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Newsletter of Better Hearing Australia [Sydney] Inc

Dear Members, Supporters and Friends of BHA,

As another year draws to a close, I wish to express my sincere thanks to all our members, teachers and volunteers who have helped make 2017 another successful year.

Our AGM was held on Friday, 24 November, 2017 at the Concord Club rooms, followed by light refreshments.

My grateful thanks to our Committee of Management members, Marion Malins, Carmen Malins and Gina Carovigno for agreeing to remain on the committee for another year and a warm welcome to our newest committee member, Peter Kerley.

I am privileged to work with such a committed group of fellow volunteers and thank them sincerely for their support and contributions throughout the year.

Thanks also to Andrew Bush who, although relocating to Melbourne, has agreed to remain on the Committee as Vice President.

I recently attended the 71st BHA National Conference in Brisbane and congratulate BHA Brisbane for hosting an enjoyable and informative conference. The Saturday night dinner, on board the paddle steamer on the Brisbane River, put the icing on the cake for an excellent conference.

By the time you receive this edition of Whispers, our annual Christmas party will have been held on Saturday, 2 December at the Coronation Club in Burwood. This is the first occasion, during my time as a member of BHA Sydney, that we have held our Christmas function at another venue!

Due to declining numbers of attendees and the inability of some members to attend our Club

rooms, on a regular basis, the Committee reluctantly decided to move this event to another venue and partially subsidise the function. I trust all those who attended had a relaxing and enjoyable time.



Another "casualty" of the times is the closure of our Craft Circle after 21 years. On behalf of all members, I'd like to express our appreciation to Kerrie Mann for almost single-handedly coordinating these regular monthly events. I'm delighted that Kerrie and some of the remaining members were able to join us for our Christmas function.

On a brighter note – for those members looking to become "better connected", the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) has dozens of clubs nationally where they deliver seminars and training on computers, mobile phones, webcams, tablets and many other emerging technologies. For more information, visit www.ascca.org.au.

A warm welcome to our new members: Mr Bernardo Santos and Ms Molly Chu. I hope you both have a long and enjoyable association with Better Hearing.

VALE - we have been saddened by the recent passing of Gordon Stuart (husband of Sunny). Our thoughts are with Sunny and her family at this sad time.

Finally, to all our members and volunteers, may I wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

*Best wishes
John*

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 20: JOIN US ON A NEW OUTING!

High Tea in Mosman at Burnt Orange Café

Great food in beautiful surroundings with stunning views of the harbour.

It's in an old golf house and has a lovely wrap around veranda. The outside deck is airy and perfect for a leisurely summer's day outing with friends. There is also a highly rated little gift shop on site.

Traditional High Tea is \$45 and a glass of Sparkling Wine is an extra \$10.

The Café is located at 1109 Middle Head Rd, Mosman.

We will meet at Wynyard Station, Carrington St, Stand A (Stop ID 200021) at 11.30am.

The 244 bus departs at 11:43am and will arrive at the Café at around 12:13pm.

(for the return trip to Wynyard, Bus 244 departs from near the cafe at 1:34pm, 2:34pm and 3:24pm)

NB: Please contact Louise on 0401 482 126 by February 13 if you would like to attend so that she can make an accurate booking at the café.

MARCH 27: MORNING TEA , EASTER HATS & GAMES

There will be a tasty morning tea of Pat's Perfect Pastries, Francis's Famous Sandwiches and Louise's Luscious Devonshire Tea Scones! Games will include Card Games and Draughts.

Morning Tea will begin at 10am in the Concord Club Rooms.

APRIL 24: COME WITH US AND SEE THE CALYX

A new and exciting venue at The Royal Botanical Gardens.

In June 2016 the Royal Botanic Garden opened The Calyx, a new, world-class attraction. The venue is in the south-western corner of the garden and is an integrated mix of indoor and outdoor areas, with the exhibitions changing on a regular basis. The main feature of the display area is the Green Wall, the largest of its kind in Australia, reaching 6 m high and spanning 50 m. The wall features over 18,000 plants and flowers and is designed as a living artwork.

We will meet at 12 noon at the Garden's Café, and have lunch then wander over to the Calyx.

NB: To get there: 11 min walk from Wynyard Station along Hunter Street or from Martin Place Station to the Botanical Gardens (Macquarie St entrance)

MAY 22: MORNING TEA AND PHOTO TALK BY LOUISE ON HER NULLABOR PLAIN AND WA TRIP

There will be a tasty morning tea of Pat's Perfect Pastries, Francis's Famous Sandwiches and Louise's Luscious Devonshire Tea Scones! This will be followed by Louise Kelly giving a photo talk about her trip across the Nullarbor to Western Australia and back.

Roma enjoying herself at the 2017 Christmas party

