

The North Shore Deaf Children's Association



Newsletter

March 2007

Notice is hereby given that the

Annual General Meeting

for

North Shore Deaf Children's Association

will be held on

Monday March 26, 2007

7.30pm

At the home of David and Nicola le Couteur

101 Tryon Road, East Lindfield

The meeting will be followed with a light supper and provide parents with the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves.

Everybody is welcome!

We have volunteers for all positions but welcome anyone who is interested in a position on the committee.

North Shore Deaf Children's Association Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Committee members
6. General business
7. Close of meeting.

The future for North Shore Deaf Children's Association

Each year, as the AGM rolls around, the Committee asks the question, "Where to from here?" The committee has discussed repositioning NSDCA this year, as a parent support group, concentrating on social interaction for parents and children. We will not hold any public meetings but will continue with our newsletter.

Our expenses continue to outstrip our income and our biggest expense is insurance which depletes our small reserves considerably each year. Since 10 May 2002, it is no longer compulsory for an incorporated association to take out public liability insurance. "The removal of the requirement under the Regulation for associations to hold public liability insurance does not mean that associations are immune from public liability claims. The question of an association's potential liability and the

appropriate insurance to be taken out is a matter for each association to consider."
<http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/business/associations.html>

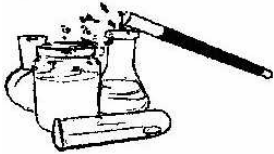
With this in mind, the Committee is calling for comments on the future direction of NSDCA. What do families want? Do families want public meetings? Should we no longer have public liability insurance and simply meet in people's homes, restaurants or parks? Should we cancel our incorporation and therefore remove the compliance requirements such as holding an AGM and filing annual returns?

We would appreciate YOUR feedback. Come along to the AGM or email the Secretary (claywatts@optusnet.com.au) with your comments and suggestions.

Dates for your Diary

What	When	Details
Picnic in the Park	Wednesday 18th April 10.30am	Putney Park - Pellisier Road, Putney. The park has play equipment, wading pools and bike tracks. Great for little ones and older kids. BYO food and drink.
Committee meeting	Monday 7th May 8pm	Everyone welcome Venue TBA
Dinner for parents	Saturday 26th May 7.30	Great Northern Hotel 522 Pacific Highway, Chatswood, NSW (Cnr. Mowbray Road) RSVP: Nicola 0416 270 696 Each parent will pay for their meal when they order.
Committee meeting	Monday 13th August 8pm	Everyone welcome Venue TBA
Family Picnic	Sunday 7th October 12 noon	Centennial Park Near the Learner's Cycleway off Grand Drive (between D4 and D5 on map - http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/6996/Map_Feb_07.pdf Randwick Gates are the closest gates. BYO food and drink and bicycles Contact: Ann 0419 495 032
Committee meeting	Monday 5th November 8pm	Everyone welcome Venue TBA
Committee meeting	Monday 4th February 2008 8pm	Everyone welcome Venue TBA

2007 Veronica James Science Challenge for Hearing Impaired Children



WHERE: University of Sydney, Faculty of Medicine

WHEN: Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April, 2007

TIME: 8.30 am to 3.30 pm each day.

This is the last weekend of the School Holidays.

Possible Lessons:- Leonardo da Vinci/Art-Shampoo-Momentum-Technology and Hearing Loss-Music and Maths-Language-Dissecting a Heart-Maps-The Sun-Mini Robots.

Numbers limited to 100 participants so get your bookings forms in early.

Morning tea and Lunch are provided for everyone each day by the Quota Club (Please bring your own if you have special dietary needs.)

Each hearing impaired student must be accompanied by an adult.
One sibling or friend may register with each hearing impaired student.

Age: 7 years and over (or, if 15 and over, you could be a volunteer tutor).

Cost: \$35 per participating student (payable by March 30, 2007)

This Challenge is **not only** for gifted science students. It is an opportunity for hearing impaired students, of all abilities, to explore and get excited about the **World of Science.**

The Science Challenge is supported by the University of Sydney.

The Booking Form for the 2007 Veronica James Science Challenge for Hearing Impaired Children is available on the web site

<http://www.med.usyd.edu.au/medicine/cfhi/> or

contact Helen Hammersley (02) 9449 5919 or Pia Doss 9402 7502

2007 subscriptions are now due

2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Complete this form and send to:-
North Shore Deaf Children's Association
PO Box 533 Chatswood 2057

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Please find enclosed my payment of **\$20** being the annual subscription fee to the North Shore Deaf Children's Association Incorporated for **2007**.

Child's name.....

Child's Preschool/school/tertiary education.....

Child's date of birth.....

Cochlear implant user..... Yes/No

Signing..... Yes/No

OPTIONAL SECTION

My donation ofis enclosed.
(All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.) ABN 44 864 015 500

News in brief

FOXTEL's iQ records captions

The FOXTEL iQ is a Personal Digital Recorder with a hard-disk drive recording device.

Closed Captions are now recorded automatically where the content contains closed caption information. The closed caption function does not have to be turned on in order for the captions to be recorded.

During playback of recorded content which contains closed caption information, closed captions can be turned on as per normal under the system settings accessible via the i-Plate.

FOXTEL iQ can store around 60 hours of television that can be viewed at any time. Its functions allow viewers to pause Live TV and record two shows at the same time while watching another pre-recorded show.

For more information on the iQ, visit <http://www.foxteliq.com.au/what.htm>

The Hearing and Learning Connection: Enhancing literacy and learning by managing the classroom listening environment

When: Friday March 16, 2007
Where: Main Auditorium
Australian Hearing
126 Greville Street, Chatswood

Presenters:
Professor Carol Flexer
Professor Flexer received her doctorate in audiology from Kent State University in 1982. She was at The University of Akron for 25 years as a Distinguished Professor of Audiology in the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. In addition to lecturing around the world, Prof. Flexer has authored more than 150 publications and books including Sound-field Amplification: Theory and Practical Applications.

Dr Robyn Massie
Robyn has been a clinical audiologist for many years, and works with the National Acoustics Laboratories, the research arm of Australian Hearing. She has a particular

interest in improving the classroom listening and learning environments for all children, not only those identified with a hearing loss. She obtained her Doctorate on the effects of sound-field amplification on the communicative interactions occurring in classrooms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. A subsequent study on the impact of sound-field intervention in mainstream classrooms was published in the Australian Journal of Education in April 2006.

Parents welcome.

Tickets: \$65 inc GST. Refreshments and supporting literature provided. Tickets available through www.multimediaonwheels.com.au

DDA Education Standards Accessible Formats Website

In August 2005 the Disability Discrimination Act Education Standards became law. On 26 February 2007 the DDA Education Standards Accessible Website will be launched at the University of Ballarat. The website was a joint partnership between several partners including the University of Ballarat, The NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre and SkillsPlus. It was generously funded by the Department of Education Science and Training.

This website has been designed to help users understand important parts of the DDA Education Standards. Whether you are a person with a disability, an associate of a person with a disability, or a person involved in the delivery of education, this website will help you understand some important parts of the DDA Education Standards. It does not cover the full detail of the DDA Education Standards, just the more important parts of the Standards.

The information is provided in three different ways:-

Plain English Text
AUSLAN (Quicktime)
Audio format (mp3)

If the user has any concerns or needs more detailed advice they are strongly encouraged to contact a solicitor.

Visit the website:

<http://www.ddaedustandards.info/>