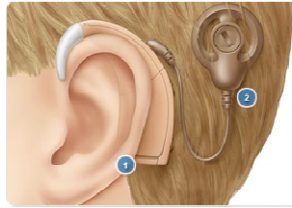


Cochlear Hearing Solutions

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 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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Lyn's story

Slowly deteriorating hearing

"I now feel I am once again a complete person."

Hear now. And always



Meet Lyn

My early teenage years were plagued by sudden giddy attacks. After a few of these attacks, sometimes in the middle of the night, my mother took me to our family doctor. *"I think it is just a growing phase that will soon pass"* we were informed. As the attacks were intermittent at long intervals, nothing was pursued.

As I grew older the debilitating attacks got worse. More visits to the doctor and still no conclusion as to the cause. It wasn't until I had my second child it was suggested my hearing should be seen to by an ENT specialist. The news I had otosclerosis seemed gentle enough, I was grateful it wasn't a disease which carried a high death rate. Dr Beaumont suggested limiting my family as pregnancy made this condition worse. Twelve months after my second daughter was born, I had a stapedectomy on my left ear. This helped improve my hearing, but I was warned the condition would degenerate as I aged. My tinnitus seemed to be increasing at

the same time, to the point that it was louder than someone speaking to me. I volunteered for a research study at Flinders University to see what could be of help to the many others who experienced these noises in their head. The study provided no cure, but I learnt how to manage through lifestyle, diet and a positive mental outlook. In my volunteer work my husband had fast become my ears answering questions put to me.

I experienced a very sudden loss of hearing a few years after my second marriage. Sound was like listening to a blurry noise. It returned to normal for a few days, but then it set in again. I saw my ENT specialist again. He suggested a cochlear implant. I told him I was fearful of another large operation due to my mechanical aortic heart valve but he reassured me it would be worth it.

The operation took place in 2008; it was going to be a new challenge for me. After the help of a great team of dedicated cochlear technicians I

eventually heard sounds that had been lost to me for many years. My husband revelled in my new hearing and I noticed a tear of joy at the sight of my positive happy reaction when I could listen to music once more.



I now have nine grandchildren and the joy of hearing all of them, either in person or over the phone, is a sheer delight.

I now feel I am once again a complete person.

If I need bilateral cochlear implant in due course, I won't wait so long, I will never deny myself the joys of hearing again.

To everyone from Cochlear implant Professor Clark, my doctors, technicians, to my family and friends, I am forever indebted to all for granting those sounds of hearing back to me.

"I am indebted to all for granting me sound again."