

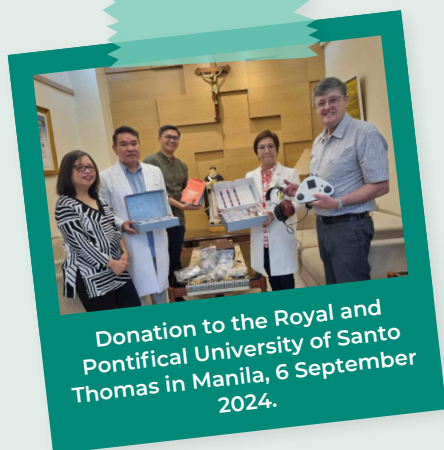
Year in Review

~ 2024 ~

Hearing Aid Bank Program

This year, our Hearing Aid Bank program is not only supporting Asylum Seekers/Refugees and eligible individuals with low or no income in NSW but is also helping children and adults with hearing loss in Samoa and the Philippines, in collaboration with Professor Philip Newall and Cristy Newall.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated HAB volunteers who spend their time refurbishing donated hearing aids: Kevin Rabe, Gilbert Stokes, Frank Ji, Louise Hu, Humna Rashid, Max Harpham, Andrew Licata, Ben Kitching, Daniella Rahal, and Anika Nayani. We're also grateful to the Carlingford Rotary Club for funding a new device to clean and dry donated hearing aids.



Scan the QR code on the right to watch a video about the hearing service in Samoa.



Subscribe to the [HMA YouTube Channel](https://www.youtube.com/@HearingMattersAustralia) (<https://www.youtube.com/@HearingMattersAustralia>) for more videos, including Café and Chat recorded sessions, tips on managing hearing loss, useful Apps, and hearing care strategies.

Café and Chat sessions

HMA continues to host monthly **face-to-face Café and Chat sessions** with guest speakers.



Our guest speaker, **William Martens** from the National Acoustic Laboratories, provided an insightful and engaging talk on 'Lived Experiences in Listening to Music.'

Tuesday, 13th February 2024



Prof. Philip Newall presented a comprehensive talk about the hearing services he and his wife, **Cristy Newall**, have been providing in Samoa to support children and adults with hearing loss.

Watch the recorded Café and Chat session on our HMA YouTube Channel.

Tuesday, 23rd April 2024



Technology Sessions: Remote Personal Mics and Hearing Loops

Our life member and guest speaker, **Andrew Stewart**, shared his expertise in hearing technology through two insightful technology sessions on Remote Personal Mics and Hearing Loops, including hands-on tips and demonstrations.

*Wednesday, 22nd May 2024
and
Wednesday, 12th June 2024*



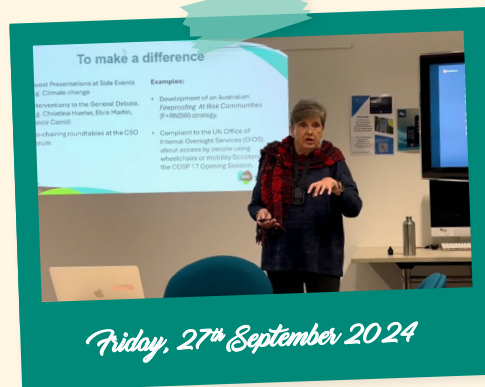
Final year MQ University Master of Clinical Audiology students **Andrew Licata**, **Louise Hu**, and **Amber Bonanno** shared their insights from their courses, and their plan to shape their careers as future audiologists to support deaf and hard of hearing people.

Tuesday, 23rd July 2024



Our guest speaker and volunteer, **Max Harpham**, who grew up with profound hearing loss, shared his challenges and success in his hearing journey.

Thursday, 22nd August 2024



HMA's former president, life member and current committee member, **Christine Hunter**, shared her experiences and reflections from the 17th Session of the Conference of States Parties 17 (CoSP17), which she was attended at the United Nations Headquarters in New Year on 11-13 June this year.

Friday, 27th September 2024

Most of our Café and Chat sessions have been recorded. Our student interns have worked hard to edit each video. We will upload them once finalised. **Scan** our YouTube Channel QR code at the back page, and **Subscribe** to watch our recorded Cafe and Chat sessions online!

We are always looking for speakers to share valuable insights and inspire others. We encourage everyone to participate in our Café and Chat sessions and share your experiences. If you or someone you know would be a great guest speaker, please reach out to us.

Outreach Program Impact

HMA outreach presenters and volunteers participated in **11 events** this year to raise awareness of hearing loss and to share experience and tips in managing hearing loss.

Tuesday, 6th February 2024



St Helens Community Centre

Monday, 4th March 2024



World Hearing Day Event at the Australian Hearing Hub

Wednesday, 13th March 2024



Senior Expo Day – Ku-ring-gai Council

Tuesday, 19th March 2024



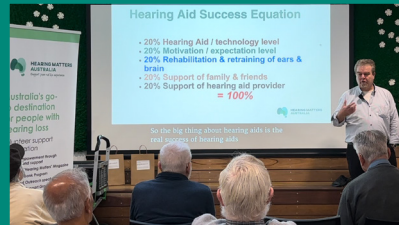
Hornsby Information Expo

Thursday, 18th April 2024



CASS Vietnamese Community

Wednesday, 15th May 2024



Burwood Library

Tuesday, 25th June 2024



Relationship NSW Meadowbank Chinese Group

Wednesday, 17th July 2024



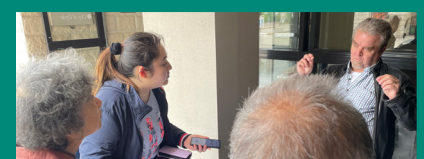
Wentworth Point Library – CASS Chinese Community Group

Wednesday, 3rd July 2024
Cliff Noble Community Centre

Wednesday, 9th October 2024

Rotary Club of Wahroonga

Tuesday, 19th November 2024



Outreach Help Desk at Meadowbank Community Centre

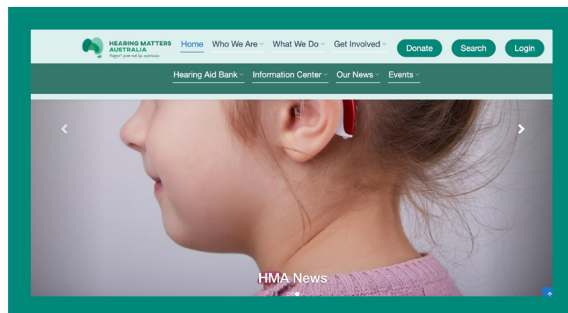
Student projects supporting HMA

This year, HMA partnered with Macquarie University's PACE Linguistic and Media Communication student placements to create impactful content on hearing loss awareness and services.

Media interns, **Luke Gruber**, **Samuel Dryden**, **Eva Yao**, and **Tiola Kemlfield** worked on promotional videos for HMA and the Hearing Aid Bank program, alongside lived-experience interview projects.



Media interns **Ellie Nguyen** and **Vy Nguyen** produced a series of YouTube video, while **Manish**, **Rishabh Bangera**, and **Rishee Kumar** contributed to designing HMA's new website design and developing digital marketing solutions.



Eight linguistics interns - **Ben Kitching**, **Carina Tucker**, **Charles Fredericks**, **Micah Fernandez**, **Rebecca Chalmers**, **Vinuki Wijayagunawardena**, **Varshidhi Krithika**, and **Weiran Zhao** - worked on enhancing HMA information sheets for HMA website, social media, YouTube channels to better support those living with hearing loss.

HMA also collaborated with 150 **UTS** students on the *Transdisciplinary Practice at the Cutting Edge 2024* project. As well as 25 **UTS** Masters of Marketing Students who explored ways to foster a supportive community for deaf and hard of hearing Australians and their families.

We deeply appreciate the enthusiasm and contributions of every student and the invaluable support from MQ Uni PACE program and UTS.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, FRIENDS, AND ASSOCIATES FOR SUPPORTING HMA'S WORK AND MAKING THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2025!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

