



# Supporters Newsletter

## New Fundraising Partnership with Century Yuasa Batteries, Dubbo.



We are thrilled to announce a new fundraising venture. Recently we received a call from Manager Victor Brook at Century Yuasa Batteries in Capital Drive Dubbo, offering us a new fundraising opportunity. We will be collecting used batteries for recycling and Victor will pay us for doing it!

All types of vehicle batteries can be donated: used car batteries, all types of heavy machinery batteries including truck, tractor, motorbike or boat. Victor will then pay us for the lead extracted from these batteries which is used to produce more batteries, in turn helping the environment.

### **Where do you drop your batteries off?**

At Century Yuasa as well at Macdonald & Co Woolbrokers Richardson Rd and Precision Wheel Alignments in Mount Batten Drive Dubbo.

Please get on board this wonderful fundraising opportunity to help our project raise some much needed funds to continue our service. We do not receive government funding.

**CAN YOU HELP?**  
Help children hear & achieve while also helping the environment

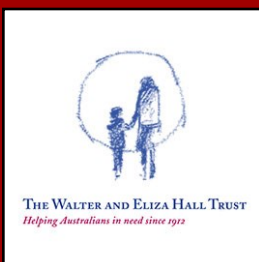
**WANTED**  
OLD BATTERIES TO RECYCLE  
ANY BATTERIES WELCOME: CAR, TRACTOR, BUS, MOTOR BIKES, LAWN MOWER

**DROP OFF POINT. LEAVE YOUR BATTERY HERE**

*A project of Dubbo District Deaf Club; helping children to hear and achieve.*

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## **SAVE THE DATE - DRAG QUEEN BINGO is back on!**

Its BACK ON, that's right, now that covid lockdowns are behind us, its time to pick up where we left off in 2021! Join us for a night of outrageous humour, over the top antics and dangerously good fun. Plan your outfits, invite your colleagues and friends, check our FB page for more details.

Save the date **23rd July 2022 @ Down the Lane, Dubbo.**

Tickets though [123tix.com.au/events/19254/](https://123tix.com.au/events/19254/)  
[hearourheartearbusprojectfundraiser](https://hearourheartearbusprojectfundraiser.com)

If you had previously purchased tickets and kept them online for the new date they are still valid. You should receive an email soon from 123tix

Hear Our Heart  
Ear Bus Project

**XMAS IN JULY**  
Saturday 23rd July  
DOWN THE LANE

## Principal Sponsors 2022 visit.



THE WALTER AND ELIZA HALL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
Supporting medical research and those with health related problems



We are delighted to advise that our Principal Sponsor will be visiting on the 10/11th May. This is a much anticipated event as the past 2 years they have had to cancel due to Covid.

While in Dubbo we will be showing them activities with in both the health and education aspects of our program, meeting supporters and having dinner with the HoH committee & staff. The first stop will be at Nanima Preschool, just out of Wellington. CEO Helen Cook tells us fondly of her days nearby growing up in the area around Molong.

Helen will be bringing Monique Ribeiro with her to meet us country folk. After 20 years dedicated to the WEHall Trust, Helen is leaving in June and Monique will be taking on Helens role.

We are looking forward to their visit.

*Pictured above is Chief Executive Officer Helen Cook from The Walter and Eliza Hall Group of Charities holding Sam puppet, when she visited in 2019. Pictured with her is our volunteer Directors Donna & Rachel with hearing screeners Trish George and Trish Thorne, previously from WACHS.*



## New adventures for some of our original Sponsors



You would be very aware of the generosity of Terry and Kathy Green of Sainsbury Automotive, having donated us the Ear Bus in 2016. Such a generous gift for our community to benefit from.

Since then, Sainsbury Automotive have done a marvellous job keeping our bus clean and ready for testing. They have maintained and serviced it as well as kept it safe at their premises when we are not using it.

Terry and Kathy have sold their business and are moving on to spend more time with their Grandchildren. We wish them all the very best on this very exciting stage of their lives.

You many remember that Kathy was the reason why we got our bus. From 2015 to December 2018 she worked for us as our teacher and hearing testing support person. After one very long day supporting hearing testing out west, dragging the hearing testing equipment in and out from the boot of her car she came home to Terry exhausted. Sitting on the lounge he said to Kathy "well why don't we buy them a bus to put all this gear in. Would that make it easier?" The rest is history!

Terry has always maintained "it's all about the kids." Over the years he has constantly reminded us "kids need to be able to hear well to learn and have a better future."



Kathy and Terry in 2016 with our bus



HoH Manager Virginia and Terry



Northside Sandwich shop has also been sold. Laurie and Jenny Barlow have been there for as long as we can remember! We are very thankful for their generosity in hosting a money donation tin on their front counter for us since we helped their granddaughter with her hearing back in 2012. Over the years they have raised over \$5000 for us. We called in last week to take a farewell photo of them out the front of their shop. Jenny said she was very excited about retirement and not having to get up everyday at 3am for work!!! All the best for your retirement.



# Truly a community project



A big shout out to our wonderful schools, childcare centres, businesses and committee volunteers that raise money for us. We are so proud to say that we really a community owned project.

Over the past 6 months, with Covid interrupting, people have still committed themselves to raising funds. Schools/Childcare centres donated \$13 750 and parents donating at Community Day testing totalled \$270.

Our wonderful staff and volunteers raised \$1737 with our raffle that was drawn at the Dubbo Deaf Club Pool Party in December.

## Our program continues - even through covid restrictions at schools

Snapshot of Term 1, with Virginia HoH Program Manager and Healthy Ears Teacher Therese.

Term 1 testing wasn't what we had all expected as Covid was still present in our communities. We had hoped to be back testing from the Bus, this unfortunately wasn't the reality due to no natural ventilation in the testing booth. Can we extend our appreciation to the schools, pre-school and childcare facilities that were able to come to our rescue and graciously provide us with an office or room to test in. Term 2 will operate in the same way at this stage.

We are once again reminded how great our community of schooling/ childcare we have and how we can adapt to give our children the best possible start in life. ❤️

We are excited to announce that DUBBO LITTLE LEARNERS and MENDOORAN PRESCHOOL will be joining our Bus Route from Term 2. They are so excited after waiting for 2 years. Keep an eye out for weekly photos and updates on our Facebook page as we welcome these NEW centres to our program.



*Pictured above is our testing team Amy with her daughter Lydia, Virginia testing a child and Mitra making sure Sam puppet has blown his nose!*

*Pictured below at Buninyong Playgroup is Therese teaching how to blow confetti off your hand with your nose! A great trick to help toddlers learn to blow their nose. Also pictured are understanding hearing loss lessons for primary students at Dubbo West Public School.*

