



Supporters Newsletter

Welcome to new staff @Team HoH

Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project is proud to introduce the incredibly talented Mitra Nazari.

Mitra and her family immigrated from Iran to Australia and luckily for us here, they have decided on Dubbo to call home.

Mitra is an Audiologist with over 12 years experience. Mitra is currently enrolling into TAFE to complete a Diploma in Audiometry. This is a part of the process to have her qualifications recognised in Australia.

Mitra officially joined us on 1st July and has quickly settled into the team. Mitra possesses a beautiful caring and soft nature and her skills as an experienced Audiologist, will ensure the children that visit our service will be in very experienced and caring hands.

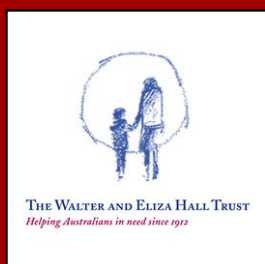
We are thrilled to have Mitra as part of the HoH team.



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

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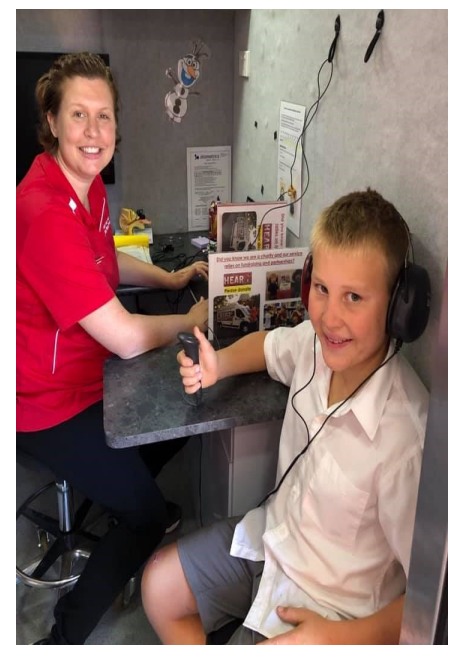
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Change of role for Amy Barling to Audiometry Nurse

Amy Barling has been a volunteer of Dubbo & District Support group for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired for the past 6 years, when her first born child was born with a permanent conductive hearing loss, called Microtia.

Amy has had a stint as the Hear our Heart Media & Promotions Officer. Recently our beautiful Amy Barling added hearing screening to her "bag of tricks". Amy completed her Nurse Audiometry Course in late 2020. Amy has now joined Team HoH as a part time Nurse Audiometrist. Welcome 'aboard' Amy.



Benchmark Audiometry Training



Course presenter Gordon Rutter

During the last week in May, Hear our Heart Ear Bus and the Dept of Education Hearing Support had the pleasure of having Audiometrist Gordon Rutter here from Central Coast Hearing. The purpose of his visit was to provide nationally accredited hearing screening training through the Melbourne Benchmark Group for 10 people.

The course covered basic hearing screening skills in otoscopy, tympanometry and Audiometry. The course is normally only provided in Melbourne and Sydney, so we were honoured that Benchmark were willing to provide this for us here in Dubbo.



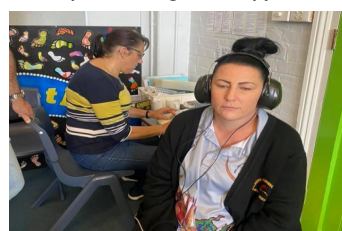
Mitra performing otoscopy

10 students attended. Program Manager Virginia Redenbach and Teacher Therese Quigley along with Mitra Nazari represented team HoH. Aleisha Stanley represented Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service. Donna Rees, Rachel Mills, Annabel Lucic, Natalie Thurston and Megan Hamblin represented Department of Education Hearing Teachers and community member Gwen Troutman-Weir also attended.

What a full on, but fun filled 2 days we had learning.

Once the 10 participants pass their practical component and an online exam they are able to screen children's hearing. This will not only be an asset to our wonderful program but to schools out west and in Mudgee where Annabel, Natalie, Megan, Donna and Rachel teach.

To date, Mitra and Virginia have fully completed their course. Congratulations.



Rachel testing Aleisha's hearing.

University of NSW Medical Outreacher Visit.

Hear our Heart Ear Bus in conjunction with Dubbo Public Hearing Teachers again came together to host the annual University of NSW Medical Outreacher visit. This year saw 24 students volunteer their time, for a week of learning about rural medicine & to provide medical outreach to some rural kids. They provided puppet shows and their Teddy Bear Hospital lessons to the little ones and noise induced hearing loss education to the older kids in Narromine at the Public School, Christian School, St Augustine's and the Preschool.

The week kicked off on Monday with presentations and talks, one from which was LOCAL Ear Nose & Throat Registrar, Sam Jaensch, who talked about living and working in a rural setting. Following this was a very informative chat with Lydia Hawke, President of Dubbo & District Support group for the Deaf & Hearing Impaired. She shared her personal experiences of being born Deaf in a hearing world and the difficulties assessing doctors, hospitals and the everyday hurdles of language barriers being Deaf. These upcoming Doctors now have some knowledge around language barriers for Deaf & Hearing impaired!

The HIGHLIGHT of Monday was a very informative YARN with local Indigenous Elder Aunty Doris Shillingsworth. Aunty Doris gave the medical students some insight in the difficulties First Nations People face trying to get their Community to use and trust medical professionals after generations of lack of trust. The day concluded around a camp fire with Aunty Doris teaching the students some Indigenous culture and sharing some Jonny cakes.

It was a fantastic 4 days of sharing knowledge & networking and we cant wait to do it again in 2022.



Class of 2021 with Aunty Doris



ENT Registrar Sam Jaensch



Lydia Hawke & her interpreter.

National Otitis Media Conference in Perth: 1st & 2nd September 2021.

Sadly due to COVID, the 2021 National Otitis Media Conference which was too be held in Perth, had to be changed to a virtual event, however this did not affect the amazing quality of presentations. This was the 6th Otitis Media Australia Conference & the Hear our Heart Ear Bus team had eagerly awaited to attend in person for the past 2 years. Alas Program Manager Virginia and volunteer Directors Donna and Rachel attended via video link.

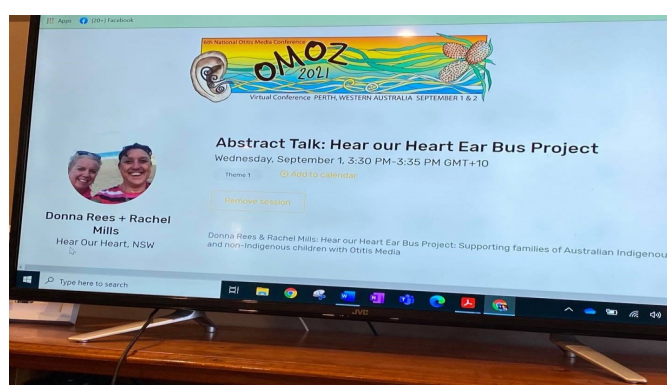
Known as OMOZ, this conference is a biannual event and brings together health and education personnel with a passion of making a difference to children suffering otitis media. It was great to see inspiring programs like ours making a real difference in the battle with Australia's number 1 childhood illness.

One amazing discussion gave some insight to some ground breaking research to create a vaccine for otitis media. The Telethon Kids Institute in Western Australia and Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin are leading the way in this area and have some amazing programs.

Hear our Heart was well represented by Donna and Rachel who presented our wonderful program, a multidisciplinary program that combines health and education sectors and as well as services all races of children.

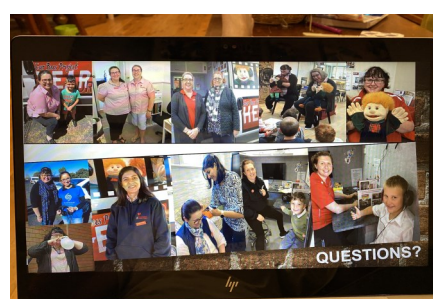
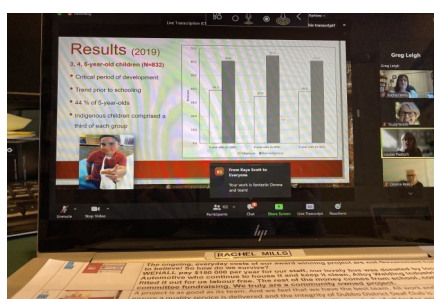
To conclude OMOZ, the 'OMOZ message stick' was passed on to NSW well known Aboriginal Ear Specialist, Associate Professor Kelvin Kong, who announced that the next conference will be in Newcastle in 2023.

We cant wait! It will be a wonderful opportunity to show Australia our award winning program, our locally built ear bus & how we do it in Dubbo!!



Award winning project invited to the NSW Teacher of the Deaf Conference

The annual Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf Conference hosted by NextSense, (formerly RIDBC) was also virtual this year due to Covid restrictions in Sydney. The conference is a great opportunity for Teachers of the Deaf to learn about new research, engage with peers and investigate new resources. Our volunteer Directors, along with Professor Louise Paatsch form Deakin University, presented their Deafness in Education International Journal article "Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project: Supporting families of Australian Indigenous and non-indigenous children with otitis media." Their 20 minute presentation on the 10th of September, was extremely well received with some of the participants asking if the project could come to their area!!! What a great pat on the back for the wonderful HoH staff who deliver the program.



We need

YOU!



Donations and Volunteers are the HEART of our charity.

Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project relies on the support and assistance of the Community and Volunteers to keep our Bus on the road and out in the Community. We are grateful to so many for their donations, assistance or support. If you or your organisation can help in anyway we'd like to hear from you.



FUNDRAISING

Redgum Child Care Centre in Dubbo held a Bake Sale with proceeds donated to HoHEBP



AUDIOLOGY VOLUNTEERS

Audiologist Louise Rimmer, from Sydney donated her time & expertise to HoHEBP.



LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Local Businesses donating towards our Major Raffle. More info later in the Newsletter.



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Jacob Redenbach donated his day off to install new software onto HoHEBP Computers.



MEDICAL OUTREACHER & FUNDRAISING

University of NSW held several fundraisers. Proceeds were donated to HoHEBP when they visited for their outreach program, as featured on previous pages. We are thrilled to have received a \$3000 donation from them.



AWARENESS

Awareness into otitis media is important to EVERYONE. Wellington Christian School held a very successful RED DAY raising awareness about the HoH philosophy that HEALTHY EARS HEAR & LEARN BETTER.

Continued on from Page 4. Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project relies on the support and assistance of the community and volunteers to keep our our project running. We are grateful to so many for their ongoing or one off donations, assistance or support. If you or your organisation can help in anyway we'd like to hear from you.

Please call the HoH Office on 6884 8751 or email us at office@hearourheart.org



DONATIONS

SKYGARD & their General Manager Warren Bertschinger graciously donated a huge supply of A333 Antimicrobial Shield to help protect our Community and our Ear Bus from Covid during the pandemic and for many years to come.



SPONSORSHIP

David Hayes, owner of DUBBO CITY TOYOTA has been providing the fuel for our Service since 2017. We are beyond grateful to David Hayes and DUBBO CITY TOYOTA for their ongoing support to our service.



DONATION TINS

Northside Sandwich Shop owners Jenny & Todd have had a HEAR OUR HEART DONATION TIN on the front counter of their business since 2014. They have raised thousands of valuable funds for our charity. We are so grateful for their ongoing support.

If your place of business would like a donation tin for your front of service area or front counter please let us know. Donation tins can be dropped off to your business and swapped over at your convenience. Please get in touch with our Office 68848751



REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Pictured above is Melbourne Audiologist Hung To. Hung is also a regular contributor to our charity. He has automatic payments coming out of his bank account monthly.

Hear our Heart Ear Bus is grateful to individuals or organisations that make regular donations/contributions to our charity. **If you or your organisation would like to make a one off donation or become a regular contributor then we'd love to hear from you.** Donations are tax deductible and a receipt is provided.

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2021 Major Fundraising Events

**XMAS IN JULY
DRAG QUEEN BINGO**
FEAT JOJO ZAHO AND BOBBIE

Fundraising event for Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project
Saturday 24th July from 6pm
Tickets \$50 each via 123TIX
Lucky Door and Best Dressed Prizes
Drink and table platter on arrival at Down The Lane

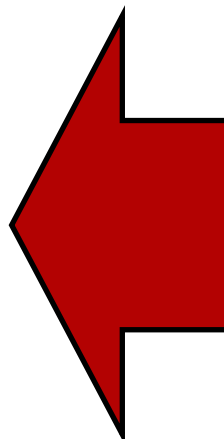
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The Hear our Heart Ear Bus MAJOR FUNDRAISER for 2021, unfortunately had to be postponed due to the COVID SITUATION.

Please WATCH THIS SPACE as the Directors & Committee of Hear our Heart are working with the event organisers to secure a new date.

Previous ticket holders (for 24th July date) can obtain a refund from 123TIX OR hold onto original ticket for the new event date. More Tickets will be available when the NEW DATE is announced.



HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS PROJECT MAJOR RAFFLE

\$5 PER TICKET AVAILABLE ONLINE

Tickets available at:
<https://www.rafflelink.com.au/hohebp2021>
or scan our QR code!
Total prize pool of \$2,820!

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Prizes Include:

1st Prize - \$760
\$500 Gift Voucher: Sponsored by Whitney's Jewellers Dubbo
\$200 Thunder Battery Charger: Sponsored by N.A. Furney & Sons Narromine
\$60 Jigsaw Puzzle: Sponsored by Soy Scents Home and Gift Narromine

2nd Prize - \$585
\$300 Nutri-metics Pamper Pack Sponsored by Rebecca Cullen Narromine
\$225 Hamper from Narromine Hardware Sponsored by S.S Hutchinson Narromine
\$40 Candle Sponsored by Country Traders Narromine
\$20 Voucher Sponsored by Rabbit Trap Hotel, Albert.

3rd Prize - \$500
\$400 Audeara Headphone Bundle Sponsored by Hearing Australia, Dubbo
\$50 Voucher plus \$50 Men's Hair product Sponsored by Esmay's Hair & Hairdresser, Narromine

4th prize \$340
\$220 Pamper Pack Hamper Sponsored by Gilgandra Support Group
\$100 Voucher Sponsored by Lisa Watt Physiotherapist, Narromine
\$20 Voucher Sponsored by Rabbit Trap Hotel, Albert

5th Prize - Value \$325
\$120 Leather Purse Sponsored by Ollie & I, Narromine
\$100 Voucher Hair Product Sponsored by Mirror Hair Lounge, Narromine
\$85 Beauty Products Sponsored by Bella Donna Beauty Narromine
\$20 Voucher Sponsored by Rabbit Trap Hotel, Albert

6th Prize \$310 Value
\$250 S Track Radio Controlled Car 18+ year Sponsored by Anonymous
\$60 Gift Package Sponsored by Nadine Smith, Trangle

Total Prize amount: \$2820

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As with our MAJOR FUNDRAISER, the drawing of our MAJOR RAFFLE also had to be postponed. The RAFFLE will now be drawn on December 11th at 6pm. Tickets are still available. Simply scan the QR code above or go to our Facebook page.