



NABS News for Auslan Users

National Auslan Interpreter Booking & Payment Service

Feedback **Very Important**

We want you to tell us what you think of NABS Interpreters when you use them for your **private** Doctor and other health appointments.

Feedback is very important to NABS so we can always improve our services to you. Information how to give feedback inside.



NABS launches ANDROID App

NABS launches Smart Phone/ANDROID App

Android include different mobile phone like; Motorola, Samsung, LG, Sony Ericsson or other.

Visit www.nabs.org.au and follow the link to download.



NABS Celebrates 100,000th Booking

On the 14th March 2011 a media release was sent out celebrating NABS 100,000th booking. Senator Jan McLucas (Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers), said how important the Australian Government's **National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service (NABS)** is to the Deaf community.

The Deaf COMMUNITY has used NABS 100,000 times to book interpreters for private medical and health appointments.

Thank you to everyone who uses our services.

NABS is open from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

For more information, visit www.nabs.org.au or phone 1800 246 948.



Marlene Blake, Jan McLucas, Carol O'Rielly and Susan Baira.





Do you have any Deaf friends that would like to receive copy of free NABS Newsletter? We are happy to post them a copy. Please ask them to contact NABS

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Weather Drama DownUnder

Weather in Australia for Summer 2010-2011 has been most terrible. In Qld there was inland tsunami, flooding and cyclone all in 3 months. Other states also had amazing weather. Perth was very hot summer and Victoria had floods. NABS spoke to three Deaf Queenslanders and ask them to tell their stories about the most terrible weather they experienced.

Brisbane (Tracey Wardrop)

My husband Robert was overseas and he was contacted by his mother about the floods. He then called my daughter to tell us about the floods.

We then got two announcements via our speaker in the apartment to clear out things and get cars out basement. Police ordered us to high ground at 3pm. My children were able to hear announcements and interpreted for me. We calmy packed and went

to stay at in-laws for 2 weeks. We then had to stay at hotel for another 10 days. Our unit was not damaged but the apartments have lots of damaged in basement, lift well, systems, no clean water systems or sewage. We could not live in the unit for 3 weeks because safety and hygiene problems.

Tracey Wardrop



Carol O'Reilly



The council came along to clean up the picnic area.



Flash flooding at James' place.



James Kerwin



Terrible debris landed on Kewarra Beach.



Back courtyard of James' place.

Cyclone Yasi (Carol O'Reilly)

I had alert from Bureau of Meterology about conditions of Cyclone where it is coming through. It is handy on my mobile to keep tracking sights of Yasi movements. Suzi and Rick came and drove me and Karin's dog Mia to Malanda to stay at my friend's house. Rick was up all night, hearing banging noise on the roof, winds howling all night and more banging and rain crept through the door, their power went off and about midnight I guess. I did not hear anything at all. I was asleep the whole time and

I did wake up about 2am and saw the trees swaying to and fro. I knew the Cyclone was passing us over at Category 3. Whew! That was enough. I arrived home and checked my house, all safe and sound except for my broom cupboard with water leaking from the roof.

Toowoomba (James Kerwin)

I was at my home in Toowoomba when flash flood happened. I could see all the cars stuck on the main road across from my house. The flood waters were rushing around and over the cars. The drivers looked really worried. My house is on stumps so the water did not get inside but my laundry and storage rooms outside were flooded. Most of the damage was outside my yard. My boundary fences were knocked over and the posts ripped out of the ground. There was some soil erosion around the house stumps. My driveway was badly eroded. The gas cylinders were knocked over and ripped from the wall. The air conditioning units outside the house were also knocked over and submerged in flood waters. My car was ok and the waters stopped below the muffler of my car.

For more information about Weather Drama DownUnder - Go to NABS Blog

<http://nabsnoticeboard.blogspot.com/>

WHO MAKES YOUR BOOKINGS? Meet NABS Call Centre Staff



Emily Coles
Client Services
Co-ordinator
Work for NABS
5 years



Helen Cignoli
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
6 years



Lindsay Perry
Booking Officer
Work 5 years



Lesley Tweedie
Booking Officer
Work for NABS 3 years



Val Robbins
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
1 year



Kathy Styles
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
3.5 years



Aimee Mammone
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
2 years



Joel Lynn
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
2 years

Kym Edwards
Booking Officer
Work for NABS 3.5 years



Karen Lake
Booking Officer
Work for NABS
9 months



Jen Webb (Deaf)
Payroll/Booking
Officer. Work nearly
5 years



Clinton Avenell
Booking Officer
Work for
NABS 11 months



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**More than 530 Interpreters
all over Australia**

A lot of our Interpreters work near
and far
wherever Deaf people
live and use private
medical services.

Remember: If your Interpreter
does not come to your
appointment please
tell us **AS SOON AS YOU CAN!**

DSRQ State Swimming Carnival

On the 26th March 2011, Deaf Sport and Recreation Queensland held their first State Swimming Carnival at the Runcorn Pool.

NABS representative Deborah Howcroft-Miles went to check out the competition and speak to some of the participants and spectators. The day was very exciting with swimmers coming down from Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast.

The highlight was the relay races.

The competitors all participated in a relay.

International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships



Australia hosted the 6th championships at Yokine Bowling Club in Perth between the 1-12 April 2011.

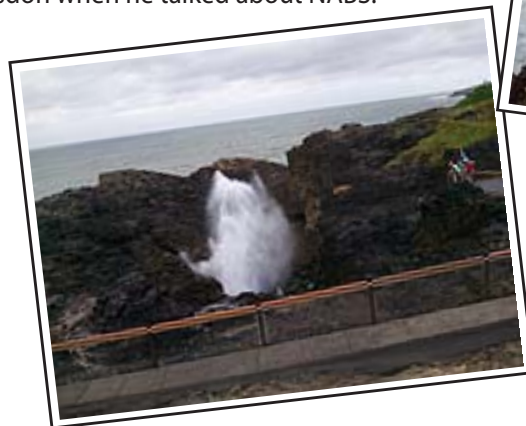
This was the second time that the champs have been held in Australia since they began in Melbourne in 1993. This event is held every 4 years in a different Commonwealth country. Previous championships have been held in Scotland, South Africa, New Zealand and Wales. The competition consists of a Round Robin tournament played by a men's and women's team from each participating country and the best one wins!

Apart from the bowls competition, there was lots of opportunities for old and new friends to socialise on the Day Excursion, at Deaf Club events in the evening and at the Goodearth Hotel in Perth where all the teams and visitors are stayed. The highlights were be the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. At the Opening, the Wadumbah Aboriginal Dance Group performed the welcome and Alexandra Shaw signed Advance Australia Fair. The flags were raised and the teams paraded. At the Closing Ceremony, Rae Gibson, retired professional mime put on a special performance. Then the newly-established WA Deaf Theatre Group performed for the first time ever. They then provided a background for Alexandra Shaw, who signed "Waltzing Matilda" for the climax of the afternoon. A typical Aussie barbecue was then be served to VIPS, players, visitors and everyone else.

Ray visits Kiama

Very friendly Deaf Community and Kiama is nice place.

Thank you to everyone who went to see Ray Hilsdon when he talked about NABS.



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