



# Supporters Newsletter

A message from our volunteer Directors Donna Rees and Rachel Mills

We are so proud of our dedicated staff. They are so passionate about the service and pride themselves to ensure follow up for a child is done in a timely manner. They've had a busy 3 months providing healthy ears lessons and hearing testing to the schools and centres that we visit. Some of the children that we detected as having hearing problems have been to the Ear Specialist and Hearing Australia. We are so pleased that their journey to improved hearing and learning has begun so quickly. It's hard to believe that our service does not receive funding from the Government. Having good hearing is so important for a child to learn and achieve to their full potential.

## Battery fundraiser if you have

One of our long-time supporters Mark Gardner recently got together with his son and did a clean up of used batteries laying around. They gathered up a Ute load of batteries and dropped them off to the HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS bins up at Century Yuasa @ 6 Capital Drive Blueridge. [Century Yuasa](#)

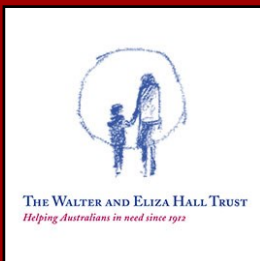
Mark has kindly offered to pick up **YOUR** unwanted batteries. Mark can drop around on a Friday afternoon and pick them up from your place. If you'd like to get in touch with Mark please email him: [mark.gardner@vbs.net.au](mailto:mark.gardner@vbs.net.au) Thank you Mark for your support.



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Welcome aboard Rob McAnally, owner of Mid West Auto Dismantlers, who has also offered to help with batteries.

Healthy Ears puppets Sam and Lucy called in to say hi and thank him. Rob (left) and Tommo (right) are happy for you to drop batteries to them at 4L Boothenna Road Dubbo.

We've had a busy start to the year with our new local major sponsor Dubbo City Toyota and Gilgandra Toyota.



Pictured above is Nathan from Ray Tobin signs putting the new Toyota logos on the bus. You will also notice a new sign on the door acknowledging Terry and Kathy Green who donated our vehicle back in 2016 and have since sold their automotive business. We also asked Ray (pictured above right) to put his logo along with Alloy Welding to celebrate that they designed and built, labour free, our purpose built hearing testing vehicle.



### Dubbo City Toyota & Gilgandra Toyota

HoH staff Anita and Virginia met with Charlie to organise cleaning and maintenance of our bus. The Ear Bus now proudly stays at Toyota when we are not using it. The pride Charlie has in ensuring that it looks and drives great is much appreciated. From all the children that benefit from our service –thank you Toyota, Charlie, and the Service Team.



Welcome to Dubbo



Lexus of Central West, located at Dubbo City Toyota held a golf day on the 6th of April. They raised almost \$2,500 through generous donations on the golf course during their Lexus of Central West Golf Day.

Customers of Lexus then doubled that amount (and some!) at the Lexus evening Fine-Dining event, bringing the total raised to a whopping \$5,700. Thank you so much.

A big shout out to all the schools, childcare centres and members of our community who continue to donate to fund our program. The Hear our Heart volunteer committee strives to raise the \$150000 a year needed to run the program and having community support really helps us. Hard to believe that we do not receive government funding! Your donations allow our wonderful staff to provide testing & healthy ear lessons. Enjoy the photos below, as you have made this possible.

