



Hearing & Audiology Newsletter - Spring/Summer 2011



Funny Bits

Mrs M has been our client for many years and has provided more than one funny story over her time with us. The one that made us laugh out loud the most was when she woke during the night to find a cockroach in her bed. Horrified she grabbed the insect spray and proceeded to spray it until it stopped moving by which time she had used quite a lot of spray! After closer inspection she realized it was her hearing aid!



We now have a collection point at our Subiaco rooms for you to dispose of your used batteries in an environmentally friendly way.



Welcome

Welcome to our Spring/Summer edition. With the warm weather approaching we tend to spend more time outdoors and socializing. Hopefully some of our tips will help you feel connected and your ears healthy and hearing. We hope you have a wonderful celebration season and take time to relax and enjoy time with family.

Sound Lens by Starkey

We can now provide a small completely in the canal hearing aid that sits much further down the ear canal than ever before. Described as "the only 100% custom, invisible, digital and fully programmable hearing aid" it sits deeply in the ear canal and can fit a wide range of hearing losses. Easy to use on the phone and performing well in background noise this new product is sure to please. Contact us for an appointment or further information.



SOUNDLens
Featuring Voice IQ

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Ear plugs

With summer upon us it is important to protect your ears from possible ear infections when swimming by using ear plugs. The ear canal skin is quite acidic and suppresses the growth of bacteria and fungi. If water is trapped in the ear canal it creates an alkaline warm moist environment where bacteria and fungi like to grow. This can cause an itchy ear and if scratched may become infected. To help keep the ear canal dry ensure a wax free canal and use custom made ear plugs or alcohol based eardrops after swimming to help evaporation of water from the ear. Drops should not be used if a perforation, grommets or an external ear infection is present as they may cause severe pain.

When using earplugs ensure a good seal using custom made plugs and lanolin, or Vaseline combined with a bathing cap or earwrap. Doc's proplugs, commercial plugs, ear putty or 'Blue Tac' can also be used.

Do not use cotton ear buds or itch your ear.

Hearing and Audiology offer a range of commercial and custom made earplugs for swimming starting from \$35. Earwraps are also available.

Musicians earplugs are made with specialized filters to maintain sound quality and listening comfort. Custom noise plugs are available for sudden impulse noise, motor bike riding and overall noisy environments both at work and play.

**For ongoing updates on the latest technology please go to our website:
www.hearingandaudiology.com.au**

Hearing begins... right here

Intiga

Introducing Intiga the world's smallest fully wireless solution designed to deliver immediate benefits and immediate acceptance to first time users. Life doesn't sit still and neither should the help you get from your hearing devices. Intiga gives you better understanding with less effort in a tiny package that fits your lifestyle. Intiga's automatic functionality means you won't have to fiddle with switches to adjust it. Once it's in your ear, its practically invisible. Live in the now with Intiga by Oticon. Trials now available!



Pensioner and Veteran services

The Office of Hearing Services and Veteran Affairs have updated some of their policies regarding assistive listening devices for the television and remote controls. If you are having trouble adjusting the controls on your hearing aids you may be eligible for a free remote control. Devices are also available to eligible DVA clients with Tinnitus. Please contact us for further information.

Hearing and Audiology recommend annual hearing assessments to ensure you are hearing optimally. Most hearing aids benefit from an annual service by their manufacturer. Some hearing aid filters require changing every 3-6 months. Regular contact allows us to keep you up to date with the latest funding policies. In the new year under the Office of Hearing Services we may be able to upgrade some older hearing aid models.

Remote and TV Link by Phonak (pictured)

Please contact us for more information



Christmas closing times

We will close from lunchtime on Friday 23rd December and reopen for business on Tuesday 3rd January 2012

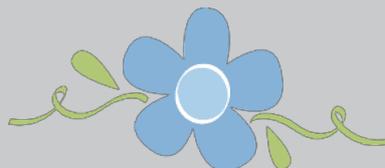
Our normal office hours are Monday to Friday Subiaco 8:30am to 5pm and Duncraig 9am to 5pm

Have a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year !



Telephones

If you require an amplified phone we have stock available. They have proved to be very popular and we have had good feedback from our clients who have purchased them. There are several different models available including portable options with more than one handset for different rooms and answering machines. A demo model is at our Subiaco rooms so you can try before you buy. Contact us for brochures or more information. They make excellent presents.



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