

## June 2023 - Newsletter



Kia ora #FirstName#

### President's Update

Kia ora APODC whānau,

Thanks to all those who were able to attend our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM). It was great to reflect on everything that we were able to accomplish together throughout 2022. If you're interested to know the outcomes of the meeting check out our update below.

We have space for up to 4 more members to join the APODC committee. If you are interested in joining or finding out more about the benefits of being part of the APODC Committee, please email [Alison@apodc.org.nz](mailto:Alison@apodc.org.nz).

With winter officially on our doorstep, let us buy a coffee to warm you up! If you have a Deaf or HoH child aged 5 or under come along to our Storytime Coffee Group this month. This is your chance for a casual catch up with APODC families while your children enjoy play and story time with their peers.

In July, we have a family day event planned that will be sure to have your kids jumping for joy. Our next APODC Connect event will also be held in July so keep your eyes on our [Facebook page](#) to find out who our special guests presenter will be.

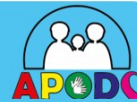
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Willa Hand on behalf of your APODC Committee ~ Anna Park, Jo Weaver, Kirsten Davis, Lydia Cook, Rhian Thompson

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**A quick look at our upcoming events for 2023**

# APODC EVENT CALENDAR 2023



June	July	August	September	October	November
 U5 Coffee Group	   Family Event	 Youth Event	   Family Event	 Youth Event   Family Event	 Christmas Party

## REGISTER NOW



### Storytime Coffee Group

**Date:** Friday 30th June

**Time:** 9am - Refreshments will be covered by APODC

**Location:** Once registrations are closed we will confirm a location central to those interested in attending.

If you have a little one under the age of 5, let us buy you a coffee while you meet and mingle with other APODC parents and caregivers. Your children can play together and enjoy Storytime while you take the opportunity to connect with other families.

**Please register before Friday 23rd June - [Click here to register](#)**



### Family Day Inflatable World Manukau

**Date:** Sunday 23rd July

**Time:** 11am until 1pm - lunch will be provided

**Location:** 577 Great South Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland 2104

Let your whānau jump into fun with us at the biggest indoor inflatable playgrounds in New Zealand. Food will be provided so please register and let us know if you have any dietary requirements

Spaces are limited so please make sure you register to attend!

**Please register before Friday 13th July - [Click here to register](#)**

## Recent Events

Below is an overview of the outcomes of our Annual General meeting on 31st May 2023.

If you would like to know more about our AGM you can read the full minutes [here](#).

- **Attendees voted on and approved;**
  - The minutes from last year's AGM
  - The latest annual report which can be found on our website - [click here to view](#)
  - The proposed changes to the constitution. If you wish to read the updated constitution - [click here to view](#).
- **Committee Members:**
  - We officially elected Lydia (Secretary) and Rhian (Treasurer) onto the committee
  - Jo and Willa were also successfully re-elected
  - We said farewell to Jess and Tim who decided to step down this year to focus on their families
- **Thanks to our Grant Providers and Sponsors:**
  - Everything we have done, and hope to continue to do, would not have been possible without the help and generosity of our grant providers and sponsors.
    - Deaf Children New Zealand
    - Foundation North
    - COGS Manukau
    - COGS Papakura/Franklin
    - COGS Waitakere City
    - COGS North Shore/Rodney
    - COGS Auckland City
    - Lotteries Community Fund
    - NZSL Lottery Grant Board
    - Office for Disability Issues
    - The National Foundation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- **Thanks to our Partners:**
  - Young and Creative, who made our annual report look so appealing
  - Sarah and Little Black Books, for all her work creating and enforcing rigorous financial practices
  - DLA Piper, who help us to ensure our constitution is legal and fit for purpose.
- **Thanks to you, our members:**
  - We are proud to be a parent led organisation and your enthusiasm and involvement makes that possible.

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## WHAT'S ON?

## NZSL playgroup

Deaf Aotearoa and The Hearing House are excited to be establishing a regular NZSL playgroup for families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing preschoolers!

### What will Deaf and Hard of Hearing children learn from this playgroup?

The NZSL playgroup will provide a balance of Deaf and Hearing professionals, interacting with Deaf and Hard of hearing children ages 0-6 years old. This is a fantastic opportunity for whānau to observe how their child is interacting with other children, as well as learning language using New Zealand Sign Language.

### What resources or equipment will playgroup have access to?

A NZSL signing space - The Hearing House staff know some NZSL and Deaf Aotearoa's First Signs Facilitators will be there. There are lots of toys, books and play space provided by The Hearing House.

You can bring a support person with you for this playgroup, such as friends, family or a professional. See you there!



10th May 2023 *Hands up if you're ready to sign with us!*  
24th May 2023 *Bring your favourite toys*  
7th June 2023 *Bring what you see that has wheels*  
21st June 2023 *Teddy Bear Picnic*



10:00 AM to 12:00 PM



The Hearing House, 251 Campbell Road,  
Greenlane, Auckland



For more information, please contact  
First Signs:

[first.signs@deaf.org.nz](mailto:first.signs@deaf.org.nz)



## Free Workshop - Driver's License Theory

You must be 16+ to attend

This workshop is focused on learner's license theory and is great for those wanting to learn more about the road code. It could help you to get jobs that requires a driver's license, and give you your independence. [Click here](#) to view the NZSL video

**Where:** Auckland Deaf Society, 16 Hillsborough Road, Three Kings

**When:** 2pm to 5pm on...

- Thursday 8th June 2023
- Thursday 15th June 2023
- Thursday 22nd June 2023

**What:** You will learn about the road rules and how to be safe on the road. The course will have activities and quiz. Refreshments provided. **Please note:** Doing this course does not mean you will get the license, this is for learning only.

If you want to attend, please contact Pia Jane.

Email – [Pia.jane@deaf.org.nz](mailto:Pia.jane@deaf.org.nz)

Mobile – 021 722 953

You must register by **Monday 5th June 2023.**

For more information or to register [click here](#)



## The Kids of Kōrero Lane

Made with the support of NZ On Air. Stream now on TVNZ

A group of Kiwi kids - some deaf, some hearing - come together to learn about diversity and acceptance, playing together and using sign language to communicate.

[Click here](#) to start watching and learning!



## The Magic Faraway Tree

NZSL interpreted performances (June & July)

Don't miss this fabulous, fantastical story by one of the world's best-selling authors, Enid Blyton, adapted for the stage by Tim Bray.

Jo, Bessie and Annie move to the country and discover an ginormous tree in the midst of an enchanted wood. Things get really strange when they climb it and discover magical people living there, like Silky, Moon-Face and the Saucepan Man.

At the very top, a ladder leads them to magical lands which are sometimes nice (like the Land of Birthdays and the Land of Take-What-You-Want), but sometimes not-so-nice (like the Land of Tempers and the Land of Dame Slap). Along the way, the children have some thrilling adventures!

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

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**Nga mihi nui, APODC Committee**

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