

# HEARING SUPPORT Otago



**Helping those in the  
community with a  
hearing loss**

# *Hello from the office*



*Hello everyone,*

*We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Catherine and I are back on deck after a nice relaxing holiday. I spent a great Christmas at home with family before heading away for a week camping in Oamaru.*

*Catherine had a family wedding over the summer. Her youngest son got married in Dunedin out at Grandview Gardens in Outram. A beautiful setting but unfortunately it rained. Nevertheless it was a lovely day. She and her husband Mike then had a week's holiday up in the Coromandel with another son and grandchildren.*

*We are now back in the office to assist you with your hearing aid cleaning and any other hearing related issues. It is a good idea to make an appointment first or phone us to make sure we are available to see you.*

*If your church or community group would benefit from someone coming to speak to them about hearing loss please contact us to arrange a time.*

*Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 10am. There are several positions that need to be filled.*

*We would appreciate it if you would consider putting your name forward. The committee meets once a month. It is particularly important that we have an active and proactive committee.*

*Please do consider attending the AGM to express your ideas and have your vote on the next committee. If you are unable to attend please send in your vote via the post or email. Attached is a profile of Raewyn Webster who is standing for President.*

*Our resthome programme has now been running for two years and has proven to be very successful. Catherine visits the resthomes every 2-3 months.*

*We had a very busy December and sold out of most of our telephones. We now have more stock in and can help you find a suitable phone. They can be taken away to try out at home before purchasing.*

*An invoice for your 2016 subscription accompanies this newsletter. If you do not receive one then you have already paid your subs, thank you.*

*Paula & Catherine*



We offer a free clean and check service for your hearing aids if you are a member. For non members it's a gold coin donation. Additional services such as tubing may cost extra.

LIPREADING CLASSES are held on a Tuesday morning between 10.30am & 11.30am. Classes are \$15 per term. You are welcome to sit in on a class to see if it might benefit you. If you join up to be a member you will receive 3 free classes!

If you or a family member are struggling to hear on the phone remember we can help. There are several types of phones available that can assist.

Come and talk to us about how we can help.

If you cant get in to see us, we can post your batteries to you.

Send us an email [hear.dn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hear.dn@xtra.co.nz) or phone us 4877641 to arrange for your batteries to be sent.

There is a charge for postage.



## GREAT NEWS!

Prime now have captions.

There will be about 10 hours per week of programs with captions.

Prime have said that the captions will be on local, New Zealand on Air (NZOA) funded and prime time content programs.

For example "Decades In Colour, The Crayfishers, Forensics and Shearing Gang" all made for Prime Television with funding from NZ On Air.

## MOVIES

There are headphones for use at Rialto Cinemas and captions on selected movies at Reading Cinemas. Remember to ask when you book.

## Do you need us to visit you at home?

Are you struggling to clean your hearing aids and change your batteries but you cant get to us?

We are happy to help because we want you to have the best hearing possible. Phone us to arrange for someone to visit you.

There is a charge for this service.

## SOCIAL MORNING

### HEARING SUPPORT GROUP

Last Thursday of each month from 10.30am onwards.

Everyone welcome



## COMMITTEE NOMINATION

Hello my name is Raewyn Webster and I am running for President of Hearing Support Otago at this year's AGM.

A little bit about myself, I have lived all my life in Dunedin and suffered hearing loss at the age of 20 years with my illness progressing over the years to the stage where I am now completely deaf in my right ear and have moderate loss in my left ear. I have Meniers Disease which means hearing aids will be of no use to me. I worked at the Otago Community Hospice for 25 years retiring in January 2015. A mother of two adult children and grandmother to two, third one due in April. I am married to Stewart who is also retired. I have been a JP for 8 years and have recently taken up Funeral Celebrancy.



Community Service is important to me and through the years I have worked on Plunket, Kindergarten and school committees and was a junior Rotarian for a time.

Working for the hearing impaired is a something I am passionate about and would like to be instrumental in increasing the awareness of the organisation in the community and in so doing so, increase our membership.

I have experience in Management having attained Diplomas in Business Management and Human Resources for my work at the Hospice, it may be of interest to know that I trained originally as a Nurse and have gained certificates in Diversional Therapy and Management. I have turned my hand to many things over the years, and always enjoy a challenge.

Regards Raewyn

## 2016 MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

**Without your membership and support we could not fulfil our commitment to offering those in the community with a hearing loss.**

*We thank you for your support*



### CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO HEARING AIDS

*This FREE Guide Includes:*

- What is the best brand for you?
- How much do hearing aids cost?
- What should you expect from new hearing aids?

Phone 0800 45 45 42 to get your copy

## Hearing Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 22nd March, 10am

at our rooms

2 Playfair Street, Caversham, Dunedin

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