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### News items

The science of why music improves our memory and verbal intelligence

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/07/21/the-science-of-why-music-improves-our-memory-and-verbal-intelligence/?hpid=z9&utm\\_source=eNEWS.073015+Oticon&utm\\_campaign=eNEWS.073015&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/07/21/the-science-of-why-music-improves-our-memory-and-verbal-intelligence/?hpid=z9&utm_source=eNEWS.073015+Oticon&utm_campaign=eNEWS.073015&utm_medium=email)

Inflammation Boosts Drug-Induced Hearing Loss in Mice

[http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/releases/15/Pages/072915.aspx?utm\\_source=News&utm\\_medium=bulletin&utm\\_content=07.30.15&utm\\_campaign=NIDCD](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/releases/15/Pages/072915.aspx?utm_source=News&utm_medium=bulletin&utm_content=07.30.15&utm_campaign=NIDCD)

Early evidence suggests hybrid cochlear implants may benefit millions with common form of hearing loss <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/07/150728120202.htm>

Babies' brains show that social skills linked to second language learning.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/07/150727100024.htm>

Simple procedure using a nasal balloon can help treat hearing loss in children

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/07/150727130808.htm>

Working Together – Manual for Sign Language Work within Development Cooperation

<http://wfdeaf.org/news/working-together-manual-for-sign-language-work-within-development-cooperation>

Bionic ear inventor Graeme Clark 'excited' about new project

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/bionic-ear-inventor-graeme-clark-excited-about-new-project-20150725-giiykz>

Deaf students make music with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-23/deaf-students-play-music-with-melbourne-symphony-orchestra/6642540>

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Scientists have developed an eye drop that can dissolve cataracts

[http://www.sciencealert.com/scientists-have-developed-an-eye-drop-that-can-dissolve-cataracts-from-eyes?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+sciencealert-latestnews+%28ScienceAlert-Latest%29](http://www.sciencealert.com/scientists-have-developed-an-eye-drop-that-can-dissolve-cataracts-from-eyes?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+sciencealert-latestnews+%28ScienceAlert-Latest%29)

Fighting to be first blind federal politician

<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2015/07/fighting-be-first-blind-federal-politician#>

British pensioner gets bionic eye in operation which could help millions with age-related sight loss <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-22/doctors-perform-breakthrough-bionic-eye-operation/6639106>

Revolutionary bionic eye to cure blindness from old age macular degeneration

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/revolutionary-bionic-eye-to-cure-blindness-from-old-age-macular-degeneration-20150722-gihtr4.html>

New findings hint toward reversing hearing loss

<http://news.wustl.edu/news/Pages/New-findings-hint-toward-reversing-hearing-loss.aspx>

Study: Brains of the Blind Adjust After Vision-restoring Therapy

<http://www.voanews.com/content/brains-of-the-blind-adjust-after-vision-restory-therapy/2865424.html>

Deaf Discrimination: The Fight for Equality Continues

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lydia-l-callis/deaf-discrimination-the-f\\_b\\_7790204.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lydia-l-callis/deaf-discrimination-the-f_b_7790204.html)

Brain Building: Blindness Treatment Affects More Than Eyes

<http://www.livescience.com/51573-gene-therapy-blindness-treatment-reveals-brain-plasticity.html>

These Glasses Could Help the Blind See

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/these-glasses-could-help-blind-see-180955797/?no-ist>

Deaf drivers overcome workplace discrimination with job at Uber

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/deaf-drivers-overcome-workplace-discrimination-with-job-at-uber-20150714-gialca>

A human type of echolocation helps the blind <http://www.latimes.com/local/great-reads/la-me-c1-blind-clicking-20150713-story.html#page=2>

Hearing test pinpoints middle-ear problems in newborns <http://uofa.ualberta.ca/news-and-events/newsarticles/2015/july/hearing-test-pinpoints-middle-ear-problems-in-newborns>

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Fears for deaf babies <http://www.9news.com.au/national/2015/07/10/10/04/fears-for-deaf-babies-under-govt-plan>

Here's what happened when scientists gave blind people a 'bionic eye'  
<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/scientists-put-a-bionic-eye-to-the-test-and-it-helped-blind-people-see-again-2015-7>

Lack of time spent outdoors, more time using tablets blamed for increase in children's eye problems <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-10/lack-time-outdoors-more-ipad-blamed-childrens-eye-problems/6594522>

Mum designs special hearing aids for deaf children embarrassed by their devices  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/mum-designs-special-hearing-aids-6028658>

Hearing restored in deaf mice [http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/genetic-deafness\\_hearing-restored-in-deaf-mice/41537910](http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/genetic-deafness_hearing-restored-in-deaf-mice/41537910)

Gene therapy offers hope to congenitally deaf children, say scientists  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/gene-therapy-offers-hope-to-congenitally-deaf-children-say-scientists-10374933.html>

Hearing loss is a big focus of NAIDOC Week  
<http://www.coffscoastadvocate.com.au/news/hearing-loss-is-a-big-focus-of-naidoc-week/2694631/>

A blind woman is taking the ABC to court, claiming the public broadcaster is indirectly discriminating her by not providing audio description.  
<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/07/07/blind-woman-takes-abc>

First NDIS shopfront opens in Penrith to support 2,000 children, young people ahead of full rollout <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-01/national-disability-insurance-scheme-shopfront-opens-in-penrith/6585892>

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## Newsletters

AGBell e-news -New Study Shows Link between Newborn Aminoglycoside Use and Hearing Loss <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=0563b991-5c3c-4be4-86bd-608868183365&c=851f3400-a9bb-11e3-bded-d4ae5275dbc8&ch=865cbd10-a9bb-11e3-be15-d4ae5275dbc8>

Insight Online July 2015 [http://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online?utm\\_source=INEDJuly2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=online1&dm\\_i=4V0,3IU40,JDX7G8,CMM4F,1](http://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online?utm_source=INEDJuly2015&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=online1&dm_i=4V0,3IU40,JDX7G8,CMM4F,1)

AG Bell Responds to Pediatrics Article <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?ca=475213eb-0e57-4d61-ad15-85e4c37ed78e&c=851f3400-a9bb-11e3-bded-d4ae5275dbc8&ch=865cbd10-a9bb-11e3-be15-d4ae5275dbc8>

Link What's news in disability <http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0458c065b5f59775cd81f0a14&id=c45c6f99f4&e=e8142bce6c>

Institute on Blindness - With One Semester To Go, Clouds Remain over Braille in Math and Science <http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=dd357b98ae66a7c0f8dd4b169&id=c90d08c3b0&e=f485c0f31c>

ECA NSW June/July Newsletter <http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/state-territory-branches/nsw/#newsletters>.

Lowitja Institute eBulletin 27 July 2015 <http://thelowitjainstitute.cmail1.com/t/ViewEmail/j/1A5BCDDC00760A4B/D67C650B2238F27C5EC08CADFFC107B>

PWDA Daily Media Round-Up Monday 27 July 2015 [www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

DARU Update - 27 July 2015 <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=d08a59297e&e=87212e98e4>

CAP THAT! Newsletter <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0bc2f4d8f7d627236a4d07ea9&id=d4249c70b5&e=584c30dd02>

LINK What's news in disability <http://linkonline.com.au/enews/2015/july4/content.html>

Down Syndrome NSW eUpdate <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=56351cdac1cc173241ec4d25e&id=39bec2a2df&e=cf7f41f100>

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Sense members' e-bulletin - July 2015 <http://updates-sense.org.uk/6RW-3JDA8-E9860EV2CE/cr.aspx>

One in Six newsletter  
[www.deafnessforum.org.au](http://www.deafnessforum.org.au)

PWDA Daily Media Round-Up Monday 20 July 2015  
[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

DARU Update - 20 July 2015 <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=c0ad4f8d81&e=87212e98e4>

LINK What's news in disability  
<http://linkonline.com.au/enews/2015/july3/content.html>

Special Education Today  
<http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/cec/cec071615.php>

PWDA Daily Media Round-Up Friday 17 July 2015  
[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

CAP THAT! Newsletter <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0bc2f4d8f7d627236a4d07ea9&id=a08f07d200&e=584c30dd02>

PWDA Daily Media Round-Up Wednesday 15 July 2015  
[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

Australian Eye Health Research Review <http://www.researchreview.com.au/au/Clinical-Area/Other-Health/Ophthalmology-Optometry.aspx>

The Lowitja Institute 13 July 2015 eBulletin  
<http://thelowitjainstitute.cmail2.com/t/ViewEmail/j/BD9502A98F16CCA0/D67C650B2238FF27C5EC08CADFFC107B>

DARU Update - 13 July 2015 <http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=498c2f9b3e&e=87212e98e4>

NB – 10 July 2015  
<http://rnibnews.org.uk/4UY-3IGWB-ED26L2CT04/cr.aspx>

APH News, July 2015  
<http://www.aph.org/advisory/2015adv07.html>

Special Education Today  
<http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/cec/cec070915.php>

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What's news in disability: Link

<http://linkonline.com.au/enews/2015/july2b/content.html>

AccessWorld July 2015

<http://www.afb.org/aw/main.asp>

Early Childhood Australia WebWatch #215 <http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/our-publications/eca-webwatch/webwatch-index/>

PWDA Daily Media Round-Up Wednesday 8 July 2015

[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

One in Six newsletter

[www.deafnessforum.org.au](http://www.deafnessforum.org.au)

DARU Update 6 July 2015 [http://us4.campaign-](http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=2eb8cf8ffa&e=87212e98e4)

[archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=2eb8cf8ffa&e=87212e98e4](http://us4.campaign-archive2.com/?u=302b7fc3cb039a9e08bba4cb3&id=2eb8cf8ffa&e=87212e98e4)

Daily Disability Media Round-Up for Monday 6 July

[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

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## **Journal ToC alerts**

Language Learning: 65, 3 (September 2015)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/lang.2015.65.issue-3/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology 57, 8 (August 2015)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dmcn.2015.57.issue-8/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

The Hearing Journal - July 2015 - Volume 68 - Issue 7

<http://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

The Journal of Special Education August 2015; Vol. 49, No. 2

<http://sed.sagepub.com/content/49/2?etoc>

Journal of Research in Reading 38, 3 (August 2015)

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jrir.v38.3/issuetoc?campaign=woletoc>

Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare for July 2015; Vol. 21, No. 5

<http://jtt.sagepub.com/content/21/5?etoc>

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## Other Resources

A clearinghouse for research and evaluation evidence on what works to overcome Indigenous disadvantage <http://www.aihw.gov.au/closingthegap/>

Deaf Children Australia has released an Auslan font for free use.  
<http://deafchildreinaustralia.org.au/auslan-fingerspelling-font/>

Working Together - Manual for Sign Language Work within Development Cooperation  
<http://www.slwmanual.info/#home>

NLM Digitizes Unique Early English Books, Allowing Free Online Access  
[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/digitized\\_early\\_english\\_books.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/digitized_early_english_books.html)  
Source materials for Deaf History scholars

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this current awareness service for the use of people working in the field of sensory disability.  
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