

# 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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## Glenda's story

Deafness caused by Meniere's disease

*"Rejoicing in rejoining the world of hearing!"*

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Hear now. And always



## Meet Glenda

I would like to share with you a snippet of my journey from the world of hearing into the isolation of deafness, and now my new life as a recipient of Bilateral Freedom Cochlear Implants.

The cause of my deafness was Meniere's disease. I remember my first 'attack' when I was 23 and over the next few years my condition became chronic. The main symptom was a sudden attack of vertigo which resulted in me being bed-ridden for many hours on an average of four times per week. In desperation I agreed to accept a series of operations that I understood would only kill the symptoms and leave the disease silently aggressive within me. I knew there was still a possibility of becoming profoundly deaf.

My hearing loss deteriorated progressively and by the time of my first cochlear implant there was total deafness on my right side and a severe hearing disability on my left side.

Living in the world of silence was so frustrating. Before my first implant I could hear sometimes



but it was merely a garbled sound. I struggled to recognise a word here or there and I was continually lip-reading and watching body language to try and understand speech.

I no longer used the telephone; work responsibilities altered; routines at home changed and I became increasingly dependent on my husband. I was silently grieving for my independence and felt a huge burden on my family.

By 2006 I was desperate. The necessary assessments for a cochlear implant were undertaken and it was agreed for my 'better' ear to be implanted. September was 'switch-on'. This was so exciting and something I will always remember. I could understand my audiologist speaking to me straight away and it sounded quite normal.

Many changes were happening. I could understand people talking to me, even from behind sometimes, and I was constantly asking people around me; *"What is that noise?"*

Because my work environment is very noisy with speech coming from all directions, the pros and

cons of being a bi-lateral cochlear implant recipient were explained to me. After much consideration I agreed to have the second implant.

June 2007 was switch-on and to my amazement, and that of the Cochlear Implant Team, I was able to understand speech immediately.

This wonderful Australian invention has given me back my independence and I am actively participating in life with very few challenges. My husband says, *"I am a new woman!"* I now talk on the telephone and use a mobile, hear with both ears and appreciate some music again.



It is because of my life experience and the miracle of Cochlear Implants that I am ecstatic to be Part of the Cochlear Awareness Network as I have so much to be thankful for.

*"I am what I am.... and I consider myself a very blessed person."*