



# Supporters Newsletter

## Battery Fundraiser still going.

Mark Dennis, owner of Marx Automotive has come on board to donate the used batteries he has at his workshop. Mark believes in the early detection of children's hearing, so they are able to achieve their fullest potential. With his wife working in a Preschool that the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project visits he knows too well how much of a difference we are making to the children in our community. When we visited last, his staff member Stuart said that we have tested his kids in the Ear Bus and the follow up that we provided afterwards was much appreciated.

Mark's business is located at 35 Bourke street in Dubbo. A few of our volunteer committee members use his service and say Mark provides honest good old-fashioned service with a smile. We encourage you to support those who support us.

Thanks Mark, we appreciate all your help!

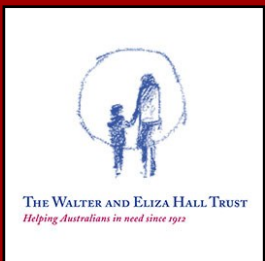
Mark is pictured on the left in the photo with one of his staff members, Stuart.



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

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If you have batteries that you can donate please drop off to

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**We have started 2024 with some new faces to our team. Enjoy reading about them**



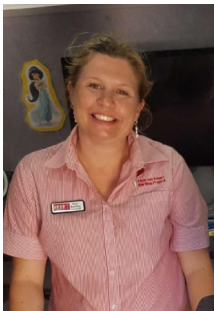
**Program Manager—Michaela McGuinness**

Michaela started in February as our new Manager. She already has skills in the hearing testing industry, having worked at Hearing Australia for the past 13 years. Michaela is loving working for us and recently she has taken her skills further by completing a Hearing Screening course at Tafe. Michaela is excited to now be testing in the bus and supporting the kids and schools with their post testing pathways to care.



**Office Manager—Anita Rudolph**

We are always thankful for the wonderful work that Anita does in the HoH 'epicentre'- AKA the HoH Office! She does a great job supporting the testing team, making sure testing resources are up to date and booking children in for hearing testing on Community Day Clinics. It is always lovely to hear her cheerful 'hello' when you ring the office. Anita has been with us since 2018.



**Audiometry Nurse—Amy Barling**

We welcomed back Amy after taking leave last year with her small children. Amy lives with her husband and 3 children on a farm on the other side of Narromine. Her eldest daughter was born with hearing loss, hence Amy's passion in working for us to detect children that need help with their hearing. Amy works 2 days a week and has been predominately testing in the Narromine, Warren and Trangie areas.



**Nurse Screener—Dana Brown**

Dana started with us in late last year. She has personal experience with hearing loss, having a 12 year old son born with moderate hearing loss. Dana's passion for helping kids and ensuring they are followed up in a timely manner, comes from her life's experience with the support she has received for her own son. Dana has recently completed a Hearing Screening course at Tafe can now test children for us.



**Audiometry Nurse—Sandy Corbett**

Sandy has been working casually with us this year testing children, after volunteering for us before Christmas. She lives with her husband on their farm at Mullaley, near Gunnedah and heard about us at the annual NSW Audiometry Nurse Conference. Sandy. Having 2 grandsons in Gilgandra with hearing loss that we have helped she was keen to be involved.

We would like to extend a thank you to the team at Classic Cars and Coffee for their donation of \$3000 collected at their casual monthly get togethers for local car enthusiasts, and owners of special interest cars. Victoria Park, Dubbo.



Another thank you goes to Wellington Public P & C who donated \$1000 to send our manager Michaela and Nurse Dana to Newcastle to complete their Hearing Screening training.

### Meet our Dubbo District Deaf Club President Hayley Corby.



HoH is a proud project of Dubbo District Deaf Club (DDDC) which started in 1997.

The 2024 volunteer President of DDDC this year is Hayley Corby. She is a wife and busy mum of 3 children and works full time in Dubbo. Hayley was officially diagnosed with severe bilateral hearing loss at 18 months and got hearing aids and a Hearing Support Teacher shortly after. This was the start of her 30 year journey with Dubbo District Deaf Club. Hayley grew up with Signed English (not Auslan) as her first language while she learned to hear with her hearing aids and talk. Nowadays she mostly communicates orally, however is still able to sign.



Hayley says "DDDC has given me so many wonderful opportunities, memories and my three best friends who are also deaf or grew up in this community. I have fond memories of attending many deaf camps, family camps, pool parties, zoo outings and going to the Dubbo Show every year. I wanted to be able to give other children the same opportunities that I have so I thought it was time I became President.

Hear our Heart is one of many projects that Dubbo District Deaf Club have developed for our western regional community, and I am so proud of the work they do for kids ear health. Its great that we can detect children with hearing loss and be able to not only provide them with the pathway to care, but to provide them with the support and friendship that DDDC offers."

### Out and about

Promoting Healthy Ears and testing in our schools & community is a team effort! Only made possible from the love and support received by so many amazing people, both on and off the scenes! Thanks for believing in us.

