



Ashburton Hearing Association (Inc.)
Supporting the Hearing Impaired and those with Tinnitus

Newsletter October 2024

Barry's Bit

Wow, what a fantastic speaker Senior Clinical Audiologist, Duncan Hann of Dilworth Hearing, Merivale Christchurch was when he shared his vast expertise of 20 years' experience in specialising in the management of Tinnitus, a subject which is dear to many, judging by the attendance of 105 people. Duncan spoke with patience and clarity engaging with his audience. His insight into the cause of tinnitus and how to cope with this challenging condition was very helpful and practical. We have received many favorable comments on the Seminar including it would be nice to invite Duncan again in the future.

Since the Seminar I attended the inaugural meeting of the "Canterbury Hearing Association", to provide moral support for the establishment of a new Hearing Association in Christchurch, which brings the number of Branches in New Zealand to 19. Unfortunately, many Branches have closed due to an aging membership and the growth of professional audiologist firms throughout N.Z.

Through Zoom Meeting technology I have talked with many of my fellow Branch Presidents, and it is good to learn of their activities in the community and also receive their promotion brochures. Most are dealing with an ageing membership and find it challenging to attract younger people, especially the parents of children with hearing difficulties. I firmly believe all Hearing Association Branches including us need to actively engage these parents through supporting their children in any way we can, if our Association is to flourish in the future

We have two more functions this year, an afternoon tea meeting on Friday 8 November and our Christmas lunch on Friday 6 December, I look forward to seeing you at these functions.

Just to finish off a little thought for today "*Never let yesterday use up too much of today*"

Cheers *Barry*.

Afternoon tea.

Please note: our next gathering - afternoon tea will be on **Friday 8 November at 2:00pm.**
Please see details overleaf.

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Afternoon tea.

Date: Friday 8 November 2024.

Time: 2:00pm.

Venue: Ashburton Seniors Centre.

Program: Our guest speaker who is a very experienced educator will talk with us about Primary School Education including support for hearing impaired children. Unfortunately, we sometimes only hear the bad news. This will be an opportunity to hear about the many great outcomes achieved by teachers.

Cost: \$5 per person, payable on the day, please put correct change in an envelope with your name/s on it.

For catering purposes, we need names of those attending by Monday morning 4 November please contact Bernard phone (03) 30803999 or phone or text 0274853006 or email geegeeber@gmail.com. Text or email is great.

Messages.

Our condolences are extended to Sue Small's family following her bereavement and to Tony Rush following Roberta's passing. We appreciated the interest Sue and Roberta took in our Branch and we are grateful to have enjoyed their company at functions.

We are pleased to hear some members who have been unwell are recovering and we congratulate members who have celebrated significant birthdays.

Seminar success.

Members of the public really responded to publicity about our Seminar. A newspaper article in which Judie Ryk kindly shared her experience with tinnitus and her wish for the sound of silence, was a very special, poignant and meaningful part of our publicity. We're very grateful to Judie for sharing her story which certainly resonated with readers and drew attention to tinnitus and to the Seminar.

Christmas lunch.

Our Christmas lunch will be at the Hotel Ashburton on Friday 6 December 2024. We'll enjoy a two course buffet meal followed by tea/coffee and Christmas cake.

Cost \$30 per person. Refreshments may be purchased from the bar.

Some very special pre-lunch entertainment has been arranged so we will be asking those attending to be seated by 11:30am. We'll be in touch again about this function, but in the meantime please keep it in mind.

A great way to kick off the Festive Season and Christmas celebrations.

We hope you can come to our afternoon tea on Friday 8 November and our Christmas lunch on Friday 6 December, it would be really great to see you.

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