

:Deaf Notes

Winter 2018

Welcome to the Winter edition of Deaf Notes, in this issue we share with you information on our staff, projects we are working on, updates on NDIS and CHSP and the Deaf Directions Roundtable.



The Senior Citizens Group came for a visit to Welland and a BBQ in March.

Deaf Can:Do



Welcome to our new staff

We are very excited to be expanding our team here at Deaf Can:Do. Meet our new team members;

Mandy Turnbull

Group General Manager, Client Services

Mandy started with the Group earlier in the year to take over from Heidi Limareff who has moved into the Chief Executive role. Mandy was previously a General Manager at Autism SA.

Debra Swann

Family Support Worker

Debra Swann joined the team in March and is working to provide family support services in Auslan across both Can:Do 4Kids and Deaf Can:Do.

Marina Gallop

Auslan Instructor

Marina has joined Deaf Can:Do to work alongside Caroline Conlon to deliver great Auslan training and education to clients, families, businesses and the wider community.

Tahlia Hobart

Customer Service

Auslan student Tahlia has been working as part of our Customer Service team and recently stepped in to the Interpreter Booking role while Stan Nowakowski was on leave. Tahlia also supports our Auslan program.

NDIS update

It was recently announced that there have been delays in the planned roll-out of NDIS in South Australia.

This means that not everyone that currently receives SA Government funded services will be on NDIS by 30 June 2018, and this may take another 6 months.

If you have not yet commenced your NDIS planning, or would like advice on what supports to include in your plan, please contact us to arrange a planning session.



CHSP update

Change in Funding and Supports

On 5th March 2018, DCD held an information session for deaf seniors over the age of 65 to introduce the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

The CHSP is a government funding solution for those who are not eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Participants were provided with real life scenarios, planning tips and information on access to ensure they have continuity of support for their needs.

If you would like to find out more about this please contact us.

Cora Barclay Centre Update

For the last few years Cora Barclay Centre, another organisation in Adelaide that provides services to deaf and hard of hearing kids, have not been doing very well financially and have been looking for another organisation to merge with. Recently their members voted to close the Centre and have Can:Do 4Kids take over delivery of their services. We are now working with them to plan how and when this will happen.

In Deaf Can:Do we will continue to be focused on growing and improving our Auslan services and interpreting, as well as our community services and helping the Deaf community with NDIS. This merge is with Can:Do 4Kids only, and not Deaf Can:Do and no Deaf Can:Do money will be used.

For Deaf and hard of hearing kids we will continue to offer services in Can:Do 4Kids that focus on a range of communication methods, including Auslan, and are committed to supporting all families to understand Deaf culture and helping them to choose the most appropriate service mix for them.

Please be assured that we remain absolutely committed to continuing to provide services for both Deaf children and adults in Auslan.

If you have any questions, please let us know on questions@cando4kids.com.au. You can watch an Auslan video of the original announcement at <http://bit.ly/2lplhAj>

Deaf Can:Do Projects

Fast Track Interpreting

We are concerned about the lack of interpreters available in South Australia, and have been working on ways to make sure there are enough interpreters for the NDIS. Earlier this year we asked the State Government for funds to deliver a Fast Track Interpreting Program, to support people who are native or near-native Auslan users, like CODAs, to become interpreters.

The Government accepted our proposal and last month 43 people came to our Fast Track Interpreter information session at Deaf Can:Do! Thank you to Sarah Dempsey and Christabel for their work on the event and to Jabina and Imran for providing great insights on what it's like to be a CODA growing up into an interpreter.

We are very excited about this project and look forward to sharing more with you.

Drop In Support

One of the services that will not be funded for clients through NDIS or CHSP is our Drop-In Service.

We have been working hard to try and secure the future for this very important service and recently applied for funding through the NDIS Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Grant round with a program we developed from our Drop In service offered through DCD.

Other Deaf Societies from around Australia also felt this program would benefit the Deaf community across Australia and we were asked to make this a National pilot program for the grant application.

The funding is to allow us to continue the Drop In service for at least the next two years – which would otherwise be unfunded as of July this year – as well as develop a sustainable best practice model for the provision of Drop In services into the future.

Deaf Can:Do is excited to announce that we have secured this funding and will be leading this one million dollar project nationally.

Online Resources

Another grant we received from NDIA, led by VicDeaf in conjunction with the other Deaf Societies, is to develop an online portal for information in Auslan and English about where to go for services and support, interactive chat, and online learning service and will pilot a document translation service.

Deaf Can:Do in the News!

Did you see us on ABC TV in May? We welcomed an ABC crew to our Welland office to talk about developing Auslan access in regional areas. The story aired on ABC News, and also on ABC kids news show BTN.

The best thing of all is that the whole story was interpreted in Auslan on screen!



The Deaf Directions Roundtable

Do you want to share some information or raise an idea with Deaf Can:Do?

One way to do this is through the members of the Deaf Directions Roundtable, or DDR. The role of the DDR is to help plan the future of Deaf services in a way that best benefits the long term future of the SA Deaf community.

Deaf Directions Roundtable members are;

Richard Kennewell	Senior Citizen's Group (SCG)
Jacqui Bowden	Deaf Community and Sports SA (DCSSA)
Jan Mobbs	Deaf Women's Friendly Society (DWFS)
Jessica Murray	Deaf Youth
Nicola Ettridge	Hard of Hearing
Alisha Hill	Deafblind Community
Gerry Shearim	ASLIA SA (Interpreters)

Please feel free to chat to the member that best represents your interests and let them know of your ideas.

Deaf Leadership Scholarships

Did you know that Deaf Can:Do offers Community and Leadership Scholarships? They are provided by the Can:Do Group to groups and individuals for projects that support the growth and development of leadership for those who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, with a focus on young and emerging leaders within the Deaf community of South Australia.

The next round of applications will open soon and you can ask for more information by emailing us at info@deafcando.com.au



We hope you've enjoyed catching up with the latest Deaf Notes. Please let us know if you have any questions, or any ideas for topics you'd like to learn more about.

Debbie

...and the team at Deaf Can:Do

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