and End of Year buffet dinner together on the 10<sup>th</sup> December, this will mark the last gathering for 2016 – I hope you can join us for a meal and reflect our year together.

Have a happy Halloween! Enjoy a trick and a treat!

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, Paremata
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, Paremata
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](http://wds.org.nz) and our Facebook page



## Wellington Deaf Dine Events:

**October - Japanese**

**Lets get together for dinner and a glass of wine!**

**If you have any dine suggestions, please email  
[hello@wds.org.nz](mailto:hello@wds.org.nz)**

## "HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE DEAF"

What is it like to be deaf? People have asked me.  
How do I explain that? Simply, I can't hear?  
Nooo, it is much more than that!!!!  
It is similar to a goldfish in a bowl.  
Always observing things going on.  
People talking all the time.  
It is being on a desert island, or among foreigners.  
Isolation, is not a stranger to me.  
Relatives only say hi and bye, as I sit for hours  
with them.

Taking great pleasure at watching amusing  
babies, reading books, resting, or helping out with  
food.

My natural curiosity perks up when I see laughter,  
tears or someone upset.

When I inquire "what's up", only to be meet with  
"Oh never mind" or "Oh, it's not important!"

A short summarized statement of the story I'm  
supposed to smile and show happiness.

Little do they know how truly miserable I am.

Hearing people are in control of their language  
usage, I am at a loss and very uncomfortable.

Always the feeling of being an outsider

Among the hearing people even if it was not their  
intention.

Always assuming that I am part of them because  
of my physical presence, not, understanding the  
importance of communication.

When I am faced with a choice between a deaf  
camping weekend or a family reunion

Forced to choice between family commitment or  
deaf friends I must make the choice constantly!!

Any wonder why I choose deaf friends????

I get such great pleasure when I am at a deaf  
club.

Before I realize it, its 2:00 a.m.

But I anxiously look at the clock every few  
minutes at a family gathering.

With Deaf people, I am so NORMAL!!!

Our communication flows back and forth

Catching up with little trivial things-- about our  
daily lives --about our frustration in the bigger  
world.

INTRODUCING...

# The Yellow Mug

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Wellington & Manawatu Deaf Golden Oldies group

## The Lindale Centre

111 State Highway 1

Paraparaumu

On the

12<sup>th</sup> October 2016

At 11am

**\$10 per person for lunch**

It includes a club sandwich, a savory, a cake slice,

Tea, coffee or cappuccino



RSVP: Lyneen Allen – 0220245229

Marlene Rush - 0274153240

By 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016



*Osteria del Toro*



*Restaurant*



It was our third dine club held at the Osteria del Toro Restaurant, Mediterranean on the 27th August 2016. First of all, everyone arrive at the awesome bar and had a cocktails which was fabulous. Then we all sat down and order a yummy meal, most of us order pasta which was delicious. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening with lot of laugh and fun. It was a great evening to chill out and enjoy each other company.

Thank you everyone for joining and hopefully to see you at the Ozeki Japanese Restaurant as this will be the last one for this year.

If you wish to attend please ensure that you meet the deadline as we have to give confirm the number.



# *Merry Christmas!*

*Let's get together for dinner!*

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*Saturday 10 December*

*6pm onwards*

*(dinner will be served at 7pm)*

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*Ngaio Town Hall,  
1 Ottawa Road, Ngaio*

*WDS Members \$35*

*Non members \$40*

*Children (5-14) \$15*

*Under 5 free*

*Spit Roast buffet | BYO drinks*

*After 9pm door entry \$10*

*(until 11pm)*

*Deadline 2nd December*

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## Story from the NZSL Student

Tanya Kotze

In my first year of university, I decided to study law. In order to study law in your first year you had to pick a number of other non-related subjects to do so that you had a fall back, and so I was faced with the decision of which other course to enrol in. I knew that I wanted to do a language, and as luck would have it, one of my flat mates had completed the Deaf Studies course at Victoria University previously. Knowing absolutely nothing about sign language, I enrolled in DEAF101. As it turned out, I dropped out of law and continued with NZSL which to me is a testament to how interesting and unique the language is, and how amazing all of the staff in the Deaf Studies Research Unit are.

My obsession with NZSL started on the very first week of classes. We were thrown head in to a two-hour no-talking, 100% 'hands on' class and needless to say, we were all terrified. To this day I'm still in awe of that first class because our teacher put us all at ease, got us all to participate, and left no student behind – all without the use of our voices. For hearing university students, that is truly a miracle. I have never been in another class before that managed to get every student to happily participate, but I think that comes down to how welcoming and exciting NZSL is as a language. Once you've started to form words, greetings, and even sentences with your hands you can't wait to learn more. Our teachers kept us passionate and engaged even while we were learning the simplest topics, and although tests of any kind will always be nerve-wrecking, there was a part of tracking my progress in NZSL and learning what to improve (always role shifting) that made taking tests in NZSL a little bit more welcoming. Having such an amazing learning environment and so many opportunities in class for practice and improvement made it even clearer to me that NZSL should be taught in schools from a young age. Not only would it be great for more kids to know one of New Zealand's official languages, and give more people like me the opportunity to meet and communicate with New Zealand's amazing Deaf community, but it is one of the most social subjects I've ever learnt! To put another way, you just can't be shy or unfriendly when you have to communicate with another student with very basic sign language knowledge. At the end of the year, we had all made too many mistakes in front of each other to not get along well!

The highlight of my experience with NZSL so far is difficult to pick. There have been many memorable moments; finally getting the chance to use it at my workplace, getting together Victoria University's first NZSL Club with some of my fellow NZSL students, or even just recognising various people on the NZSL dictionary! But the definite stand out was attending an NZSL camp in Christchurch two years ago. From the minute we arrived at camp, my friends and I turned our voices off for an entire weekend. Being in a two hour class is one thing, but going voiceless for a weekend was such a unique experience for us. Not only that, but we were surrounded by other enthusiastic hearing students, and a team of Deaf tutors who kept us constantly engaged with hilarious games and activities. My signing improved so much just through that one weekend, and I left with a renewed sense of passion for sign language. I've said for a while now that for most people, sign language is not a language that you can learn half-heartedly. Once you start, you're obsessed and all you want to do is share it with the world and encourage others to learn. It's a beautiful, unique language that has given me so many unique opportunities and introduced me to so many wonderful Deaf people that otherwise I may never have met! I will always be glad that I dropped out of law and focussed on NZSL instead.



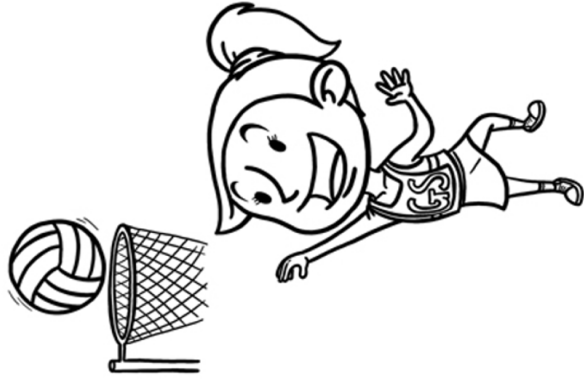
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the  
Date*

*Wellington Deaf Society's 80th Anniversary*

28.07.18



# DEAF NETBALL WELLINGTON



Love netball? In 2017, WDS wish to set up a netball team to have matches against other teams every Saturday, we are seeking interested people to register, more information will be released on a later date.

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

Come and join the fun! Contact Lynneen to register!

**Email:** [hello@wds.org.nz](mailto:hello@wds.org.nz)    **Text:** 022 024 5229

**Facebook:** Deaf Netball Wellington



# SYDNEY DEAF RUGBY LEAGUE

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## 1966-2016

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Sydney Deaf Rugby League  
Football Club is hosting our

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★ SPECIAL 50 YEARS ★  
**CELEBRATION LUNCHEON**

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

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**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](http://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](mailto: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?

Tickets are non-refundable!

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☐ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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**CHEQUE:** Post payable cheque to address below

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Your reference: Name, memb 2016 (eg: JOHNMEMB2016)  
and email [treasurer@wds.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@wds.org.nz) when payment has been made

## All about you... *(optional)*

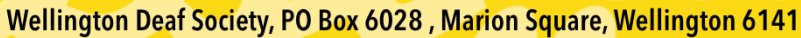
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*What are your interests?*

*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](mailto:secretary@wds.org.nz)

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