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Newsletter of Better Hearing Australia [Sydney] Inc

*Dear Members, Supporters and Friends of BHA*

Welcome to our Winter edition of Whispers for 2019.

Can you believe that we are already almost half-way through 2019!!

Over the coming June long weekend (8th 9th 10th), some of our members will be volunteering their services at the Epping Model Railway exhibition which is being held at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse for the second year in a row. Although a more expensive venue than the Thornleigh Brick Pit Stadium, the majority of attendees have praised the new venue for its spacious area and layout.

The Sydney Timber, Tools & Artisan Show (formerly Sydney Woodworking Fair) is also taking place from 7-9 June in the Exhibition Hall so why not visit both events?

Our annual Easter Hat "parade" was a fun event and enjoyed by a small number of Easter "bunnies" who turned up to celebrate the occasion (see photo).



A visit to the Bowral Tulip Festival is being organised for Tuesday, 1st October and anyone who is interested should contact Malcolm and reserve their space. Numbers are limited (see separate flyer enclosed).





## AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY

With 85% of residents in residential aged care reportedly having some hearing loss and staff of aged care service providers and in hospitals NOT adequately trained to assist people with hearing loss, you'd think disability information services would be regarded as an essential service.

Not so!! Sadly, after some 30 years, IDEAS (Information on Disability & Education Awareness Services) is closing its doors on 30 June 2019 as the NSW Government will cease funding of this organization.

This means a range of (free) high quality information, education and awareness services and products for people with disability; older people; their families; carers; other supporters and the general community, will no longer be provided.

The free call 1800 029904 Disability Information phone line will also be discontinued.

Let's hope the Government has a change of heart!

Our monthly "Social Tuesday" events have recommenced and are now held on the third Tuesday of each month. Details of the upcoming events are listed under dates for future Social Activities. Why not join us for some fun and laughter??

A warm welcome to our new members: Richard Thomson, James O'Brien and Jennifer Lang. We hope you have a long association with Better Hearing Sydney.

**VALE** - we have been saddened by the recent passing of our long-time member, Emily Vallance (wife of Jack Vallance decd, one of our long-time volunteers). Emily will be missed and remembered by all her friends at Better Hearing.

*Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*

– Author Unknown

Best wishes  
John

## DATES FOR FUTURE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 18TH June – Potting succulents

Tuesday, 16th July – Bring your own hobby/talk

Tuesday, 20th August – Art class with charcoal/water paints