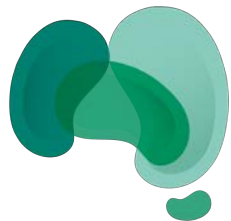


HMA Year-In-Review 2026 Update



**HEARING MATTERS
AUSTRALIA**

Support from real life experience

About HMA

- Founded as Self Help Hard of Hearing (**SHHH**) in **1983**, by **Mary Sparke**, as a consumer-led self-help group
- Changed the name to ***Hearing Matters Australia*** in 2018
- A voluntary, self-funded, and not-for-profit organisation incorporated in NSW



Mission

To provide support based on lived experience to help people living with hearing loss.

HMA's Core Services

Publishing quarterly journals
– ***Hearing Matters***
(1983 till current)

Publishing digital magazines
– ***Hearing Research Matters***

Hearing Aid Bank
(1988 till current)

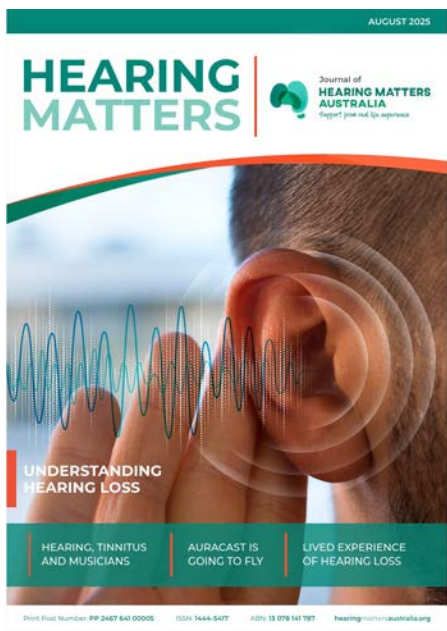
**Community Outreach
program**

Advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing people

Hearing Loss Support Videos
(Lived experience, assistive
technology, communication tips)

Other support activities:

- Information centre
- Face-to-face Café and Chat
- Peer support sessions
- Opportunities to join hearing research studies



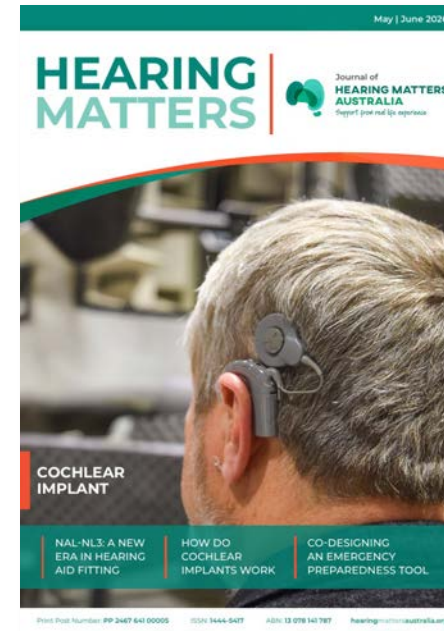
Aug 2025 Edition:
**Understanding
Hearing Loss**



Nov 2025 Edition:
**Beyond Hearing
Aids**



Feb | Mar 2026 Edition:
**Sharing with
Confidence**



May | Jun 2026 Edition:
Cochlear Implant



Aug | Sept 2026 Edition:
**Connection and
Inclusion**

Hearing Matters Magazines

HMA continues to publish quarterly magazine featuring impactful articles on hearing loss awareness, advancements in hearing services and technology, and community support initiatives, fostering education and engagement within the hearing health community.



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to honor past awardees and celebrate
their remarkable contributions and
accomplishments within HMA.

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read *Inspiring Stories*.





HMA Hearing Aid Bank Program



HEARING AID BANK

HEARING MATTERS AUSTRALIA



Since 1988, HMA and MQ Health Speech and Hearing Clinic have helped people who are ineligible for government Hearing Services Program or the NDIS, as well as those on low incomes, access:

- free refurbished hearing aids
- affordable hearing services
- ongoing support

Hear to help

Supporting people with hearing loss to live connected and confident lives.



You're not alone



We understand



We can help

Learn more



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Since 2024, our Hearing Aid Bank program is not only supporting Asylum Seekers/Refugees and eligible individuals with low income **in NSW** but also helping children and adults with hearing loss **in Samoa and the Philippines**, in collaboration with **Professor Philip Newall AM and Cristy Newall**.

Our HAB volunteers are from MQ Uni Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science course, Master of Clinical Audiology, HMA members, and corporate skilled volunteers.

Professor Philip Newall AM provides regular training to our HAB volunteers on how to refurbish donated hearing aids.





Scan this QR code to watch the video about the **Hearing Aid Service** in Samoa.



Philip and Cristy Newall in Samoa 2026, their **27th visit** since 2008.

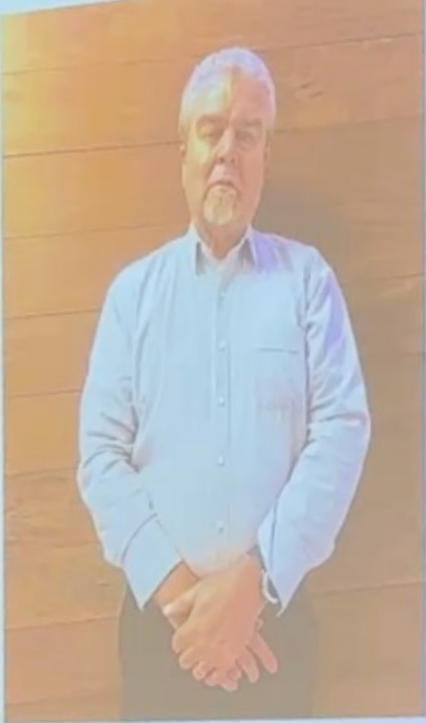


Community Outreach Program

HMA outreach presenters and volunteers participate in events to raise awareness about hearing loss and share experiences and tips for managing it.



11th March 2026
Everything for Seniors Day
by Ku-ring-gai Council



About my Hearing Journey

Lived Experience Talks with Macquarie Community College Students in Aged Care & Disability Support Cert III & IV

- 26 March 2026
- 11 May 2026
- 14 May 2026
- 20 May 2026

(Zoom and Face-to-Face)



10th June 2026

Mark Moran Retirement Living in Vaucluse

Two separate talks to
Aged care residents &
Independent living members



18th June 2026

**Hearing Matters
Workshop
in Mandarin to a
Chinese Seniors Group**

Organised by
NSW Police Hornsby
& TAFE Hornsby



23rd June 2026

Knightsbridge Probus Club

with the attendance in
excess of 100 people



27th July 2026

Presentation to
**Group home
facility staff
at Northcott
Auburn**



2nd September 2026
City of Sydney Council –
Ron Williams Community Centre



Student Projects Supporting HMA

HMA partners with Macquarie University's PACE Media Communication students & Master of Clinical Audiology students to create impactful content on hearing loss awareness and support.

More new HMA videos were produced by collaborating with MQ Uni Media Communication undergraduate students to support the deaf and hard of hearing community.

**Tips for Communicating
with Someone
with Hearing Difficulties**

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Hearing Matters Australia

How People With Hearing Loss Can Enjoy TV Again

With **Brendan Lonergan**
Interviewed by **Brooke Hudd**

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Hearing Loss Support Videos

Lived experience interviews, assistive technology, communication tips, café and chat information sessions

HMA video – ***Different Frequency***
with captions in multi-languages are
available to raise awareness of HMA's
work to support individuals with
hearing loss and to help them
reconnect what matter most.



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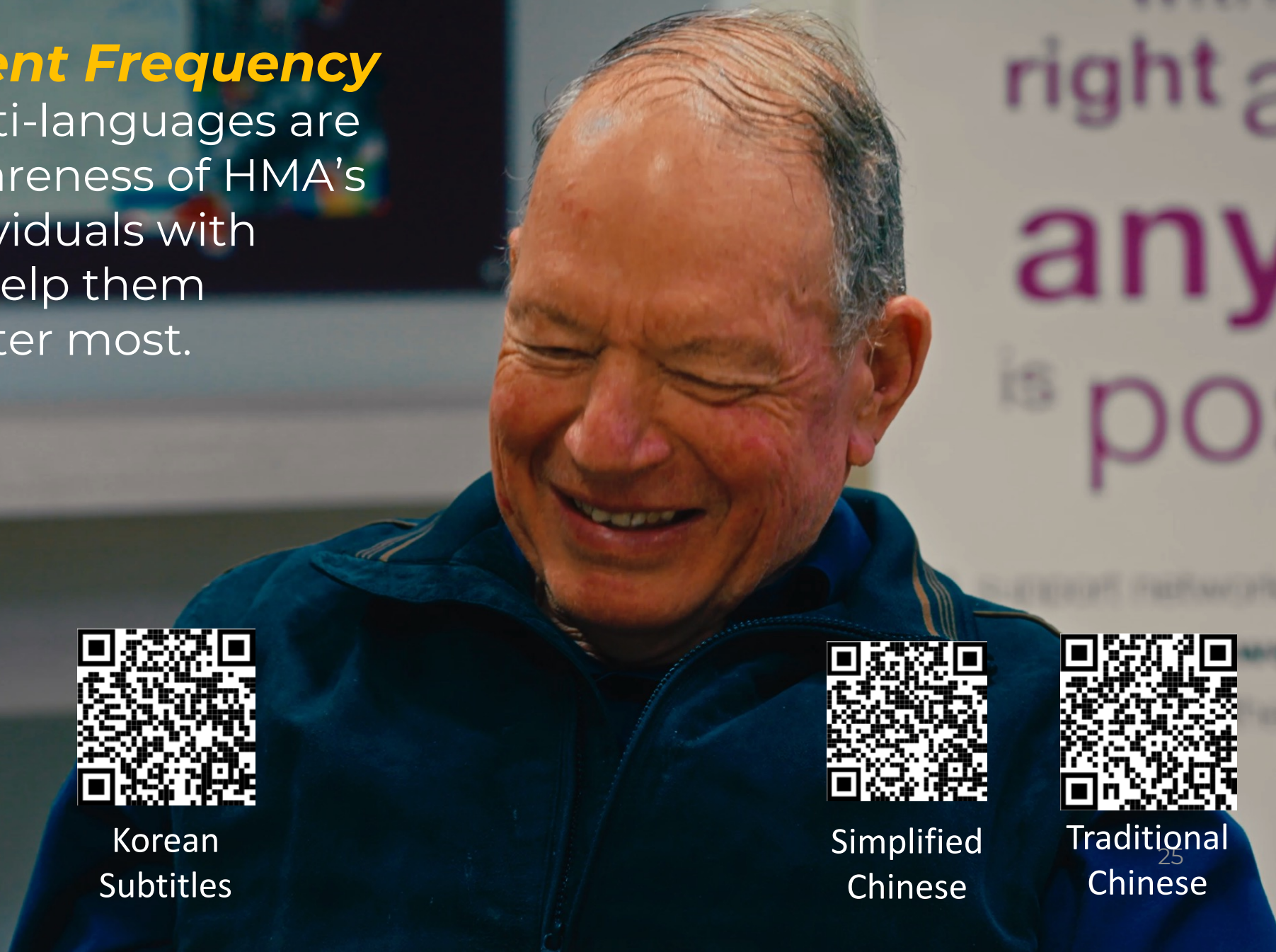
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HEARING MATTERS
CAFÉ & CHAT
PRESENTATIONS



YouTube Videos Playlist



Lived Experience of Hearing Loss Interview Series



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Bridge the gap between **hearing research** and **public awareness & understanding.**



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Recognising Hearing Loss



Choosing an Audiologist



The First Hearing Appointment



Hearing Assessments



Confirmed Hearing Loss What's Next?



Dymystifying Hearing Devices



Accessing Hearing Devices & Services in Australia



Understanding the Cost of Hearing Devices



How much will my Private Health Insurance Cover



Bluetooth Compatible Hearing Aids



Communication Tips: For Individuals



Communication Tips: For Family & Friends



Support Guides

Available on HMA's website for free downloads in assisting with individuals' journey of managing hearing loss.

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download



Support Our Work

Hearing Matters Australia is an independent not-for-profit charity dedicated to supporting people living with hearing loss, their families, and friends.

We receive no government funding.

Your support will help us continue to provide support for the deaf and hard of hearing community.



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