

## April 2023 - Newsletter

Kia ora #FirstName#

### President's Update

Kia ora APODC whanau,

It is with a heavy heart that we are letting you know of the passing of **Patreena Bryan**. Patreena Bryan (also known as Pat, with her sign name being TAP – a play on her name) was the founding child member of Auckland Parents of Deaf Children in 1945. As a life long member we were lucky to have her as part of our community. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

This month we are doing something a little different for our **APODC Education Series**. To celebrate NZSL Week (8 May - 14 May) we are hosting a full day NZSL event open to the whole family. Several NZSL tutors have come together to help create an immersive day including Deaf Deaf World and fun NZSL games for all ages.

Our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be held online on Tuesday 30 May this year and we hope you will join us as to have your say on our committee nominations and other important topics. As we prepare for our AGM it's a great time to reflect on the generous support that makes it possible for us to run our events for our whanau. I want to take this opportunity to say an overdue thank you to the NZSL Board for their generosity. It was because of the NZSL Community Grant that we were able to make camp a reality. Don't forget to check out the beautiful photos captured by our photographer Keethan Sundar - [Click Here to view](#).

Lastly, we are updating our systems and we need your help to confirm your information. Check out the **In other news** section of our newsletter to find out more about what we're doing, why we're doing it and what it means for you.

Hand waves

Your APODC Committee ~ Anna Park, Jess Fonoti, Jo Weaver, Kirsten Davis, Lydia Cook, Tim Huang, Rhian Thompson and Willa Hand

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## Patreena Bryan



Patreena will be missed.

We want to take this moment to recognise her work in the Deaf community, her involvement with Auckland Deaf Society and for being a founding member of APODC.

Thank you for all you did. You will always hold a special place in our history.



Patreena Bryan (founding APODC child member, 1945), and Apii Pukeiti (newest APODC member) cutting the cake at the launch of our newsletter - Sunday 28 April 2018

## REGISTER NOW!

**APODC** *Connect*



### **APODC Connect** NZSL Family Day

**Date:** Saturday 13 May

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**Location:** Auckland Deaf Society,  
16 Hillsborough Road, Three Kings  
Auckland 1042

If you are interested in learning, practicing or just enjoying a day of New Zealand Sign Language, this is the event for you! This will be a fully immersive event so be prepared to turn your hands to NZSL and give your voice a rest. All levels from total beginner to expert are welcome.

The day will start with the fun and immersive Deaf Deaf World where you will participate in 'pretend' shops and have a conversation with NZSL tutors using any nonverbal means available to you (signing, miming, pointing etc.). In the afternoon there will be games for all ages that will allow you to use and enjoy the beautiful language of NZSL. Lunch will be provided.

[Register](#) before Friday 5 May if you would like to attend.

## SAVE THE DATE

**APODC AGM** *2023*



# There's still time to nominate yourself or someone else for the APODC Committee!

**Nominations must be submitted by 1 May 2023**

Would you like to apply to become a committee member or nominate someone else? You can!

We want our committee to better represent the diversity of our APODC community and as such we want to remind everyone that people from all cultures are encouraged to join the committee.

Just click on the link below where you will find the nomination form, eligibility criteria and more about what it means to be a committee member.

[APODC 2023 Committee Nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions about what it's like to be part of the committee please contact Alison on [coordinator@apodc.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@apodc.org.nz) and she will connect you with a current committee member.

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Auckland Parents of Deaf Children Committee will be hosting our Annual General Meeting online on Tuesday 30 May. We will present our annual report and offer you the opportunity to vote on important matters. We will share more details, including the link for the video call, closer to the time.

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## Have your say...

We are working to reinvigorate our C2 Youth Groups. In order to do so we want to know what sort of events our youth members would want to take part in.

If you have a child aged between 12 and 18 please ask them to complete this quick survey. It should take no more than 3 minutes to complete and it will help us create events they will enjoy and benefit from.

Thank you

[Click here for the C2 Youth Event - Survey](#)

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## Keethan Sundar Photography

KS Studio has over 15 years of experience in capturing beautiful moments and creating stunning photographs and videos for weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, and other special events. Their team of experienced professionals is dedicated to providing high-quality photo and cinema services that will help you remember your special day for years to come.

If you are looking for a professional photographer and videographer to capture your special moment in life, look no further than KS Studio.

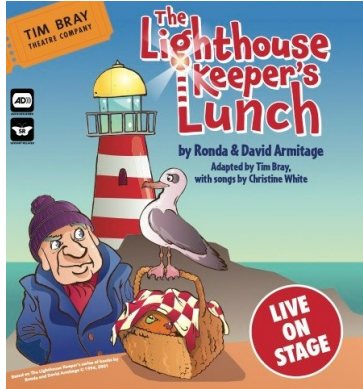
[keethansundar.com](http://keethansundar.com)



[Click here](#) to view the photos from camp. Photography by Keethan Sundar at KS Studio

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# WHAT'S ON?



## The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch

NZSL interpreted performances (April & May)

Enjoy an ocean adventure on stage with a real lighthouse, a boat, a frisky cat, and a rescue at sea! The show is full of mystery, adventure, and laughs.

\$20-25 discount tickets available for Deaf and companions. Show information and book tickets:

[Click here](#) to find out more about accessible performances dates, locations and available tickets

## In other news...

### We are improving our systems...

As we welcome more and more families each month we need to ensure that our systems can grow with us so we can continue to offer valuable experiences for all our members.

### What are we doing?

We have a project underway to maximise the potential of our Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. With the help of Vega Works, our CRM provider, we are going to check and update the membership information currently stored in our database.










### Why are we doing it?

- **Tailored to you** - We want to offer support and events that can be tailored to our members. In order to do so we need to be confident that the information we have is accurate. For example, correct address information will help us to plan events in suitable locations.
- **Less admin, more fun** - By better utilising our CRM we can spend less time on administrative tasks and more time creating events, offering support and seeking out resources for you and your family.
- **Growing our community** - Having a robust system that is fit for growth means that we can reach more families across Auckland and build a community of support across the city.

### What does this mean for you?

You will receive an email asking you to confirm or update your information, including (but not limited to) name, date of birth, address, ethnicity etc. All data will continue to be gathered and stored in line with our data and privacy policy. Please keep an eye out for the email, it should only take you a few minutes to review and update your information.

## A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023

APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2023 					
April	May	June	July	August	September
	 				 

Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee



