## Hearing Awareness Week What is it all about?

## Hearing Awareness Week (HAW) is a national event ....

... held in the last full week of August each year and aims to raise awareness of hearing loss (or deafness) and chronic ear disorders, so that those who are affected experience greater acceptance and are better accommodated within their community, work and educational environments. It also aims to reach out to affected people to inform them of the availability of goods and services that can assist them.



Hearing Awareness Week is not only aimed at those suffering from hearing impairment but about increasing people's awareness and educating the general public to reduce the incidence of hearing loss.

"Hearing Awareness Week provides the opportunity for all Australians to confront the country's major 'hidden' health problem"

Federal Minister for Aged Care, Bronwyn Bishop.

Deafness Forum co-ordinates the national aspects of Hearing Awareness Week, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Health and Ageing and maintains the official Website (www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au) which includes information on events and a variety of available resource materials.

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