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Newsletter of Better Hearing Australia [Sydney] Inc

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends of BHA,

Welcome to our June edition of Whispers.

Our page 2 letter "Celebrating 80 Years of Service to BHA", from Shirley Hanke, generated a number of complimentary responses from other members. In particular, another nonagenarian (can you believe we have 21 nonagenarian members??), Jean Morgan, long-time volunteer and member of Sydney branch (more below).

As some of you may know, we have had to close our Fairfield and Liverpool classes due to the ill health of our long-time teacher and life member, Alice Russell. We are truly indebted to Alice for her commitment and dedication to running these classes. Thank you, Alice.

As mentioned in our March Whispers, we will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Better Hearing Australia (Sydney) Clear Speech Award this year – the late James Dibble being our first awardee.

I encourage you all to nominate your preferred candidate, for reading the news or presenting reports, on the television network.

A nomination form has been included with this edition so, please return it to the Sydney office as soon as possible.

By chance, I happened to view a recent television program on chronic eardrum perforations and was most interested to see that the Ear Science Institute has a research team investigating new graft materials which may be used instead of the patient's own cartilage. A significant number (of graft recipients) require further surgery and the eardrum may not return to normal function.

The Ear Science research team has been investigating new graft materials, in particular, a silk-based transparent membrane, designed by Ear Science and Deakin University. It has received international accolades and is destined for clinical trials, which could establish it as the new industry-leader for chronic eardrum perforation surgeries. Stay tuned!



Our regular "Social Tuesday" events continue to be well attended and the next event will feature our own Malcolm Minter hosting one of his popular jewellery making sessions. Why not join us on Tuesday 20th June at our Concord clubrooms?

VALE - we have been deeply saddened by the recent passing of David James, former Vice President and Treasurer of Sydney branch and Bruce Kemp. David and Bruce will be missed and fondly remembered by all their friends at Better Hearing Sydney.

As always, my thanks to all our volunteers for your wonderful assistance with all the tasks that you perform and please remember to:

Spare a day for BHA

Best wishes
John

LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM JEAN MORGAN

Shirley Hanke's letter in the March 2017 Whispers was of particular interest.

Shirley refers to the Royal Australian Air Force taking over buildings of the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, in 1942.

Shirley and I were employed by the Institute in a temporary office sending out correspondence lessons to the deaf children who could no longer attend school in person.

The lessons were prepared by Teachers; Elsie Cole and Dorothy Burns were two of these teachers. The school principal was Harold Earlam (ed note: President of BHA Sydney branch from 1936-1944).

It was 1947 before the Air Force vacated the buildings and classes could resume there for deaf children.

Jean Morgan

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DIARY DATES

JUNE

Saturday 10 – Monday 12
Epping Model Railway Exhibition

The Brick Pit Stadium, Dartford Road, Thornleigh

20 June – Tuesday

EVENT: Morning Tea and Chat for friends and members of BHA Sydney. We will meet at 10am for a delicious morning tea (sandwiches, sausage rolls, fresh-baked scones etc). Bring along one of your favourite possessions and talk about why it is special to you. Mostly though, we will just be gathering for a chin-wag.

Time: 10 am

Place: Concord Clubrooms, 29 Burwood Rd, Cnr Moreton St, Concord 2137

JULY

19 July – Wednesday
OUTING: Christmas in July at P.J.O'Brien's

O'Brien's will be offering a 3 course Christmas in July Festive Feast for \$50 per person and Mulled Wine \$8.

Dishes include entrees of leek, parsnip and potato soup or pancetta, pea and zucchini fritters, a trio of seafood plate and mains of roast turkey and ham, served with stuffing, creamy mash, vegetables or corn-fed stuffed chicken breast with black pudding. Desserts are either plum pudding with brandy custard or warm sticky date slice with choc chip ice cream and caramel sauce.

Venue: The Irish Pub, 57 King Street Located on the corner of King & Clarence Street

Time: 12 Noon

AUGUST

15 August: Tuesday
OUTING: Sydney Rowing Club

We hope you will join us for lunch at the Sydney Rowing Club with its fantastic views of Parramatta River and Hen and Chicken Bay. The Club serves excellent food at very reasonable prices.

Main meals are \$15-\$26; Desserts approx \$7.

The Parramatta Ferry departs Circular Quay No 5 Wharf at 11.07am and arrives at Abbotsford at 11.45am. Ferries return to Circular Quay every 15-20 minutes.

Time: 12 Noon

Venue: Sydney Rowing Club, 613 Great North Road, Abbotsford (plenty of parking available).

SEPTEMBER

19 September: Tuesday
OUTING: Burwood RSL CLUB

Our first outing for spring will be to the Burwood RSL Club. A range of delicious, competitively priced food options that are sure to satisfy a broad range of tastes are available from the Brasserie. Choose from many entrees, salads, burgers & baguettes, gourmet pizzas, pasta, Asian fare, grills, fish & seafood or try one of the Chef's ever-changing daily specials.

Lunch 12 NOON

Venue : 96 Shaftesbury Road Burwood NSW 2134

Transport: catch the 490 Bus from Burwood Station, or walk a couple of blocks

OCTOBER

17 October: Tuesday
OUTING: Hunter Valley Gardens

Join us for a very special trip to the Hunter Valley to see thousands of roses of all descriptions plus themed gardens that will amaze you with sensational sights, colours and fragrances. We will lunch at the Garden Terrace Cafe where you can enjoy a casual dining experience with magnificent garden views and a menu selection perfect for morning and afternoon tea, and lunch.

Unfortunately, we cannot organise a bus due to uncertainty of numbers, but various members will be using private cars to drive to the venue. So if you would like to drive up there and take some of our members with you, please contact Louise (97983932) or BHA Office (97440167).

Venue: Broke Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320

Time: 12 noon - we will meet at the Garden Terrace Cafe

Phone Number: +61 2 4998 4000

General Entry - Adult (16yrs +) \$29.00

