

:Deaf Notes

Summer/Autumn 2019

Welcome to the first 2019 edition of Deaf Notes, in this issue we share with you information on our staff, projects we are working on and our partnerships with Adelaide Fringe and Flight Centre.



Caroline Conlon doing a Fringe guide for an Auslan interpreted show.

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Mad March is here - and it's time for Fringe!

March is definitely the time to be out and about in Adelaide, and we are very proud to be an Access partner for Adelaide Fringe 2019. Supporting Adelaide Fringe's efforts to increase accessibility is a step forward to a more inclusive community.

The Fringe's partnership with Deaf Can:Do includes the presentation of an inaugural Access Award at the 2019 BankSA Fringe Awards for the most accessible Fringe experience.

Deaf Can:Do will also be delivering Auslan interpretation services at more than 10 Fringe events, and we even hosted two events during this year's festival – Come and Try Auslan with Deaf Can:Do and Auslan Games and Storytime with Deaf Can:Do – both at the National Wine Centre.

We also launched an Auslan guide to a selection of the interpreted Fringe shows.

We are proud to partner with Adelaide Fringe to celebrate unique diversity, remove barriers and increase access for all. We are committed to building inclusive communities and accessibility is a huge part of this.

Some of the other Fringe access initiatives include; a 2019 Accessibility Guide, online search filters for shows with Auslan interpretation, open captioning, hearing loop, audio description, relaxed performances and tactile tours.

Adelaide Fringe have also invested the time to educate their team through Deaf Awareness Training and undertook Auslan courses all tailored specifically to Adelaide Fringe by Deaf Can:Do.

To download the Access Guide, visit deafcando.com.au or check out the DCD Facebook pages.



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. Last 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.

After lots of interest we accepted 15 students into the course, which is now almost finished. Students are waiting a date to sit their NAATI assessment and have been doing lots of volunteering to get experience.

We are very excited about these students graduating and being able to provide more interpreting services.

FREE INTERPRETER SERVICE

Last year Flight Centre South Australia partnered with Deaf Can:Do to launch a new service for the Deaf community in Adelaide.

On one Saturday a month Flight Centre Rundle Mall has been providing free interpreters to assist Deaf and hard of hearing customers with their holiday bookings! The last of these sessions will be on Saturday 2 March.

Staff at the store have also learned some Auslan, and if you would like to book a time to speak with them about your holiday plans, you can email fiona.fleming@flightcentre.com.au

Cora Barclay Centre Update

On 21 January the Cora Barclay Centre became part of Can:Do 4Kids, Townsend House. It is now the Cora Barclay Listening and Spoken Language Program, which is delivered by Can:Do 4Kids. This merge is with Can:Do 4Kids only, and not Deaf Can:Do and no Deaf Can:Do money has been or will be used.

Deaf Can:Do will continue to be focus on growing and improving our Auslan services and interpreting, as well as our community services and helping the Deaf community with NDIS.

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.

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 later in 2019 and you can ask for more information by emailing us at info@deafcando.com.au

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1891-2016
The Royal South Australian Deaf Society

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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