



Hearing assessments
Hearing aids & repairs
Counselling related to
hearing impairment
and tinnitus
Noise plugs
Swimming plugs
Musician plugs
FM/infra red systems
Loop systems

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Dear Readers,

We hope that the start of 2008 has been a happy and productive one for all.

In this newsletter I am pleased to inform you that we will be having our first **Easter Sale**. The substantial discount offered could prove very handy to those of you who need hearing aids, but could never quite afford them.

Also, in this issue of our newsletter, I have listed the latest Ear Gear which has proved beneficial to clients who are having hearing aid moisture problems from excessive perspiration while gardening or out in the summer sun as well as the effect of the humid weather conditions in Queensland at the moment.

Most importantly, we have included an article on financial assistance for fire alarms for hearing impaired clients.

Katia Peeters



Easter Hearing aid sale !

Tues 25 March to Fri 4 April 2008

\$500.00 AUD off per aid

on selected hearing systems.

Hop along and get yourself a genuine
bargain



TIP: If you are not hearing well when wearing your aids, check the tip of your dome or mould - if it is impacted with wax, clean it as per your instructions or pop in and we will check your hearing aids.



Ear Gear

**The trendsetter in Hearing
instrument security and
protection!**

New!

- Helps keep your hearing instrument functioning by preventing damage from clogged microphones and corroded batteries.
- Double wall spandex construction protects hearing instruments from sweat, dirt, dust, and rain
- Available in both corded and cordless models
- Lots of fun and stylish colors. Transforms your hearing instrument into a fashion accessory
- Washable, durable, Guaranteed for One Full Year
- Great for hiking, running, biking, anyone who has an active lifestyle
- Super soft comfortable spandex makes wearing hearing instruments more comfortable and prevents chafing.



Financial assistance for smoke alarms for deaf or hearing impaired. *(info from www.emergency.qld.gov.au)*

VISALERT

You might be eligible to receive funding of up to \$400 to help pay for the cost of a special smoke alarm designed for your needs.

There is a limit of one fire alarm subsidy per household and all installation costs must be met by the applicant.

You can choose between a number of types of smoke alarm systems available at several retail outlets.

Applications for rebates must be supported by original proof-of-purchase (please keep a copy of your receipt for your records) and address the eligibility criteria.

To receive assistance, you must live in your own or family home or private rental premises in Queensland and have:

- signed confirmation by a qualified GP or hearing practitioner (at Falls of Sound) recommending suitability for the scheme based on their assessment that your level of hearing loss may prevent you from hearing a standard smoke alarm; OR
- a previous assessment (up to three years from date of application) that you are profoundly deaf;

AND you have one of the following:

- Centrelink Pension Concession Card; OR
- Health Care Card; OR
- a Department of Veteran's Affairs Gold Repatriation Health Card (DVA) issued for all conditions; OR
- a White Repatriation Health Card (DVA) issued for conditions that include hearing loss; OR
- the status of being a dependent of a person in one of the above categories.

You can further support your application by showing:

- you use Auslan or another sign language as your main method of communication; and/or
- a reference from and/or membership of a service, club or social group for people who are deaf or hearing impaired.

You must not live in a place where appropriate smoke alarm systems for people who are deaf or hearing impaired have already been installed in any individual and common areas by the manager or managing body responsible.

Applicants must select a smoke alarm system which includes a photoelectric alarm and a combination of a visual alert (strobe) and a vibrating pad.

Your letter must state your residential address and provide telephone and other relevant contact details such as email address.

Payment of successful applications for the rebate are expected to be made within 60 days.

Applications should be sent to:

Smoke Alarms for Hearing-Impaired Persons Assistance Program

GPO Box 1425 Brisbane QLD 4001 Enquiries: (07) 3247 8149, or

more information can be found on the website: www.emergency.qld.gov.au



Active aids really work!

After it's release in 2007 many clients have been very pleased with their ACTIVE hearing aids!

No fuss, no worries, no kidding. CENTRA and CIELO 2 Active have been designed for easy operation and maximum comfort. It is an automatic hearing aid, so there are no controls to fuss with, and its unique receiver-in-canal design makes it tiny, easy to wear, completely and extremely comfortable.

