

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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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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Josie's Story

Hearing Impaired since Adolescence

Happiness Is Hearing

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Hear now. And always



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Meet Josie

Josie's hearing loss started in her teenage years. She found it hard to continue her study and lost her confidence. This is Josie's story.

It started in my teens when I found I was having difficulty hearing. My dream had always been to become a Mothercraft Nurse so I could work with children and I found it so difficult when I attended Lectures because I had to take notes and lip-read at the same time.

My hearing loss was diagnosed as Otosclerosis, a bone disease in the middle ear which causes the small bones to become fixed and stop working. This means the vibrations of sound are not transferred into the cochlea.

When I was 21 I had an operation in one ear and this helped me hear better for a while. I married and had four children. Unbeknown to me, my kind of hearing loss is made worse by pregnancy so having children caused further deterioration. At this time I decided to have my other ear operated on which, unlike my first operation, was a complete failure. By now

hearing in my 'good ear' was starting to deteriorate and I tried various kinds of hearing aids, but they were never much help.

The effects of my hearing-loss forced me into isolation and I found it very difficult to communicate. I was depressed, withdrawn and insecure, my confidence hit rock bottom; I had become a recluse.

I heard about an organisation called Better Hearing, so I went along to find out what they offered, not realizing what an impact this small decision would have on my life. I became a member and joined their lip-reading classes. It was a great experience and education for me when I realised I was not the only person in the world with a hearing loss. I learnt many skills to help me to cope with managing a deteriorating deafness. The friends I made at Better Hearing have become an extended family because we are joined by our common hearing loss.

In 1995 I decided to do a two year Diploma course and also a one year Hearing Advisor's course at Better Hearing so I could help and support others with similar problems.

While I was studying I was finally diagnosed as being so deaf that I was eligible for a Cochlear Implant operation and this has been a success.

The joy of hearing sounds that had been lost to me is wonderful. I love the sound of rain on the roof and autumn leaves crunching under foot. I love to hear my grandchildren yelling and screaming together.

With renewed confidence I spend a lot of time and energy helping others. I am a tutor, an ambassador, advisor, a foster carer, a member of committees, including holding the post as president of Better Hearing for 3 years.

The precious gift of hearing has been a miracle not only for me but also for my very supportive family and friends. Thank you to Professor Graeme Clark who pioneered this wonderful Cochlear Implant as well as the Cochlear Implant Clinic in Melbourne for their continued support over the last 13 years.

"My returned hearing has given me confidence."