



Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project
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Dear valued supporters

More than half of the year is already behind us and I am pleased to bring you this update on Ear Bus activities.

- As you would all be aware, we rely on donations and grants to keep the Ear Bus operational. To date, the project has not received any direct funding from governments for staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following schools for their generous donations this year: Gilgandra High School, Gilgandra Public School, Yeoval Preschool, Aussie Kindies Gilgandra, Warren Preschool, Playmates Cottage, Narromine Preschool, Narromine Christian School, Peppercorn Dubbo, St Johns Primary Dubbo, Dubbo West Public School, Gulargambone Preschool, Wellington Public, Wellington Christian and Wellington St Mary's.
- Currently we visit a total of 17 schools and childcare centres in Dubbo and 20 in surrounding towns (Gilgandra, Wellington, Yeoval, Gulargambone, Warren, Narromine and Trangie).
- Welcome Gulargambone Central School and Preschool as well as Blueridge Park ELC to our Project in the last few months!
- Thanks go once again to Terry Green at Sainsbury Automotive for the loan of a brand new 2019 Tivoli Ssangyong for the day to enable HoH staff to conduct the initial visit to Gulargambone. His generosity is very much appreciated!
- Gilgandra and Gulargambone volunteer committee held a celebration on Wednesday 29th May where the entire town wore red for healthy ears. What an amazing community you are. The Ear Bus provided free testing after hours at the chemist. Thank you to all those who participated and donated on the day.
- Our thanks go to ALL of the audiologists who come to Dubbo to conduct the ear health and hearing checks in the Ear Bus. So far this year, we have had wonderful support from audiologists/audiometrists Robyn Little, Margo Piggott, Rachel Kirsop, Adam Johnson, Gemma Savage, Belinda Kwok, Roshni Josephs, Yvonne DeWitt, Louise Rimmer, Lorraine Everest, Karen Campbell and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. We could not conduct our hearing checks without their assistance!
- On March 17th we held a Charity Golf Day at Dubbo Golf Course. It was a great day with 88 players. We even had a little rain! With the generous support of everyone there, we raised over \$1,400 from raffles etc. and nearly \$3,000 from player registrations. This funding helps us keep the project going! We are already planning for next year!!
- We are pleased to advise that we have been able to make some improvements to our office space at Erskine St, with assistance of a grant from the Stronger Communities Program. We have added carpet to the meeting room and will soon have sound absorbent material on the walls. This is the room used during Community Days and has been very noisy for children and carers waiting for their turn in the Bus.
- A reminder that with winter here, we encourage your children to blow their nose regularly and wash their hands to reduce the occurrence of otitis media. If you have concerns for your child's ear health, hearing or would like to learn the technique of effective nose blowing, feel free to call our office on 6884 8751.

Regards on behalf of all at the HoHEBP town committees

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