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Welcome to the August 2017 edition of Independent Hearing News.

We hope you find the newsletter informative and would love to get your feedback. Or perhaps you have an interesting hearing aid tip to share or can tell us how you have managed the challenges of hearing loss? Feel free to send it to us for the next newsletter.

In the meantime we welcome Sanya to our Double Bay centre. She is the friendly voice you will hear on the phone and the person who will greet you when you visit us in Double Bay.



Sanya made a decision to change her career and move into medical administration in 2015. A big departure from workplace relations and financial advice! Having worked at another hearing centre Sanya is now well equipped to answer your questions and help with your hearing needs. Sanya speaks a number of European languages, so put her to the test by greeting her in a language of your choice!

National Disability Insurance Scheme



The NDIS has now been rolled out across Sydney and there are many questions about NDIS access requirements in relation to hearing impairment and deafness. To qualify for hearing disability funding from NDIS you must:

- ✓ Be an Australian Citizen
- ✓ Be under 65 at the time the NDIS became available in your area
- ✓ Have a permanent disability
- ✓ Meet the access criteria in terms of severity of hearing loss and its impact on everyday activities

If you usually need support from equipment (such as hearing aids or cochlear implants) to do everyday things for yourself and/or to understand and be understood by other people either at work or at home we recommend investigating your eligibility further.

To assess your eligibility for NDIS access go to ndis.gov.au or deafsocietynsw.org.au or phone **1800 800 110**. The Audiologists at IHC are registered providers of NDIS services and can carry out testing and provide any reports requested by NDIS.

HEARING awareness WEEK



Do you have a family member or friend who you believe may benefit from a hearing test? In support of *Hearing Awareness Week 2017* we encourage you to introduce them to The Independent Hearing Centre with a **FREE** hearing test voucher!

FREE HEARING TEST VOUCHER



Contact The Independent Hearing Centre to book your obligation **FREE** hearing assessment at Double Bay or Balmain.

Ph: 1300 182 289 (valid for new clients only. Exp 30.09.17)

From Hearing Aid to Cochlear Implant



As many of you will know IHC has a long history of providing cochlear implants and other implantable hearing solutions to our patients. Recently we were invited to join Hearing Implants Australia (HIA). HIA is a professional organisation comprised of independent Audiologists and Otologists who provide implantable hearing solutions to patients. With no alignment to any manufacturer or supplier we are in a position to offer patients independent advice and continuity of care even when they transition from a hearing aid to a cochlear implant. To learn more about implantable solutions speak to your Audiologist at IHC.

INDEPENDENCE – OUR FOCUS ON CLIENT CHOICE

At IHC it is our independence that gives us the luxury of offering clients a wide choice of hearing aid brands. Matching your needs to the technology available is only possible with access to and knowledge of what is available across the whole hearing aid industry.

WIDEX BEYOND™
LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

ReSound GN

With this in mind, we feature two of the lesser known boutique hearing aid brands. Widex and ReSound are Danish designed and provide high quality, cutting edge technology. The introduction of 'Made for iPhone' hearing aids is an exciting development, giving hearing impaired people unprecedented control over their hearing aids. Both Widex and ReSound include a number of flexible features in their latest models:

- Stream phone calls and music directly from your phone to your hearing aids
- Download the free App for hearing aid control
- Control volume, base and treble
- Select directionality of microphones
- Create personal listening programs
- Find your lost hearing aid with your phone app
- Have your hearing aid remotely adjusted by your Audiologist



To experience a **FREE** trial of WIDEX BEYOND or ReSound LiNX 3D hearing aids contact us today. Take advantage of the limited offer of a **free accessory** with every Widex or Resound fitting. Offer available until 31 October 2017.



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(Entrance in Goldman Lane,
b/w Knox St and Knox Lane)
DOUBLE BAY NSW 2028

Loyalty Square
Ground Floor, 2 Beattie St
BALMAIN NSW 2041

Ph.: 1300 182 289

- Now open on Saturdays at Double Bay. 10am to 2pm
- Open 10am - 5pm Mon-Fri
- Located on the ground floor and wheelchair accessible.
- Accredited by the Office of Hearing Services to provide free hearing services to Pensioners and Veterans Affairs card holders.
- Have free 1hr council car parking nearby.
- Are fully equipped to supply and fit all brands of hearing aids.
- Can carry out repairs on hearing aids and provide a wide range of hearing aid parts and accessories.
- Provide cochlear implant programming and support.

New Wireless Headphones – ideal for TV



SENNHEISER

Sennheiser has released two new specialised wireless headphones for TV and music. Both designed for hearing impaired users. IHC Audiologists have road tested them and given their approval. Free demonstration available.

IHC Sennheiser RS 195 - Ideal for TV and Music

- 7 Listening Profiles available
- Left/right volume control for balanced sound
- Speech Mode reduces noise and enhances speech intelligibility
- Music mode reproduces music to perfectly preserve the sound image.



IHC Sennheiser RS 5000 - Ideal for TV and Music

- 3 Listening Profiles available
- Left/right volume control for balanced sound
- Ultralight stethoscope design
- Speech Mode reduces noise and enhances speech intelligibility



NOTE: These headphones are not available at regular retail stores. They are exclusively available through Audiology Practices only.