



Supporters Newsletter

The Walter and Eliza Hall Trust Visit

In May we had the pleasure of hosting CEO's Helen Cook and Monique Ribeiro from our Principal Sponsor The Walter and Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation. We took them to Wellington to Nanima Preschool, Wellington Public School and, Laugh Love Learn Childcare to see our project and partnerships in action.

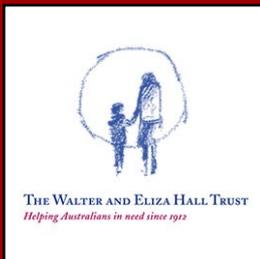
After returning to Sydney, Monique emailed her thoughts about the visit. "Being able to visit Dubbo this week and see the work of Donna, Rachel and the entire Hear Our Heart team was sensational. The team are so knowledgeable, committed and passionate—you can't help but walk away feeling passionate too! It was fabulous to see the Ear Bus welcomed at schools and preschools the community clearly working together towards a common goal of ensuring positive health and educational outcomes for local kids. The approach is best practice—no easy feat considering the levels of coordination required across government departments, geographical distances, different organisations and individual kids and their families. We are so pleased that the Walter & Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation is able to help support this excellent program. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to host us, meet us and talk to us this week, we felt so welcomed and very humbled by the kindness and openness with which we were received—no doubt a testament to good people doing good things."

The Trust has just paid the last of their 5 year commitment of \$150 000 per year. Gee this went quick! They have now committed another 4 years of \$200 000 per year funding after this year. This is a big relief to our volunteer HoH committee as we only have to raise \$150 000 per year to keep the project servicing our kids.

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

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CEO's Helen Cook and Monique Ribeiro



Monique & Helen with our staff and volunteer Directors.



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

Thank you to those who attended and sponsored our Christmas in July Drag Queen Bingo last month. Our official tally of money raised was very close to \$3000. What an incredible effort!

If we estimate that 1 child's hearing test costs around \$50, that's 60 hearing tests we raised! On the night there was a range of different fundraising events held. Wrap the Xmas present, Ray Tobin Signs coin toss, Guess how many steps it takes to blow your nose?, 100 Clubs', Best Dressed parade and of course the hilarious bingo with Drag Queens Timberlina, Abork and Foxxe Faux.

We would like to thank Down the Lane for their support in running and holding this event. Without help from the community, events like these wouldn't be possible.



Above: HoH Volunteer Committee



Above: Round one Bingo winner Deb Reid



A special thanks also needs to be given to HoH Volunteer, Jason Dearmer, above with wife Mel, for his dedication and hard work in leading the Hear our Heart committee to organise this event.



Best dressed winner Cam Cook



Below: Our volunteer Directors Rachel Mills & Donna Rees with Monique Ribeiro



Above: winner of round one coin toss Erin Cook



Below: Our 2 new HoH volunteer committee members Amber and Emily.



We are collecting batteries and making money from it! Since March we have received \$667 from lead in the batteries. Drop off points in Dubbo are: Macdonald & Co Woolbrookers- Richardson Rd, Century Yuassa Batteries- Capital Drive and Precision Wheel Alignment in Mount Batten Drive. Thank you to these 3 businesses for their help. A big shout out to Victor Brooks, of Century Yuassa, for organising this fundraiser for us. Victor has been a HoH supporter for many years. Locals helping locals :)

University of New South Wales Medical Outreacher Australia visit

Before the Term 2 school holidays, we were proud to be involved in the Department of Education annual 'Healthy Ears Week' program that they run with the University of NSW volunteer Medical Outreacher Australia students.

The week started in Dubbo with a 1 day workshop learning about healthy ears, Deaf and Aboriginal culture and meeting some hard of hearing children and adults. The rest of the week saw the program being delivered in Gilgandra and Gulargambone.

Our dedicated staff of the Hear our Heart Ear Bus, the 26 Medical Students and Teachers of the Deaf from Department of Education Donna and Rachel delivered a combination of healthy ear's education, hearing testing and ear health checks to the students at Aussie Kindies, St Joseph's, Gilgandra Public School, Gilgandra High School, Gilgandra Preschool, Gulargambone Central School, Gulargambone Preschool. It was an amazing, busy, exhausting & rewarding week and we are grateful to all the lovely School Principal's, Preschool Directors, LaST's and teaching staff that helped deliver our message of healthy ears hear and learn better.



Special thanks to Hearing Loop Australia for providing their Audiologist Liz Winton, free of charge and Western Local Health District for providing their Nurse Audiometrist Rachel Kirsop. This helped to make the week such an outstanding success.

A big thank you to the 26 Medical Student for their hard work both before and during the week. Leading up to their visit they did some fundraising for us and were proud to donate \$4000. We will be purchasing a new video otoscope.