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# Supporters Newsletter

## Walter & Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation 3rd Installment



The Walter & Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation have been in partnership with the Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project since June 2018. They agreed to provide the bus with \$750,000 over 5 years which helps with the day-to-day running of the bus. We have just received our third instalment of these funds. For those of you that do not know, the Walter and Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation's mission statement is "to provide a ready and sympathetic source of funds for those needing relief from the effects of financial disadvantage, disease, and disability, and to make a real difference to the well-being and quality of life of those Australians we are able to assist".

In a recent interview with CEO Helen Cook, she talked about the importance of the work that the project does. Helen says "If it was not for the testing and resultant educational and medical intervention that Hear Our Heart undertakes, many children particularly indigenous kiddies, would simply not be identified as having hearing difficulties. The education of teachers and children around nose blowing, hand cleanliness etc. and the part that good hygiene practice plays in the prevention of otitis media, which may lead to hearing loss, is the key message".

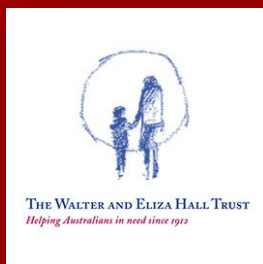
Helen says that "they wanted to partner with a program that focused on indigenous health. This was the perfect program for us to provide funding to, as it addressed a very specific health issue which if left untreated often results in deficits in educational and social outcomes. We saw this as a wonderful opportunity to partner with an organisation that worked at a very grassroots level. It makes a real difference partnering with an organisation where the employees are so passionate and have a real understanding of what the organisation is aiming to achieve".

A BIG THANKYOU to the Walter & Eliza Hall Charitable Foundation for supporting us & our work!

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## Amy's aboard the Hear our Heart Bus!

Hi everyone, I'm Amy Barling. I'm just starting my new role as Media/ Sponsorship Officer. I'm a Registered nurse, (I have also studied a bachelor in early childhood education 0-5 years), and currently studying Audiometry nursing. Thanks to Ian Riddle at Hearing Loop Australia for sponsoring me. Also, a big shout out to audiometry nurse Robyn Hull at Coonamble Community Health Centre, who has just had me with her for my audiometry nursing practical.



I have a particular interest in hearing as my daughter was born with permanent conductive hearing loss. She wears bilateral (both sides) hearing aids on a soft band. I have volunteered with Hear our Heart for just under 2 years and I'm very passionate about picking up hearing loss early, as well as keeping your children's little ears healthy by things such as nose blowing. I am looking forward to meeting all of our wonderful supportive community and meeting all of your beautiful children.



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

We would like to give someone a **BIG thankyou** who has been volunteering behind the scenes with our audiologist Hope Chan. **\*\* Jones Yao\*\***

Jones is an Audiologist from Brisbane. He has been supervising Hope's clinical skills for 12 hours per week via zoom/ FaceTime. Hope is expected to finish her supervised hours with Jones by August next year. Having Jones as a supervisor for Hope helps the bus as we have a secondary very experienced audiologist who has worked both in diagnostic and hearing aid settings. Hope says "that she learns a lot from him". Although already a qualified Audiologist, when Hope has finished her supervision she will be accredited with Audiology Australia.



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## Welcome Burrabadine Christian Community School

We are very happy to announce that Burrabadine Christian Community School have joined our family. On the 13th August we had our first testing day at the school. We are so pleased with the support and commitment that the families have shown to our project. Our Healthy Ear educators Therese and Anita presented our puppet shows with Sam and Lucy prior our visit.

We are thrilled to hear that their first 'Healthy Ears Awareness Day' was a "pizza and free clothes day" and it was a great success.



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 towns and its businesses **survive & thrive.**

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



Long-time supporters Officeworks Dubbo has been an unwavering supporter of Hear our Heart Ear Bus Project. Once again they have stepped up and donated \$100 towards 4 Samsung tablets and donated 4 heavy duty Targus covers. These tablets are used for the free Sound Scouts hearing check app. Our healthy ears teacher Therese Quigley and our volunteer directors Donna Rees and Rachel Mills have been implementing sound scouts as a pre-screener in schools, before the Hear our Heart bus visits.



If you can please support those that support us and shop locally at Officeworks Dubbo. Pictured is one of our volunteer directors Rachel Mills receiving the donation. She does look very happy, we must say!

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## Training for our staff with Sound Scouts

Have you heard of Sound Scouts? It's a free app for android and apple devices that checks your child's hearing levels as well as how well they can hear and process information when there is background noise. The Federal Government is funding this app and we use it as part of our program too. CEO of Sound Scouts, Carolyn Mee recently spent 2 hours up skilling our staff and teachers from the Hearing Team on the science behind how the app actually detects problems. It's worth checking out . Pictured is our teacher Therese and Carolyn. **Www.soundscouts.com**



## Fueling up the Hear Our Heart Bus!



A big thankyou to Dubbo City Toyota for their continued support. They donate the fuel for the bus to get it on the road to see all of your children's smiling faces.