

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 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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Bob's story

Industrial Deafness

*"I am continually amazed by the rich
COLOUR in sound."*

Hear now. And always



Cochlear™

Meet Bob

I was born in Wollongong in 1946 and enjoyed an extremely healthy and playful childhood. At 19 I joined the Armed Forces, passing the rigorous medical, and was posted to the Royal Australian Artillery Corp. Now, because in those days hearing protection did not exist, all the noises of heavy Field and LAA guns unfolded before my ears.

There is no genetic footprint of hearing loss in my family but, in retrospect, the damage to my hearing had already started so being exposed to the heavy artillery noise exacerbated it. But I never noticed a problem until 2000 when friends made it clear they were sick of repeating themselves.

I refused to accept my deafness but by 2002 I needed professional help. An Audiologist fitted me with Digital Hearing Aids in both ears. Over the next four years I got more powerful aids as my hearing diminished. Unfortunately, by 2006 I was forced to retire from my Taxi and Limo driving because I could no longer understand

conversation in a vehicle. At this stage I was profoundly hearing impaired in the right ear and severely impaired in the left.

Social activities ceased as, for me, more than two people constituted a crowd. I struggled with retirement, working part time before admitting defeat. In 2008 my GP sent me to an Audiologist who, after exhaustive tests confirmed I was no longer hearing enough to hold a Commercial Driving Licence. It was a traumatic moment.

I was recommended for a Cochlear Implant. WOW...was I excited. I was implanted by Professor Gibson in April 2009. The support provided by the staff at SCIC is enormous and any fears and concerns I had were handled by a wonderful group of professional people who only had one interest at heart ... my well-being.

Switch-on day will forever be remembered as the day I got a second chance at life. My Clinical Audiologist from SCIC, went through the steps and then it ALL happened. I was switched on. AWESOME just about describes the amazing feeling of hearing the most vivid array of sounds imaginable. Screeches, pings and pure NOISE

befell me. After a period of minutes, a speech test showed I understood 64% ... not bad first up. Everyone was smiling or crying. At my eight week 'mapping' I understood 94% of speech.

My journey continues...In April 2010, I received my 2nd Implant once again by the wonderful Prof Bill Gibson and now the rehabilitation starts again. I was told by 'experts' (bilateral recipients) I wouldn't know myself once I got 'stereo' sound. How very true. Already the overall improvement is quite noticeable.

The implant team are 'fantastic' and since I've been there before, I'm not concerned about what lies ahead. My hearing will just keep getting better.

I am now comfortable with my processor and intend to keep learning as my hearing journey continues. I am looking forward to enhancing this wonderful experience by supporting others who are about to start on this journey.

"I want to help others who are making this hearing journey."