



## Canberra Deaf Children's Association December 2008 Newsletter

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### What is CDCA?

The Canberra Deaf Children's Association (CDCA) is a non-profit community organisation that endeavors to provide support and information to parents and families on issues affecting deaf and hearing-impaired children. This includes all sorts of hearing loss such as sensorineural, conductive and unilateral.

We also provide information to other interested people in the community, teachers and students.

CDCA acts as a lobby group to relevant Government Departments and other Organizations on behalf of Deaf and Hearing Impaired children, their parents and their families.

Membership is open to parents, relatives and friends of deaf and hearing-impaired children. Membership includes borrowing rights for the Toy and Resource Library and a newsletter issued six times a year.

### Toy and Resource Library

The Toy Library is located in the Deafness Resource Centre, and is open by appointment. Please contact Alex Turner on 61618083 if you wish to access the library. Please leave a message for her if she is not immediately available. Most items can be borrowed for a month.

Our library contains:

- captioned videos with a good variety of titles,
- books and games for children of all ages,
- Reference books and other resources for parents and families.

### Inside today.....

- The new CDCA Committee
- The Wiggles concert
- CDCA Christmas Party

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year  
To all our members and families!*

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## CDCA AGM Meeting:

The CDCA AGM was held on 13 November. It was great to have some new faces join us on the committee. Lachlan Leslie is taking on the role of newsletter editor in 2009. Rod Pymont has joined the committee also. Sonia Hay will be the events coordinator.

## Wiggles Concert:

We have had some great feedback from the families who attended the Wiggles concert on Tuesday 9th December.

' Rhonan had an AWESOME time ( so did we!) and did some fantastic dancing and singing, with alot of "quack-quacks"! He especially liked the acrobatics and Wags! Thank You CDCA. '

'We had such a great time it was fun just watching him have so much fun!!'

'My daughter was completely mesmerized.

She has never been able to sit through even one song on TV, let alone a whole show, but the Wiggles and their friends captivated her with a wonderful show experience'.

'We loved it and the terrific up-front seating'.

'It was great to see the children's eye's light up when their favourite wiggles or character appeared on stage, and what groovy dancing by all the children.'

'Noel said the highlight was "Every thing!!!!!!!" and Darcie's was when Captain Feathersword waved to her and Clare and when Dorothy did her ballet in her pink ballet dress'

'We had a thoroughly enjoyable time. It was a spectacular concert and we were right up the front so we could see the performers easily: the Wiggles and their cast were so amazing and energetic. The children got up and danced and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time singing and bopping along to the well-known songs. The stage set up and the costumes were something to behold. I think that even if I didn't have children I would seriously consider going to see the Wiggles: they are such wonderful all-round performers who are very talented singers and dancers. No wonder the Queen has recognised the Wiggles in the past and given them an award!! Thank you to our sponsors who so

kindly provided tickets to all CDCA members it was a special event that we will remember fondly. '

## CDCA Christmas Party!

Thanks to all you joined us in this fun celebration. The Gecko Gang provided lots of fun and the food was great! Thankyou to the Canberra Shepherd centre for the use of their facilities!! See you next year!

## CDCA Website:

We are now able to upload previous CDCA newsletters on our website so please check them out if you are a recent member!

## Other Online Resources:

### Aussie Deaf Kids (new site)

Online support and information for parents of deaf & hearing impaired children in Australia. Share experiences, ideas and concerns with other parents who really understand how you feel.

[www.aussiedeafkids.org.au](http://www.aussiedeafkids.org.au)

### Deaf Children Australia

The Deaf Children Australia Helpline is an information, support and referral service for families of Deaf and Hearing Impaired Children and young Adults. The Helpline number is 1800 645 916. DCA has begun providing advocacy and information services across Australia via the national Helpline.

[www.deafchildreinaustralia.org.au](http://www.deafchildreinaustralia.org.au)

### Parent Council of Deaf Education

PCDE statement: Our mission is to work with parents and families of deaf children and young people, regardless of their background, to promote their rights in all aspects of their lives from birth to the end of tertiary education.

More information on PCDE can be found at their website [www.pcde.org](http://www.pcde.org)

### The National Deaf Children's Society

[www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)

### Listen Up

<http://listen-up.org>

# CDCA Kids Page

Merry Christmas!! A Christmas Maze and Santa to colour in!



