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Voice for Deaf People

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Thank you to all those who have come to help celebrate Ann and Barry's Testimonial Dinner. Here are some of the highlights of the event and James Blyth did a brilliant job as Master of Ceremony for the evening.

Vice President Michelle Francis

Dear members

Late last month Irene Holub, VCOD President, jetted off abroad for her much needed and well deserved break. We all look forward to welcoming Irene back later this month feeling all refreshed and energetic ready to tackle challenges VCOD faces head on. In Irene's absence I have taken the opportunity to provide a report on recent events.

VCOD announcements

A media announcement was distributed to all members last week announcing with regret that Rachel Miers left her position as Manager of VCOD after 5 years of service with her last day on 30 June 2010 and welcoming Melissa Lowrie as the newly appointed Information Services Manager for VCOD commencing on 1 July 2010.

Rachel Miers was dedicated to VCOD over the years despite limited funding and resources. Her achievements included being involved in the organisation of VCOD's 3rd State Deaf Conference, the Deaf Education Review and National Week of Deaf People activities.

Rachel assisted in the setting up of community courses & special events, acted in advocacy situations, represented VCOD in committee groups, and distributed information through newsletters and E News to inform and educate the deaf community.

The Board and Staff of VCOD express their thanks to Rachel for her great efforts and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Melissa Lowrie brings with her a strong background in administration and project management having worked in a number of roles including as Personal Assistant to the CEO of Vicdeaf and as Secretary of the Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club. Being deaf herself and an active member of the Deaf community, Melissa has a deep understanding of the issues and barriers that deaf Victorians face. She is a strong believer in deaf people being provided with all information available to make considered choices. These aims will serve VCOD well.

The Board and Staff of VCOD welcome Melissa onboard and look forward to working with her. We will do a profile on Melissa shortly - stay tuned!

Queenslander of the Year Award debate

Some weeks ago CODA Australia¹ distributed a media release announcing the Queensland State Government had deeply offended and angered members of the Australian Deaf Community and members of CODA Australia by awarding the "Hear and Say" Centre's Managing Director Ms. Dimity Dornan with the Queenslander of the Year Award.

In the recent budget announcement the Queensland State Government has awarded over four million dollars to the "Hear and Say" Centre in Brisbane. CODA Australia has strongly expressed that this perpetuates and reinforces the view that deaf children should be educated in a manner that has proven to be unsuccessful and denies deaf children the opportunity to acquire Auslan (Australian Sign Language). Furthermore Ms Dimity Dornan has been quoted as saying "Deaf is not deaf anymore"² which is pure conjecture as she does not represent or serve parents or deaf children.

In 2008 the Australian Government ratified the United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Article 30 in the optional protocol states: "Persons with disabilities shall be entitled, on an equal basis with others, to recognition and support of their specific cultural and linguistic identity, including sign languages and deaf culture."³ CODA Australia state the practice and methodology applied by "Hear and Say" is in breach of the UN Convention on the Human Rights of people who are Deaf.

Michelle Francis Vic President

In a bid to educate the Victorian State Government of the varying needs of deaf Victorians VCOD want to ensure parents and deaf children are provided with all options available without negativity. To do this we are planning to write a media release, however we seek your opinion on the following questions before doing so:

1. What do you think of the Queenslander of the Year Award?
2. What action(s) do you want the Victorian government to take?
3. If you had the opportunity to approach the Suncorp Queenslander of the Year panellists, what would you like to say?
4. What do you want VCOD to say on your behalf?

Please send your answers to info@vcod.com.au and use "QLD Media Release" in the subject line.

¹ <http://www.codaaustralia.com>

² <http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/dimity-dornan-awarded-queenslander-of-the-year/story-e6freoof-1225874183350> (Retrieved 7 July 2010)

³ <http://www.un.org/disabilities/convention/conventionfull.shtml> (Retrieved 17 July 2010)

Deaf Children Australia to sell parts of the building on St Kilda Road

Deaf Children Australia (DCA) is organising meetings is to discuss its long term proposal to improve the historic home of deaf education and the deaf community in Victoria.

It is alleged the long term proposal includes the sale of parts of the historic Bluestone building, the car park at the back, the buildings where the popular Trade Block Cafe resides and the area where portable classrooms exist. DCA have instigated the possible sale of parts of the property, allegedly for \$22 million.⁵

VCOD's office resides in the buildings allegedly being considered for sale. Therefore meetings to be held will be very interesting one indeed to determine what, if any, impact will be had on our residency on DCA's premises.

http://www.deafchildreinaustralia.org.au/Foundations_for_Next_150Years (Retrieved 7 July 2010)

<http://the-rebuttal.com/> (Retrieved 7 July 2010)

It seems recent events including the cinema captioning protests early this year are awakening the voices of the deaf community. Whilst some changes may not be seen as positive it is certainly is proving to be a catalyst for the deaf community taking a stand for their rights and needs. This can only be a positive thing and we need to keep this going.

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.

Michelle Francis

Vice-President, Victorian Council of Deaf People Inc.

Information Manager's Report

Hey Everyone!

Allow me to introduce myself - My name is Melissa Lowrie, and I am the new Information Manager at VCOD. Some of you may know me as the Personal Assistant to the CEO at Vicdeaf, or as the Secretary of Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club. I am very excited to join the VCOD team and am looking forward to many exciting things happening, so watch this space!

VCOD is currently undergoing some major, but exciting, changes. The first change is the restructure of staffing at VCOD. We will soon be readvertising the position for an Advocacy officer so once the Advocacy officer is appointed we will have the following staffing:

Information Manager: Melissa Lowrie

Advocacy Officer: soon to be advertised

Administrative Officer: Medina Sumovic

Website Assistant: Denis Colbeck

And of course our team of Deaf Deaf World staff.

The restructure allows VCOD to ensure that our objectives of Advocacy, Information, Leadership and Membership are achieved and achieved well.

My focus of the next few months is to meet with VCOD's stakeholders, get to know you all and to hear what you think of VCOD and what you would like to see us do in the future. The most important stakeholder is YOU - our members. So please do pop in to see us, we are open from 9.30 till 4.30pm and I will be in the office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and more than happy to see you all.

Apart from this newsletter, we have regular updates on Facebook and via our email mailing list, so make sure we have your details, add us on Facebook and keep in touch!

Looking forward to meeting and hearing from you all!

Melissa

Information Manager of VCOD



Message from the New
Information Manager
from the Victorian
Council Of Deaf People

Deaf Education

Deaf Education Review

The Victorian Government has tabled the 2010-11 State Budget which provides an additional \$469.5 million for Victoria's education and early childhood system.

Please find attached the Dept of Education and Early Childhood Development Attachment outlining the budget from the State Government.

\$9.2 million over four years to establish a Victorian Deaf Education Institute to support and train teachers working with deaf students.

Further information can be found on this link:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/publications/budget/budget2010.htm>

Board Profile - Getting to know the Board

Kylie Beasley

NAME: Kylie Beasley

Favourite day of the week: Sunday

Do you drink coffee? Hot chocolate? Or tea? I don't drink any of those.

What do you do in your spare time? Going out with friends, family gatherings and play netball. Oh and facebook!!!

Have you travelled overseas? Not yet, one day soon!

When was the last you travelled overseas and where? (see answer above)

Favourite colour: Dark Purple.

If you had one wish, what would you like to be granted? My wish would be for Deaf people to have equal access in areas such as educational and workplace opportunities, sporting endeavours and recreational venues. Deaf people should be able to access any opportunity or service they wish to without being faced with barriers.

Do you like vegemite? Love it!

Five people you would like to have dinner with? Bugs Bunny (from Looney Tunes), Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Hamish and Andy!

Who do you think will make it to the finals in FIFA? Portugal to win!

What do you think about the Australian government? Based on lack of decisions that benefit the Deaf Community, I do not think much of the Australian government however if they were prepared to do more for the Deaf Community, my opinion may change.

If you won a million dollar now! What's the first thing you would spend on? Surprise my family and close friends with a big holiday to somewhere exotic!

What do you want for Christmas? A day to celebrate with family and friends is all I want for Christmas :)

Michelle Francis

NAME: Michelle Francis

How long have you been on VCOD board? 8 months

Favourite day of the week: Probably a Saturday, but hate Mondays!

Do you drink coffee? Hot chocolate? Or tea? Am not a tea or coffee person but have found the best tasting Chai Latte so have one everyday.

What do you do in your spare time? Play sport, socialise with family and friends.

Have you travelled overseas? Yes, four times.

When was the last you travelled overseas and where? March 2008. Went to Nepal and met up with Philip Waters who was living there at the time. We went trekking near Mt Everest which was a great experience.

Favourite colour: Blue

If you had one wish, what would you like to be granted? To see animal cruelty end.

Do you like vegemite? Yes.

Five people you would like to have dinner with? Barack Obama, Nelson Mandela, Jeremy from TopGear, Oprah Winfrey, Barbara the Bank Manager (ANZ)

Who do you think will make it to the finals in FIFA? Germany ???

What do you think about the Australian government? Whilst Kevin Rudd's philosophy has sounded great he has failed to put strong processes in place to set up a proper foundation. If anything to remember Kevin by, it would be his apology to the Indigenous Australians. This was long overdue and well done to him for stepping up to put this into action.

Other than that I've always held the belief that politics is usually full of false promises and inconsistent.

If you won a million dollar now! What's the first thing you would spend on? An around the world trip for a year or so.

What do you want for Christmas? I haven't thought that far ahead. I'd just be happy being with my family.

DiVine - A community for and by people with a disability

Do you have the write stuff?

Are you:

A Victorian with a disability?

A good writer who can produce original, informative and easy-to-read articles?

Eager to help build an online community for people with a disability?

Interested in a wide variety of topics related to the lives of people with a disability?

Able to write at least one article every month according to a fixed deadline?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, then you could be paid to write articles for the new DiVine website.

What is DiVine?

DiVine is an exciting website written for and by people with a disability. The website was launched in December 2009. It is published by the Victorian Government's Office for Disability.

DiVine aims to inform, engage and entertain. It is a vibrant, inclusive community that encourages participation.

Articles on DiVine cover a wide variety of topics of interest to Victorians with a disability.

They include:

Feature articles

News stories

Opinion columns

Reviews

Interviews.

If you have the write stuff

Successful applicants:

Will need to sign a formal contract for a minimum term of six months will work on a freelance (external) basis as a contractor to the Department of Planning and Community Development can negotiate the terms of their individual contract.

Disability access and support services can be provided by the department on request.

How to apply

Complete the attached application form listing your contact details and areas of interest

Write an introductory letter about yourself

Include two samples of your writing that are each no more than 500 words. The articles should be suitable for publication on the DiVine website.

Continue next page

Deadline: July 16, 2010

Send your application to: Jason Hill DiVine Online Editor Office for Disability

Level 11/1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

Phone: (03) 9208 3052 TTY: (03) 9208 3631 Fax: (03) 9208 3633

Email: Jason.Hill@dpcd.vic.gov.au



A community for and by people with a disability

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The Department of Planning and Community Development

The Department of Planning and Community Development's purpose is to lead and support the development of liveable communities. Liveability is a key element of Victoria's competitive advantage – our ability to attract business, investment and people impacts on prosperity, productivity and participation in communities and across the state.

The Department achieves this goal through the delivery of four strategic directions: improved planning and design for communities, better access to housing, infrastructure and services, increased opportunities for community participation and excellent organisational performance.

For further information visit www.dpcd.vic.gov.au

The Office for Disability

The Office for Disability (OFD) was established within the People and Community Advocacy Group in September 2006 following its announcement in the government's social policy statement, A Fairer Victoria.

The aim of the Office for Disability is to lead, support and coordinate Victorian Government policy and programmatic efforts that will improve outcomes for people with a disability and address barriers to participation in the community which will benefit all Victorians.

The Office works collaboratively with a range of government and non-government partners to achieve its objectives, and is responsible for the DiVine website.

Areas of Interest:

Select three areas of interest from the following categories.

Place the numbers 1, 2 and 3 next to the topics of most interest to you in order of preference.

Dining	Cooking	Mobile technology
Bars and nightlife	Relationships	Home entertainment
Theatre	Parenting	Gadgets
Event reviews	Healthy living	Video games
Transport	Home and garden	Policy and legislation
The arts	Sport	Your rights
Books	Travel	News
Film	Assistive technology	
Music	Computing	

This document is available in an alternative format upon request.

Please phone 1300 880 043 or email divine@dpcd.vic.gov.au

Expression of Interest Editorial Contributor, DiVine website

Personal contact details:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Mobile:

Deaf Deaf World 2010

Do you work in a hearing environment?

Do you wish your workplace know more about "Deaf Awareness"?

Do you ever experience lonely or frustrated times during your staff morning or afternoon teas or in the kitchen at lunch time— wishing they knew Auslan to communicate with you rather than to have a pen and paper.....

Well then - email me now with your work contact details and I will contact them to organise Deaf Deaf World workshops in your workplace for just two hours - your staff will be able to understand you more, will have more awareness in communicating with you, learn information of Deaf Culture like how to grab your attention or without having to shout at you! And who knows they might like to learn Auslan to communicate with you directly.

It's simple, just send Medina an email with "Deaf Deaf World" in the Subject line and I will respond to your email - admin@vcod.com.au or ask your manager/ or colleagues to send me an email too.

It's a Deaf Deaf World
This Workshop provided
an insight to the world
of Silence

ASLIA National Conference

ASLIA National Conference program this year in Brisbane, Queensland, 27-29th August 2010

We are extremely excited about the ANC program this year!

ANC2010 Early bird registrations close on 14 June - so get your registrations in as soon as possible!

A small taste of some of the presentations confirmed to date:

- Alan Wendt & Dr Rachel McKee: A Survivor's guide to translating the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Lily Wang: Sign Language Interpreting: An expertise approach
- Marcel Leneham & Alastair McEwin: The equation of 'access': is it always 'equal'?
- Lucy Lim: Code of Ethics – clients perspectives on Malaysian Sign Language interpreters
- Angela Murray: Signing in the Solomon Islands – a developing Deaf community

We will also have Board members of the World Association of Sign Language interpreters (WASLI) attending and giving presentations at the conference.

This year's international keynote speaker is Dr Lorraine Leeson from the Centre for Deaf Studies, Trinity College, Dublin. Also, Marie Spring will deliver the 2010 JW Flynn Oration. Marie is one of the pioneers of professional Auslan/English interpreting, gaining NAATI accreditation in 1986 and continuing to provide leadership in interpreting and interpreter training today.

For more information and to register, visit the ANC website: <http://www.asliaconference.org.au/>.

Remember – discounted Early bird registrations end soon! We look forward to seeing you in Brisbane in August!

Networking and Well Being

How to look after our sore backs?

Learn more about your spine structure and Sacroiliac Joint

(area between legs, spine, pelvic) which can cause back pain.

Learn Specific exercises/ postures and breathing for sore backs

Learn the art of the Proper Standing Posture and Walking meditation

We will also do fun and energy releasing warm ups to loosen our bodies, minds and spirits

Complete your day with mind-body relaxation and meditation

Interested? Sign up for Sunday 11 July 1pm to 4.30pm

Where: John Pierce Centre, Spirit of the Deaf Community, 25-35 High Street, Prahran

Led by a Deaf health professional in Auslan,

Karli Dettman (Yoga Instructor & Psychotherapist)

Only 12 spaces available. ♂ For men & women ♀

Early birds \$35 due by 23 June or \$40 by 28 June

Interested? Questions? Contact Karli SMS: 0403 922 245 Email: ksbd@iprimus.com.au

More information about Karli, check website <http://home.iprimus.com.au/ksbd/>

Karli is an university qualified and a member of YTAA and ACA. She has an Advanced Diploma of Yoga Teaching and Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training as well as BA and MA degrees in Psychology and Mental Health Counselling in late 1990s. She also has First Aid Certificate.

With much appreciation to sponsor: DSRV



Yoga

Is a holistic (whole) approach to feeling good physically, emotionally and spiritually by practicing asanas (postures), breathing correctly, relaxation and meditation

National Week of Deaf People

National Week of Deaf People

Theme: " Rapprochement of cultures"

Saturday 9th October – Friday 15th October 2010

Do you love organising events, meeting people and having a good time! Then we need YOU!!!

We are looking for enthusiastic and passionate volunteers to help organise and participate in events and activities in relation to National Week of Deaf People, to be rewarded with a fulfilling experience.

If you are interested, please contact VCOD administration admin@vcod.com.au

Victorian College of Deaf - 150 years

Lock these dates in your diary. In 2010 November 8th to 14th, VCD will be celebrating 150 years of Deaf education. FJ Rose Day is November 12th which was when the Victorian Deaf and Dumb Institution first opened.

There will soon be pages on this website (www.vcd.vic.edu.au) dedicated specifically to the organisation and communication of events for our 150 year anniversary. We will be asking for volunteers and sponsors to assist with our planning and production of these events.

Please stay tuned for more information coming soon

Contact Jeremy Brett or Kyle Miers for more information, can be contacted at Victorian College for the Deaf or Deaf Children Australia.

Open Day - Monday November 8th

The Victorian College for the Deaf will be open for visitors and you can look around the college and meet students and teachers. It will be an opportunity to look at a variety of educational programs at VCD. The Tradeblock Cafe will be open and there will be many yummy items for purchase.

Deaf History Lecture - Wednesday November 9th

(Details to be announced soon)

Commemoration Ceremony - Friday November 12th

This day is also known as FJ Rose day. It is named after our founder Frederick John Rose.

This event will be an official ceremony that will commemorate 150 years of Deaf education at this college. There will be a formal presentation by various distinguished guests and the celebrations of 150 years of Deaf education will be officially opened. This event will take place in the afternoon and more details will be forwarded shortly.

Gala Ball - Friday November 12th

We are proud to announce that in conjunction with Deaf Children Australia, the 150 year Gala Ball will be held at the Park Hyatt in East Melbourne. It is a fantastic venue befitting the special celebrations of 150 years of this college. The venue has a capacity of 450 people. It is due to this that we will initially impose ticketing criterion.

This may be lifted if there are ample tickets to sell later in the year.

This event is a VCD SCHOOL REUNION.

Initially, tickets are only available for ex students and ex staff. If you are an ex student or staff member you can buy 2 tickets so that you can bring your partner even if they did not go to VCD.

There is an initial limit of 2 tickets per person.

A registration form will soon be added to this site. The registration form must be completed and sent in in order to apply for tickets. This is strictly an over 18 event.

If you are not an ex student and would like to apply for tickets, you will be able to have your name put on a waiting list and you will be notified if there are available tickets for purchase.

Tickets will cost \$125 each and includes a 3 course meal and wine, beer and soft drinks.

Further details and the registration form will be announced soon

Deaf Arts Festival / Deaf community Day - Saturday November 13th

This event will take place at the Victorian College for the Deaf in conjunction with Deaf Arts Access Victoria.

There will be an Art exhibition by Deaf artists, workshops and a performance from 'Deaf Can Dance', multimedia displays, Deaf story telling and much much more. This event will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Deaf market run by VCOD will be operating and the Tradeblock Cafe will be open.

This event will include activities for children such as face painting, bouncy castle, games and more.

Entertainment Event Sydney — Sencity

For the first time on Australian soil, The Deaf Club Sydney and Sencity proudly co-host the event called Sencity.

It is at Home Night Club in Darling Harbour

It is an unique night club environment that involves is the multi-sensory, multi-faceted, special and unique event that brings deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people together.

The success of the concept of the events has catapulted Sencity into fame within the deaf community in Europe and Africa that it commenced in 2003 in Holland and has now reached Australia for the first time.

During this spectacular event the emotions and passions of music are converted to all senses. Deaf people cannot hear the melody of the music but they can capture the emotion of the music through their other senses – feel, see, smell and taste.

One of the highlights of Sencity is the vibrating dance floor. Music interpreters, aroma-jockeys, video-jockeys and food jockeys will be there to enhance the stimulations of the senses. In this way everyone can experience Sencity in their own way – Party with your senses.

Please do not miss the unique event!!

Tickets will go on sale at the Deaf Club Sydney from 2nd July 2010 onwards and will continue to be sold on these dates:

- * 2nd July 2010 - Parramatta RSL
- * 16th July 2010 - Club Burwood
- * 6th August 2010 - Parramatta RSL
- * 20th August 2010 - Club Burwood

* \$17.00 AUD per ticket to be sold at The Deaf Club, (Club Burwood or Parramatta RSL) until 26th August 2010.

* \$25.00 AUD at the door, Home Night Club on 27th August 2010

Please see Lorraine or Glenn if you want to buy these tickets, do not miss out the prices as it is cheap!!!

Transport to City will be arranged soon, we will update you more in detail later along with tickets info

Websites and Sencity's You Tube channel about the Deaf Sencity Events in Holland:

* <http://www.your-sencity.com/index.php?page=sydney-2010&hl=eng>

* <http://www.homesydney.com/>

* Sencity in Melkweg, Amsterdam on 5 March 2010:

A report of Sencity in Melkweg, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Sencity is a music event for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing. The senses are tickled and everybody can experience music through translation of the emotions in music. Also see www.your-sencity.com Video made by Iddo

* <http://www.youtube.com/skywayfoundation#p/au/1/wuh8GdFzrWo>

17 December 2008: A report of Sencity in Media Central, Groningen. Sencity is a music event for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing. The senses are tickled and everybody can experience music through translation of the emotions in music. Also see www.sencity.nl. Video made by Iddo. (www.iddo.nl)

* <http://www.youtube.com/skywayfoundation#p/af/0/XNBpHkG4Uwk>

Please pass long by inviting your friends in Australia to the event not to be too missed!!!

Events and Activities

Rob Roy Show

Ballarat Deaf Social Club will have "Rob Roy Show" Sunday 11th July 2pm "Deaf Man Walking" the name of his show, He is from Perth and he is a brilliant performer. Feel free to forward this email to your friends who may like to go. Need to pre- purchase tickets before the show.

Booking Contact: Lisa Taylor, SMS 0403 490 217 or email

bdsc_ballarat@hotmail.com

Lisa Taylor / Vice President / Ballarat Deaf Social Club



Tenpin Bowling

Level 3 Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre
270 Canterbury Rd Forest Hill

Friday 30th July

**Be there at 7.00pm for
7.30pm Start**

Cost: \$18.50 for 2 games

Shoe hire included

Bring socks

Everyone Welcome

All Ages

RSVP: 26th July

MUST send RSVP and not just turn up

ANY INFORMATION YOU WANT TO
KNOW, CONTACT

WENDY DEVLIN.

EMAIL: wendy.devlin@jpc.org.au

SMS: 0425723919

10th Starlight Ball

By Ballart Deaf Social Club

Saturday 31 July 2010

Mercury Function Centre, 613 Main Rd, Ballarat

6pm til 12pm

\$65 Members \$70 Mon Members

3 Course Meal / Live Bands / Lucky Door
Prices / Photo Booth Venue holds up to 600
People

Formal wear please (no Denim Jeans)

To book your tickets please contact
0400560905 or email
bdsc_ballatar@hotmail.com

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Let's follow Hilary Fisher!

Hilary Fisher the globetrotter - if you plan to travel and would like some advice in where is best places to go to, culture or foods, check out this website — It is www.deafplanet.com.au

Enjoy following her travels

What's happening around the Deaf World

Norway



Program:

Friday: Aug 6 / 2010

(15:00 – 03:00)

Opening and information

DJ (Disc Jockey)

VJ (Video Jockey)

AJ (Aroma Jockey)

Saturday: Aug 7 / 2010 (12:00 – 03:00)

DJ, VJ, AJ

Foam party

Video with music

Sunday: Aug 8 / 2010

(12:00 – 18:00)

DJ, VJ, AJ

Artists:

- Signmark (Finland)
- Sean Forbes (USA)
- Micheal DiMartino (USA)
- Deafrave (England)
- Karsoundsystem (France)
- Viscore (France/England)
- More artist groups are coming

Information of World Deaf Laser Party

World Deaf Laser Party, also known as WDLP - We are from TWOD Events (The World of Deaf), and we hereby organize one of the world's largest outdoor laser party for the first time in deaf history! All human beings are more than welcome you!

Max **7000** people at Odderøya Amfi in Kristiansand in Norway.

This event includes sign-language music, DJ, VJ, AJ and the attitudes. Big screen, TV, lights and lasers in the dance area. On Saturday clash with the loose foam party. More info about the event and instead come later. You should not miss out, come see!

If anyone needs a place to stay and more information, visit the website: <http://www.twod.no/events/wdlp>

Tickets / Registration

*Age limit 18 years, **valid identification** is shown by the doors.*

Ticket prices:

Weekend Pass NOR 600 / **NOR 800**

Friday Day Pass NOR 250 / **NOR 400**

Saturday Day Pass NOR 500 / **NOR 650**

Sunday Day Pass NOR 100

Worth mentioning:

By *March 31, 2010* the ticket prices will be raised (as shown in bold). You need to check Norwegian price for USD or EURO in your bank, reason effect on exchanges changes every time. So, buy tickets now so you do not have to pay extra for this, there is no doubt that you must check out!

Registration and purchase of tickets, visit the website:

<http://www.twod.no/events/wdlp>

Deaf Expo 2 New Zealand

Where: Auckland

When: September 2010

Contact : Deaf Expo 2 Coordinator e-
Deaf.Expo.2@gmail.com

There will be Deaf performances and more information will be coming out soon—all funding will go to Deaf people with forms of Cancers

DEAF NATION—LAS VEGAS

<http://expo.deafnation.com/worldexpo/>

2010 DeafNation World Conference & Expo is an excellent place to truly bring the Deaf together under one roof. It will be in Las Vegas at a 200,000 sq. ft exhibit hall, the World Expo will have many things going on for the Deaf, including exhibits, workshops, performances, sporting activities & activities for the children.

From Arts Access Victoria

Adam Hills presents 'Inflatable'

21 years of Comedy, 40 years of Life

Saturday performances will be AUSLAN interpreted!

On July 10 Adam will turn 40 on stage at the Athenaeum, but given that he did his first ever comedy show on his 19th Birthday it will be both his human 40th and his comedy 21st!

To celebrate he is returning to the stage to reprise his favourite show, Inflatable and capture it for DVD.



For 4 NIGHTS ONLY the host of ABC TV's 'Spicks and Specks' will be back with a show described as 'outstanding' (The Age) and 'effortlessly hilarious' (Chortle). And, after selling-out his entire 2010 Melbourne International Comedy Festival season well before the Festival even started, you'd better get in quick or you'll miss out!

Friday and Saturday performances will be AUSLAN interpreted.

When Friday 9 July 8.00 pm, and Saturday 10 July 7.00pm and 9.00pm

Where Athenaeum Theatre, 188 Collins St, Melbourne

Tickets Full \$39.90, Conc. \$34.90

Bookings www.ticketmaster.com.au / 136 100 or 9650 1500.

PLEASE NOTE When booking online, use the 'Auslan Holds' option (either adult or concession) and the password is AUSLAN.



A Special Message to the Deaf Community from Melbourne Writers Festival

This year's Melbourne Writers Festival will provide Auslan interpreters at certain sessions of our 2010 program based on your interest. We wish to be guided by the deaf community so that we can use our available resources in the best way possible.

TO DO THIS, WE NEED YOUR HELP. We have designed a survey to find out what sessions and events you would like to attend in 2010. The program guide for the Festival will be online at www.mwf.com.au and also distributed with **The Age on Friday 16 July.**

To tell us which sessions you would like to see interpreted, fill out our survey **from 16 July** by following these steps:

Read the program guide carefully / Select your preferred sessions or event / Enter your preferences in our survey

www.mwf.com.au

All surveys must be completed by Friday 6 August

Based on your selections Melbourne Writers Festival will allocate interpreters according to the most requested sessions. These interpreted sessions will be clearly marked on the website after that date.

Once we advise which sessions will be interpreted, you can buy your tickets.

We look forward to receiving your input with great interest and welcome your participation in the Melbourne Writers Festival 2010.

Mary Mahoney General Manager, Melbourne Writers Festival

Training— NSW

TRAINING - Signing Art at Miller and Campbelltown TAFE NSW

This course is open to Deaf Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people from all over Australia. Travel, accommodation and meals will be subsidised for students who are eligible for Abstudy living outside of Sydney.

This course is a program specifically designed for Deaf Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Its focus is to improve the visual language and communication skills of the students whilst learning Aboriginal Arts, Culture and Performance. Students will practise & enhance independency, social interaction and job communication/ readiness skills.

For further information, phone Angela Santoro (Munro) Aboriginal Coordinator on (02) 9825 7448; mobile 0425 345 776 (V/SMS); email angela.santoro@tafensw.edu.au or contact Doug Bowers, Teacher/Consultant Deaf Students on mobile 0401 376 878 (SMS Only) or email doug.bowers@tafensw.edu.au.

Training— ASLIA

It Works Both Ways : Compression and Expansion Strategies

There is a fantastic workshop coming up on Sunday 1st August with Della Goswell presenting – Compression/Expansion. An interactive workshop practicing synthesis (compression) and elaboration (expansion) techniques in both language directions.

Date: Sunday 1st August 2010

Location: Aurora School, 96 Holland Rd, Blackburn South

Time: 10–5pm

Attire: Wear comfortable clothing

Cost \$ 50 ASLIA Members \$79 non Members

Presenter—Della from Macquarie University NSW

SRVP infor@aslia.com.au by THURSDAY 29TH July

Please rsvp if you would like to attend with any dietary requirements.

www.aslia.vic.com.au

Training— Echo

ECHO presents Subtle Cues by Stef Linder, Ross Onley-Zerkel and Julie Judd

Where: JPC 2 Donald Street, Prahran

When: Saturday 17th July

Time: 10 am til 4pm

What are the Non Manual features in Auslan, What are Multi-Channel signs? What does shift in eye gazed mean? What could a movement of shoulders could mean or eye brows. There linguistic features of Auslan will be discussed and further explored

RSVP to infor@echointerpreting.com.au - Lunch will be provided once informing you attendance

Employment

ASLIA VICTORIA PROJECT OFFICER

Australian Sign Language Interpreters Association Victoria (ASLIA Vic) is a non-profit body that represents, promotes and develops the needs and interests of Auslan (Australian Sign Language) and Deaf Interpreters in Victoria.

ASLIA Vic encourages growth in the profession by offering professional development opportunities to all members, provides information about becoming an Auslan interpreter and about the role of an Auslan interpreter to the wider public, and aims to promote and increase the profile of the Auslan interpreting profession.

ASLIA Vic provides a platform for the views of Auslan interpreters throughout Victoria on a variety of issues, including training, ongoing professional development, recruitment, working conditions, retention of interpreters in the industry, and the provision of services within the Auslan interpreting industry.

ASLIA Vic is seeking applications from persons interested in a new, paid Project Officer position. This position will be assisting ASLIA Vic in the implementation of the ASLIA Vic strategic plan and establishment of the Industry Forum.

The successful applicant will be engaged for an initial fixed-term of 12 months for 8 hours per week.

After the 12 months, if funding has been secured and the applicant has performed satisfactorily over the term, a further contract may be offered.

The position will be located at the ASLIA Vic office at Level 3, 340 Albert Street East Melbourne, with full access to necessary resources and equipment. The opportunity to work from home is available with this exciting position. Costs associated with running a home office can be negotiated with ASLIA

Vic. Salary will be negotiated with the successful candidate dependant on skills and experience.

Please refer to the attached position description and address the selection criteria in your application. Include a covering letter and attach your CV in addition to your statements supporting the selection criteria.

Applications should be marked Employment Application Confidential and forwarded in a single document via email to Susan Emerson, President, ASLIA Vic at: president@asliavic.com.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 18th June 2010. (EXTENDED TO 9th JULY 2010)

Workshop— Deaf Professional Network

DPN:

CAREER/LIFE DIRECTION WITH DARLENE THORNTON (DEAF LIFE COACH)

Darlene is a deaf native Auslan Signer who has worked in Adult education, communication and professional development for over 15 years. Her interest field in life coaching thought which she aims to serve the Deaf community as a qualified life coach using NLP techniques.

When: 30 OR 31 July, 2010

Location: JML Centre 340 Albert Street, East Melbourne Vicdeaf

Cost: \$30 Per Person/ \$25 for Student/ Pensioner

All welcome! RSVP with payment by 16 July, 2010 (Limited numbers)

Please let dpn@vicdeaf.com.au know which night you would like to attend to.

Volunteers

Volunteers Needed:

- **Graphic Designers** - do you have any experience with Graphic Designing - either you are qualified or not, please email your expression of interest to admin@vcod.com.au
- **Photography-** we are currently looking for more photographers with experience to take photos on our coming up events throughout the whole year of 2010 for our newsletters. Your name will be printed next to your photo.
- **Deaf Deaf World staff or Staff teaching Auslan** - seeking casual work for participating in Deaf Deaf world or Teaching Auslan. Do you have Bachelor of education degree in LOTE or Certificate IV in Training and Assessment? Then email to Medina Sumovic to make time and arrangement to come and chat with her in more details, e - admin@vcod.com.au
- VCOD Board seeking expressions of interest from people for National Week of Deaf People
- **Volunteers needed** to help out in the office - want to get experience in office work/ photocopying/ filing/ general office management/ sorting out the library - then your extra helping hand would be greatly appreciated

Thank you from Victorian Council of Deaf People

Victorian Council of Deaf People

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TTY 03 9521 2466, Fax 03 9525 2595

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Appointments:

Appointments can be made by contacting VCOD – admin@vcod.com.au

If you wish to place information/ news/ clippings/ flyers in VCOD Newsletter,

please feel free to email me admin@vcod.com.au -

next available deadline for Next Newsletter is August 20th 2010

[All feedbacks and comments are welcome](#)

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