

Cochlear Hearing Solutions

Cochlear Implants

Captures sound using an external speech processor and sends it to the inner ear via an internal implant placed in the cochlea.



- ① Freedom behind the ear processor
- ② Cable & Coil

Bone Conduction Implants

Re-routes sound via bone conduction, sending it directly to the cochlea, bypassing the middle ear.



For more recipient stories

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For more information on Cochlear solutions

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Cochlear Awareness Network (CAN)

CAN is a team of volunteers who are recipients of Cochlear hearing solutions, or parents of recipients.

They proactively educate the community and health professionals on how Cochlear hearing solutions can dramatically improve the communication ability and quality of life for people impacted by a significant hearing loss.

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Faye's story

Hereditary sensorineural hearing loss

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Hear now. And always



Meet Faye

I would like to share with you my story of living life to the fullest with Bilateral Cochlear implants.

I was born with a hereditary hearing loss and grew up using two hearing aids. My siblings, parents and grandparents are all hearing impaired.

As a teenager I spent 5 years learning the skill of lip-reading through Better Hearing Australia. This improved my communication greatly and allowed me to develop what many have called *a remarkable memory*. It also enabled me to *watch and understand* conversations from a distance. Travelling to and from work on public transport was sometimes very interesting!

I had an accident while holidaying at the snowy mountains when I was 25 that resulted in a profound hearing loss in my right ear. I suffered a medical problem in 2003 (aged 44) which caused me to lose most of the small amount of hearing I still had in my 'good' left ear. This caused me major communication and personal problems because of my profound deafness.

2004 and 2005 were probably the hardest years of my life. During this time I worked for a computer company managing IT Support for thousands of users spread throughout the world. My hearing was deteriorating so quickly that I considered throwing-in-the-towel at work. Everything was becoming *too hard*.

In March 2005 and April 2007 I had my Cochlear Implant operations in Sydney. On both occasions my surgeon was Professor Bill Gibson ... to whom I am forever grateful.

At my first *switch-on* everything sounded a bit robotic. But my brain quickly responded and within 24 hours people started to sound normal ... as normal as I can remember.

Day one was unbelievable ... I could hear the birds chirping in the trees, the blinkers clicking in the car and I had no idea that flushing the toilet was such a noisy event! Filling the kitchen sink with water sounded like Niagara Falls and my little dog's bark was way too loud.

Having my second cochlear implant in 2007 improved my hearing even further. I can now

judge which direction sounds are coming from. Having two cochlear implants work like surround-sound giving me a clearer and improved quality sound. I just love using my Bilateral Cochlear Implants. Two ears are definitely better than one!

Thanks to Cochlear I can now hear better than I have ever heard before. I have regained my independence and confidence and I can now use the telephone and mobile phone as well.

As a member of the Cochlear Awareness Network I often spend time guest speaking for any organisation, service or professional who would like to know how a Cochlear hearing solution can improve the lifestyle and communication ability of adults and children with moderate to profound hearing loss.

There is no charge for this service. Please feel free to contact me on (02) 9706 8007, mobile 0412 830 041 or fayeyarroll@optusnet.com.au.

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