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Supporters Newsletter

First ever Hear our Heart EAR BUS Community Day for Warren MPS.

What an exciting day it was for the Ear Bus to be holding our first Community Day at the Warren MPS.

Thanks to Warren Interagency group for helping to facilitate the partnership between HoHEBP and the Warren MPS. Thanks also to the Warren Aboriginal Lands Council for their assistance promoting the day. Once again proving that Community partnerships are invaluable.

It was a fabulous first day and we could not be happier with the support shown and the amount of people wanting to access our service.

The Ear Bus will again be at the Warren MPS on **Tuesday 6th October 2020** and have plans to make this a regular service.

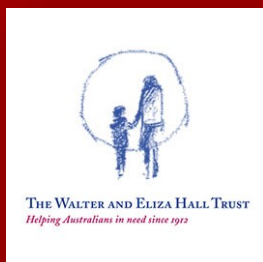
Pictured are some of the beautiful Warren MPS people that were just as excited as Hear our Heart to have finally secured the Hearing Bus for the children of their Community. From L to R Virginia from HoHEBP, Emma Hamblin, Nurse Manager, Tina Robinson, Child Health Nurse,



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

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Term 2 Hear our Heart Bus Testing

The Hear our Heart Ear Bus testing was somewhat unusual this past term due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent shutdown. The Ear Bus was not able to resume testing until 27th May, which is week 5 of a 10 week term. As we emerged from the Covid 19 hibernation with 2 Community Days at the Dubbo Office, so the Ear Bus staff could put into practice the Covid Testing Manual, written & developed whilst in lockdown and not able to test anywhere.

Our plans to hold Community Days for Urgent Children at our Office, (where parents bring their children to us to test) changed quickly with the easing of restrictions and we made plans to test at whatever Schools & Childcare centres that were able to have visitors on their premises.

Once the Bus was back testing, (with a Covid Procedure Policy in place) we were able to get back to Schools or Centres that were open to us being on sight. We are hopeful to be at all Schools & Childcare Centres that we test at in Term 3 of 2020.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships and trust are what makes a difference. That's what we find in our project anyway!

In the last week of school Learning and Support Teacher's Liz Ede and Rachael Skinner from Gulargambone Central and our volunteer Director Rachel Mills who works for Department of Education as a Teacher of the Deaf made a visit to Dr Ridha for young Ja'Keal. And why not squeeze in a visit to Hearing Australia before seeing Dr Ridha at 9:30!! Special thanks to Sam Wellman and Kayla McDonell from Hearing Australia, who made this happen for Ja'Keal.

Ja'Keal was such a happy young chappy and enjoyed all the attention. His hearing journey is now well underway thanks to our wonderful testing staff Virginia and Hope who initially followed him up. Next stop for Ja'Keal is back to Hearing Australia to get his new hearing aid in a hat to help him hear while he is waiting for his ear surgery.



Dubbo Motorcyclist & Drivers Club Inc. support HoHEBP

For the past three years the Hear our Heart Ear Bus project has been the recipient of some wonderful support from the Dubbo Motorcyclist and Drivers Club Inc.

Each year the Dubbo Motorcyclist & Drivers Club Inc. holds a 'Show & Shine' event at the Ballimore Pub for car & bike enthusiasts around the district. It's a lovely day out in spring to catch up with mates. The club likes to donate proceeds of the day to help a LOCAL charity. Special thanks to all participants of the 2019 Show & Shine, as it was a particularly difficult year as the Show & Shine continued on despite a HUGE dust storm. Thankfully, it didn't dampen the enthusiasm!

We are so thankful to the Dubbo Motorcyclist & Drivers Club Inc. for choosing to keep their fundraising "LOCAL" and supporting us.

Pictured is Rex Ridley from the Club handing over the proceeds from the Show & Shine to Virginia, Hearing Testing Program Manager from Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project.



We would like to thank some of our regular supporters. These LOCAL businesses have helped us in many ways & we would like to thank them for their ongoing support.

During this COVID-19 unprecedented time, many of our local business have had a significant downturn in business. Now's the time the say thank you for all the donations our LOCAL businesses make towards our LOCAL charities and shop locally. Let's ensure our great city and its businesses **survive & thrive** long after this COVID-19 has all ended.

Please if you can, support those businesses that support us.



Officeworks Dubbo.
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We would like to thank one of our long-time supporters. Officeworks Dubbo has been an unwavering supporter of Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project since practically its inception back in 2012 and we cannot thank them enough for their generosity shown to our charity. They are always willing to support us when we are in need of supplies which has been much appreciated especially with our Covid-19 policy of intensive cleaning after testing each child.

Officeworks are an example of COMMUNITY SPIRIT and PARTNERSHIPS that make a real difference to our Communities. If you can please support those that support us and shop locally at Officeworks Dubbo. Pictured is Elpida & Mitch from who seriously have the **BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN TOWN!**

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Behind the scenes support is just as valuable!

Henderson and McColl have prepared the financials and supported Dubbo Deaf Club for many years so it made sense to get them to do the financials for Hear our Heart when we started in 2012. Since then their support has steamrolled especially when business partner Bibiana Lappa got involved.

Bibiana has spent countless hours volunteering her skills behind the scenes to support our Treasurer Ian Redenbach. When Walter and Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation came on board in 2017 to provide funding for staff our staff numbers then increased, which also increased Ian's workload. Bibiana happily volunteered help. She set up Xero for us and processes staff pays and our invoices each week— all voluntarily.

Quiet achievers working behind the scenes and doing good things for their community!

