

# Your Hearing News

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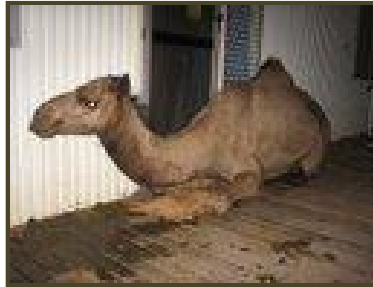
St Vincent's Hospital

Hearing & Balance Double Bay

Shop 4, Goldman Lane, Double Bay

## HBC News

It seems that every time we feel you've heard enough about our NT trips, something interesting happens again. In February Ximena visited Nyrripi (500km from Alice Springs) to carry out audiometric evaluations in the community. A rather persistent and noisy camel called Gypsy took a fancy to her, settling in for the night on the veranda.



Sarah and Ximena have also completed 4WD courses in the nick of time. Both have since been bogged in the NT and had to dig themselves out. Luckily there was no real danger as a satellite phone was available. However, they both decided to attend to the problem themselves!

**Community events: *The AUSTRALIAN TINNITUS ASSOCIATION AGM*** will be held on:

**Saturday 18th April 2009**  
**1:00pm – 4:00pm**  
**Metcalfe Auditorium,**  
**State Library of NSW.**

This year will feature two speakers. Pharmacist Sue Driscoll will discuss Tinnitus and Medications while tinnitus sufferer Peter Carr will give a personal account of his journey with tinnitus. Please help to support the ATA by coming along to this event. Attendance is **FREE** however for catering purposes, please RSVP by phone (02) 8382 3331, email [info@tinnitus.asn.au](mailto:info@tinnitus.asn.au), or fax (02) 83823333 by 10th April. If this isn't possible they would be happy to see you anyway!

## Introducing the Hearing & Balance Centre online shop



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Hearing aid accessories such as batteries, wax filters and cleaning products can now be purchased at any time of the day or night. As this is a continually evolving project we will be adding products as we think of them! Please let us know if there is a particular item you would like added to the shop.

**Orders will be filled and dispatched within 24 hours.**

For those of you without internet access all items can be purchased over the phone on **1300134327**.



**Audiologist and director Bruce Kelsey** has recently completed the Neuromonics training and accreditation process. Please find enclosed information on this tinnitus treatment. To determine if Neuromonics is suitable for you, a personal assessment appointment can be organised with Bruce by calling 1300134327.



## Technology Upgrade



As with all professions, the world of Audiology changes rapidly as technology advances. It is a constant challenge for us to keep our equipment and test procedures at the cutting edge. With this in mind we have recently purchased new equipment to upgrade our ability to perform highly specialised Audiological tests. The Interacoustics Eclipse platform will enable us to carry out evoked potential tests including Auditory Brainstem Tests, Electrocochleography and Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potential testing. Although these are tests we have been carrying out for many years, the new equipment will provide an enhanced level of accuracy and ease of use. These tests are often used to assist in the diagnosis of hearing and balance disorders such as Meniere's Disease, Acoustic Neuroma and other Vestibular dysfunctions. For more information speak to one of our Audiologists.

## Cochlear™ Hybrid™

A new solution for severe to profound high frequency hearing loss



For those people with a severe to profound high frequency hearing loss for whom conventional hearing aids are of limited benefit, Cochlear™ has come up with a new solution.

In September 2009, this exciting new treatment option will be available through the Hearing & Balance Centre. The **Cochlear Hybrid™** combines world-class cochlear implant technology with acoustic hearing aid technology. The Hybrid is the first truly integrated electroacoustic stimulation solution available for people with severe to profound high frequency hearing loss.

As with a standard cochlear implant this solution does involve surgery and an external speech processor. If you are interested in learning more about the **Cochlear Hybrid™**, please talk to one of our Audiologists.



## mind440

Danish company **Widex** introduced a new series of hearing aids - the **mind440** in February this year. Widex is one brand of hearing aid that our Audiologists have fitted for at least 10 years. We've always been impressed by the quality and longevity of these aids.

There are several unique features to the mind440 series:

- ❖ **ClearBand™** hi-fi two-way receiver uses a specific transducer for high frequencies and another for low frequencies. This gives excellent sound quality across the whole frequency range.
- ❖ The mind440 is reported by Widex to be the first hearing aid in the world with a bandwidth of over 10kHz.
- ❖ It is also the first hearing aid ever to feature a relaxation program. The Zen program plays fractals which are computer generated sounds designed to help you relax.
- ❖ The mind440 also has a verbal messaging system, SmartSpeak. This enables the hearing aid to talk to you! Alerting you to low battery power and letting you know what program you have switched to. These verbal messages come in a wide variety of languages, making it much easier for you to adjust the aid.

**If you are interested in trying the mind440 or would like more information please call us on 1300 134327.**



We have finally found a telephone system that is excellent for hearing impaired users. The **Oricom** series of phones is affordable and available from both our Double Bay and St Vincent's clinics.



### The features of the phones include:

#### Amplified Receiver

Allows you to increase the earpiece volume (up to 30dB boost)

#### Loud ringer

Extra loud ringer ensures you hear the phone ring (up to 90dB)

#### Hearing Aid Compatible

The phone contains an inbuilt inductive coupler which offers Hearing Aid users clearer sound. Simply switch your hearing aid to the "T" setting to use this function.

**Oricom** will shortly release a mobile phone version. To register your interest please phone 1300134327 or email enquiries @hearingbalance.com.au.