

Hearing Loss: The effects

Hearing loss affects about 22 percent of the population between the ages of 15 and 65 years. For people over 65 years of age, one person in three can expect to have trouble hearing.

Having a hearing loss can impact on communication with family, friends and workmates. It can be socially isolating and impact on everyday activities to the extent that it affects individual lifestyle.



Did you know that butterflies are deaf?



Guide Dogs SA.NT provides quality integrated services for people who are Deaf, hearing impaired, blind, vision impaired or Deafblind.

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relocated until 2010 to:

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Hearing Solutions

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Hearing Solutions, a program of Guide Dogs SA.NT, can help any adult who has a hearing impairment or a dual sensory loss. We can also help family members and other interested people to learn more about hearing loss, the effects and services available.

Hearing Solutions provides:

- Training and information on a wide range of assistive listening devices and technology
- Information on options, and care and management of hearing aids
- Support to help you effectively manage hearing loss and associated conditions
- Assistance to enhance effective communication skills
- Support for family members
- Information on tinnitus and other conditions associated with hearing loss
- Community education.

Individual programs

Hearing Solutions provides one-on-one hearing advisory sessions to enable discussion of individual needs. These sessions are also available to family, friends and carers, who would like to assist by learning more.

Individual training programs are also provided for people with special needs, such as someone with both a hearing and vision loss.

Courses

Hearing Solutions conducts free Effective Management of Hearing Loss courses throughout the year. These courses are for people with a hearing loss and for anyone who wants to learn how to support people with hearing loss.

Our courses run for two hours a week over five weeks and cover:

- How to manage hearing loss
- Lip reading
- Communication strategies to help overcome difficult situations
- Aspects and causes of hearing loss.

Appointments

Contact us today to make an appointment. We would love to hear from you. Clients can refer themselves by simply telephoning or emailing to make an appointment, or they may be referred by another agency or health professional. All services are provided free to clients.

Community education

Hearing Solutions also provides education sessions for professionals and community groups covering a range of topics, including:

- The effects of hearing loss
- Associated conditions
- Assistive technology
- Telephone tactics
- How to communicate effectively.

Each session can be tailored to meet the needs of the audience.

Country services

Hearing Solutions is committed to providing regular quality services to people in country areas. We have developed links and partnerships with organisations in rural areas, including community health services and other allied health professionals in country South Australia.

Regional areas visited

Hearing Solutions makes quarterly visits to country regions, including:

- Eyre Peninsula
- Gawler
- Kangaroo Island
- Mid North
- Murray Mallee
- Port Lincoln
- Riverland
- South East
- Victor Harbor
- Yorke Peninsula.