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NEWSLETTER

The Hearing Association Hamilton And Districts Branch

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Spring is here, and there's plenty happening at Hamilton Hearing Association! Catch up on our recent community visits, including bringing hearing and ear care to residents at Forest Lake Gardens and empowering Te Aroha Hospital staff with practical hearing aid support. We're also looking ahead to the festive season with our Annual Christmas Luncheon — but first, we want to hear from you! Plus, discover what we've been up to, who we've been supporting, and how we're continuing to help our community hear, connect and feel included.



NEWS UPDATES



MEMBERS



EVENTS

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Spring is in the air

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter from everyone at Hamilton Hearing Association.

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring appear, it's a great time to look ahead, reconnect with our community and celebrate the people who make our organisation so special.

At Hamilton Hearing Association, we're proud to support Deaf and hard-of-hearing people across our community. Whether it's helping someone navigate the challenges of hearing loss, providing practical information and support, connecting people with services and resources, or simply being there to listen, our focus remains on helping people stay connected, confident and included.

Spring is also a wonderful reminder of the importance of connection. Being able to communicate, participate and feel understood can make a real difference to someone's wellbeing and quality of life. We're committed to helping remove the barriers that hearing loss can create — at home, in the community, in aged-care settings and wherever people need support.

In this edition, we share some of the latest news from Hamilton Hearing Association, upcoming activities and useful information for our members and wider community. We hope you enjoy catching up on what has been happening and what's coming up.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, supporters and community partners for the part you play in making our work possible. Your involvement helps us continue creating a more connected and accessible community for everyone.

From all of us at Hamilton Hearing Association, we wish you a happy, healthy and hopeful spring!

Ngā mihi nui,
The Hamilton Hearing Association Team

Our annual Christmas Luncheon

Our much-loved Hamilton Hearing Association Annual Christmas Luncheon is coming up, and we're keen to find out whether our members and community would like us to hold the event again this year! The luncheon is always a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, share some laughs and celebrate the year with friends and fellow members. For many of our community, it is more than just a Christmas lunch — it is a chance to connect, catch up and enjoy good company in a hearing-friendly and welcoming environment.

Before we confirm the event, we're gauging interest from our members and supporters. If you would like to attend, please let us know

🎅🎄 Let's celebrate the festive season together!



Office Hours Reminder

Our office is closed on Mondays however we are available on the phone.

We are at the office and open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:15am to 2pm.

We are CLOSED Fridays.



HAMILTON hearing

Phone: 07 949 6809
Mobile: 021 280 3625



Audiology services available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm contact the practise to make an appointment



Did you know?

If you're Deaf, have hearing loss, or have difficulty using the phone, the 111txt service allows you to contact emergency services by text message instead.



✅ Available 24/7
✅ Free to use
✅ Confidential and easy to access

How it works:

- You must register first to use the service: https://www.police.govt.nz/111-txt/how-register-111-txt
- You'll receive a confirmation once registered
- When you need help, simply text 111 and a trained advisor will respond

This service helps make emergency support more accessible for everyone 💙

Hearing care comes to Forest Lake Gardens



Hamilton Hearing Association was delighted to visit Forest Lake Gardens Retirement Village recently, bringing our hearing support services directly to residents through the village's Wellness Centre.

As part of the visit, we ran an ear check clinic with our ear nurse, providing residents with convenient access to professional ear care. An ear microsuction clinic was available for residents who required ear wax removal, helping to ensure their ears were clear and ready for their hearing aids to work effectively.

We also provided a hearing aid cleaning and maintenance service. Residents were able to have their hearing aids checked over, cleaned and inspected for any signs of wear, blockages or maintenance issues. Small problems can sometimes have a big impact on hearing, so regular cleaning and checking can make a real difference to how well hearing aids perform.

Taking these services into retirement villages is an important part of our work. For older people, accessing hearing and ear care can sometimes be challenging, particularly when mobility, transport or other health needs make travelling to appointments difficult. By bringing the service to residents, we can make hearing support more accessible and help people stay connected with those around them.

It was wonderful to meet with residents, answer questions and provide some practical support to help them get the best from their hearing.

A big thank you to Forest Lake Gardens and the Wellness Centre team for welcoming us and helping make the clinic such a success. We look forward to continuing to support residents and promote better hearing health in our local community.

If you would like us to visit your Retirement Village or Resthome get in touch with us to find out how we can help.

📞 Call: 07 852 5725
📧 Email: info@hamhearing.org
🏠 Visit: 27 O'Neill Street, Claudelands, Hamilton 3214

Empowering Rest Home staff



Hamilton Hearing Association recently visited Te Aroha Hospital to provide practical training and support to staff caring for people who use hearing aids. Our goal was to build staff confidence and equip them with the skills to recognise and resolve common hearing aid issues, ensuring patients can communicate effectively and remain connected during their hospital stay. We covered practical, everyday support including checking hearing aids are switched on and functioning, identifying simple problems, keeping devices clean and well maintained, and understanding the importance of correct placement and use. For someone who is unwell, confused, anxious or dependent on others for assistance, something as simple as a hearing aid that is blocked, flat or not working properly can become a major barrier to communication.

Good hearing support is good healthcare. When patients can hear, they are better able to understand their care, communicate their needs, participate in conversations and maintain their independence and dignity. For older people in particular, hearing loss can increase feelings of isolation and make an already challenging hospital experience even more difficult. By empowering frontline staff with practical hearing aid knowledge, we are helping to remove these barriers and ensure hearing needs are recognised as an important part of patient care. We were delighted to work alongside the Te Aroha Hospital team and share knowledge that can make a real difference — one hearing aid, one conversation and one patient at a time.

Working Together for Better Hearing

We were pleased to partner with Te Aroha Hospital to improve awareness, provide practical resources, and help make hearing care more accessible for the local community.



Make a difference

Support Our Mission with a Gift - Or leave a Lasting Legacy

As a valued member of our community, you play a vital role in helping us fulfil our mission. Your generosity has already made a meaningful impact - but if you're looking for a way to deepen your support, we invite you to consider making a donation or leaving a bequest to our organisation.

Make a Donation

Your contribution - no matter the size - helps us to maintain our services and continue to provide for the deaf and hard of hearing in our community.
We are a voice for the deaf and hard of hearing, and provide unbiased support and understanding to enable our Members to enjoy life to the full within our community.
We educate our younger generation on the importance of protecting their hearing.
One-time or recurring donations can be made easily and securely

Leave a Legacy

By including our organization in your Will or Estate Plan, you ensure that your values will live on and continue to make a difference for years to come. A bequest is a powerful way to leave a lasting impact, and it's easier to arrange than you might think.
Whether you choose to give today or plan for tomorrow, your support helps sustain and grow the work we do.

If you would like to discuss your options or learn more about how to make a bequest, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Hamilton Hearing Association.

Thank you for standing with us, and believing in the future we're building together

Donate to our cause

The Hearing Association is fully reliant on funding to continue doing the important work we do, funding is getting harder to obtain at present and your support is really important to continue our work. Apart from serving the community we are also trying to freshen up our workspace. We would greatly appreciate any contribution towards our work and workplace. If you would like to support us you could scan the below QR code with your mobile phone and this will take you to our give a little page or you could make a donation directly into our bank account.

Thank you for making a difference



How can we help you

- Information, support, and advice for people with hearing loss and their families.
- Hearing aid batteries and consumables available for purchase.
- Personal assistance with hearing aids, including minor repairs and maintenance.
- Demonstrations of assistive listening devices — such as amplified telephones, alarm clocks, and doorbells.
- Ear care services, including earwax removal every Thursday in our rooms.
- Rest-home visits for those unable to come to us.
- Community education and hearing protection talks, including sessions for schools.
- Resources and information on hearing health, prevention, and funding options available on our website.





Thank you to our funders

We would like to thank our recent funders for their continued support

Trust Waikato
TE PUNA O WAIKATO

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Te Puna Tahua
LOTTO FUNDS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



Building connections

The Hamilton Hearing Association recently attended the Trustee Tinder event, where we had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful, big-hearted people who are passionate about giving back to their community.

It was inspiring to connect with individuals who are keen to contribute their skills, experience, and time to governance roles and to support local organisations making a positive difference.

As we continue to grow, we are looking for Committee Members and Trustees to join our team. Whether you have previous governance experience or simply a desire to support your community, we would love to hear from you.

By joining the Hamilton Hearing Association, you'll help us:

Raise awareness about hearing health and hearing loss.
Advocate for people living with hearing loss.
Support local hearing loss programmes and community initiatives.
Share ideas and work together to create a more hearing-friendly and inclusive community.
Make a lasting, positive impact on the lives of individuals and families across the Waikato.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone we met at Trustee Tinder for your enthusiasm, encouragement, and willingness to serve the community. We look forward to welcoming new faces to our team and working together to make a real difference.

Interested in getting involved?

email: manager@hamhearing.org

We'd love to have a conversation with you. Please contact the Hamilton Hearing Association to learn more about becoming a Committee Member or volunteer.

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive community.

EAR HEALTH
PROFESSIONAL EAR CARE

Ear Microsuctioning / Wax Removal

Donnell Our Ear Nurse is in the
Clinic on Thursdays from 09:00am
to 5:00pm
To book call 07 852 5725

Adults: $55.00
Members: $50.00
Children 18 and under $45
ACC Funded Hearing Aids: $20
Registered War Veteran Affairs: No Charge
Home/Rest Home Visits: Enquire

Membership renewals

Reminder to renew your membership
All current members will need to complete a Membership form to renew their memberships.

Please go to our website: https://hamiltonhearingassociation.org/

OR

Scan the QR code

OR

Complete the form on the last page of the Newsletter and drop it in our letterbox.

Membership fees 2026:
$38.00 a person $55 per couple Student $22.00

Bank details for online payment
Hamilton Hearing, Westpac 03-1556-0065744-00
Please quote your surname & initials eg; Smith J S

Membership Form

Joining The Hamilton Hearing Association, connects you with a supportive community passionate about improving the lives of those with hearing loss. As a member, you'll gain access to regular newsletters, exclusive events, and discounts on various services.

Your membership also plays a vital role in strengthening our advocacy efforts for better resources, support, and awareness for the hard of hearing.

To become a member or renew your membership for 2026 please complete this form and return it to us by post or do it online by scanning the QR code provided below:

Personal Information

First Name	:	
Last Name	:	
Contact No.	:	
Address	:	
Email	:	

Type Of Membership

*Choose your type of membership

- Single Membership $38 ☐
- Couple Membership $55 ☐
- Student Membership $22 ☐

Term & Condition

This membership is valid for a year

Membership includes exclusive events for members only

Membership is not automatic