

Kia ora #FirstName#

## June 2022 - Newsletter

### President's Update

Kia ora APODC whanau,

The committee and I would like to thank all those that were able to attend our AGM and help us to celebrate our 70th Birthday. Although turning 70 was a significant milestone, what was most important was having the opportunity to bring so many of our families and valued guests together to reconnect after a couple of tough years. Thank you for celebrating with us and for giving us a reason to celebrate!

At our AGM this year we voted on some important updates to our constitution. If you would like to view the [minutes](#) from the meeting or our updated [constitution](#) please click on the links provided. One change I would like to make sure you are aware of is that our annual membership fees have increased to \$35 per annum. We will be sending out a reminder to anyone whose membership is not up to date but if you would like to renew now please [click here](#) to update your details and pay your 2022 membership fee.

Part of our current focus as a committee is understanding how Auckland Parents of Deaf Children can continue to provide meaningful connections for parents and the deaf community in the coming years and continuing to evolve what we do to meet the needs of our whanau members. We have put together a short survey to gather feedback on our recent event and to better understand what kind of events you would like us to organise in the future. The more informed we are the better we can tailor our future offerings to the needs of our members. [Click here to have your say](#)

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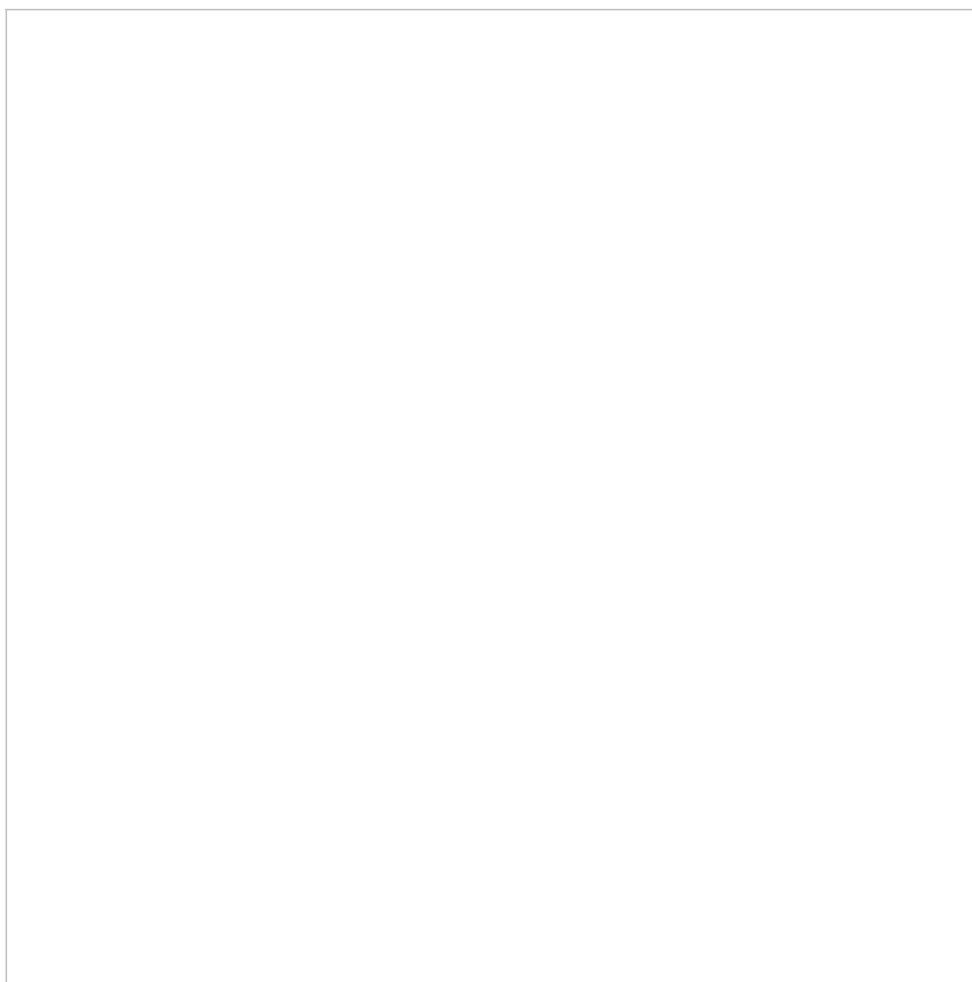




If you would like to see more photos from the AGM and 70th celebration please [click here](#)

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**Keep an eye out for our upcoming events:  
Coffee groups, family and youth events and the next installment of  
our educational series **APODC Connect** in July...**



## **The APODC Committee needs you!**

We have great ideas for events and more but, in order to achieve them, we need your help! **This year we have space for 5 new committee members to join our team and help make a difference in the APODC community.**

If you are interested in joining the committee please email us: [coordinator@apodc.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@apodc.org.nz). Alison will put you in touch with one of our current committee members who will be happy to talk to you about the benefits, and what to expect, when you choose to become a committee member.

We look forward to hearing from you.

# NZSL Survey

Kia Ora,

**NZSL Version here:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78v\\_QCegWl0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78v_QCegWl0)

The Office for Disability Issues (ODI) is doing a national survey to gather data about the NZSL Community's satisfaction with NZSL.

They want to know what current support for NZSL is like. Where people learn NZSL and if there are enough learning opportunities. How accessible NZSL is in everyday life (translations, resources, interpreters etc)

You do not have to use NZSL everyday but to know of and use NZSL at some point.

We would encourage whānau who know a little NZSL or want to learn it to fill the survey out to get a better picture of what access you want for your child.

This survey will give the government feedback on how well the 5 priorities from the NZSL Strategy is working.

There are 21 questions in total and the survey takes 5 minutes to complete.

You do not have to complete all the questions if you do not want to. All of your answers will be kept private and confidential.

**Click here to complete the survey**

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/nzslcommunity2022](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nzslcommunity2022)

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## July Coffee Group

APODC Coffee groups are casual gatherings which bring parents and caregivers together for a coffee and chat, whilst the children play. Coffee groups are often the first events that new families attend and we aim to provide a warm welcome and the opportunity to connect with others who are at a similar stage.

### **Is there a charge?**

No. Coffee groups are free!

### **Do we need to book in to attend?**

Yes, we do need to know if you are planning to attend so we can arrange interpreters, if needed

### **Would you like to attend or host a July coffee group?**

If you would like to attend or host a coffee group in July please [click here](#) and complete this short survey.

We will be in touch soon to confirm times and locations.

*\* If you have ideas of where else we could run a coffee group, we would love to hear from you!*

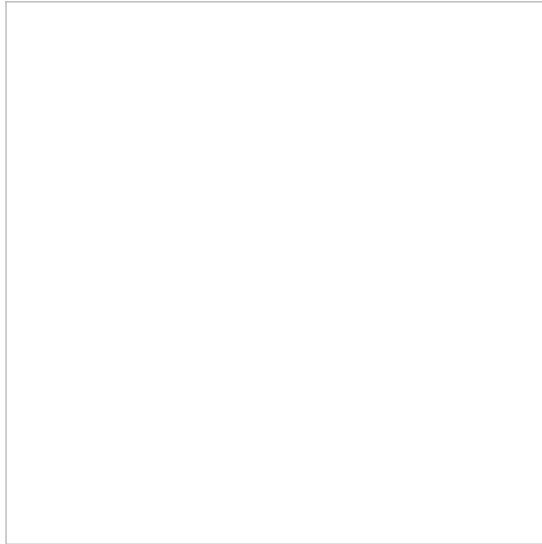
# What's on in July...

## Workshops with The Hearing House

We're running a two-day workshop for tweens and teens to gain confidence and self-advocacy skills alongside other CI-wearing peers.

This group will be run over two days. If you are interested, we ask that you please attend both sessions.

To attend, please email [grace@hearinghouse.co.nz](mailto:grace@hearinghouse.co.nz).



To see all the events The Hearing House have to offer throughout the July School holidays [click here](#)

## NZSL Courses

Join the NZSL community classes run by Auckland Deaf Society. The next semester starts on 25th July with classes available for Beginners through to Advanced for anyone 16 years and older.

**Register online:** [http://auckland-deaf.org.nz/learn-nzsl/nzsl-timetable-registration/15 Week Courses](http://auckland-deaf.org.nz/learn-nzsl/nzsl-timetable-registration/15%20Week%20Courses)

**Online:** \$180incl GST

**In Person:** \$240 incl GST

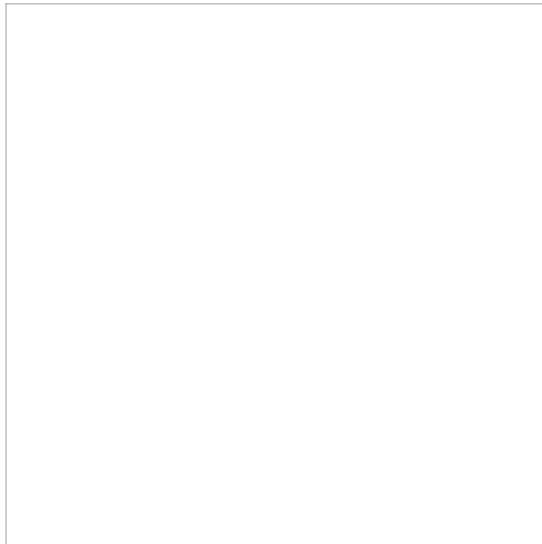


For further information or general enquiries email: [nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz](mailto:nzsl@auckland-deaf.org.nz)

## Badjelly The Witch - NZSL Interpreted Performances

Kiwi kids have grown up with the story of Tim and Rose's madcap adventure, search of a beloved lost cow, through the great black forest and into Badjelly's castle, and this July children of Auckland can experience the electric, cult classic stage show Badjelly The Witch live!

A quest full of twists and turns, with memorable characters and sausage turning spells. This bustling stage show will delight children and parents alike in a one-hour stage extravaganza.



To see dates, times, Auckland locations and book tickets: <https://timbray.org.nz/accessible-performances/>

## The Wedding Singer - NZSL Interpreted Performance

It's 1985. Hair is big, collars are up, and a wedding singer is the coolest guy in the room!

Based on the smash-hit Hollywood film starring Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, comes an hilarious musical comedy that celebrates all the fun of the '80s. Following sold-out performances on Broadway, across the UK and Australia, this feel-good musical is an adrenaline-charged hit that has now come to Auckland, New Zealand!

To Book Tickets: <https://www.aucklandlive.co.nz/show/the-wedding-singer>  
Access Code: **SIGNED**

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**Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee**

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