

HEARING CLINICS



Byron Shire Community Health

Hearing Services

Full diagnostic audiometry services are provided to all people in the Byron Shire.

There are two hearing clinics held each week - One at Byron Bay Community Health Centre and the other at Mullumbimby Community Health Centre.

- All services are by booked appointments only. Phone the Community Health Centre to book.
- Allow about 1 hour for a hearing assessment
- Generally children are booked in for the morning appointments and adults in the afternoon
- This is a free service.

Referrals

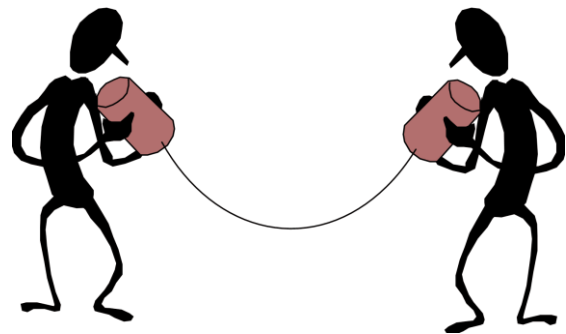
Referrals can be made by anyone – parents, carers, teachers, GPs, Specialists and other health professionals.

- Hearing services are able to be provided in Byron Shire to all children over 3 years up to 18 years of age.
- Children do not require a doctor's referral.
- All adults do require a doctor's referral.
- Hearing Clinics for toddlers and children under 3 years of age are provided at Community Health Centres in the Tweed Byron Network. For Appointments contact Audiometry Nurse at Tweed 07 5506 5400
- Children under 9 months contact Australian Hearing Services in : Lismore Ph: 02 66232100 or Tweed Heads Ph: 07 5599 4899

- When booking children with special needs for hearing appointments please tell reception so they can make a double booking and allow adequate time for the assessment.
- Hearing Services for private industry screening or monitoring not available

What to look for with a hearing loss?

- Lack of attention
- Selective hearing
- Delayed speech and language development
- Inconsistent responses
- Speaking too loudly or too quietly
- Learning difficulties
- Reduced ability to discriminate between sounds eg: h, s, sh, th, f
- Difficult behaviour/ frustration
- Impaired recall and comprehension
- Peering at speaker's face
- Always asking "what?" or "pardon"



Having a hearing loss is a hidden disability and causes serious problems for learning, communication and social interaction.



Butterflies have no ears so
they do not hear ...
We have the special gift of hearing and we
need to care for our ears.

For further information

Audiometry Nurses Association of
Australia website – go to link
www.anaa.asn.au

or contact Pam Walmsley
the Byron Shire Child Health/
Audiometry Nurse on

Ph: 6687 0012

How you can contact us

Hearing tests are held at:

**Byron Bay Community
Health Centre**

Shirley Street, Byron Bay
(next to Hospital)

Tuesdays

To make an appointment at Byron
please phone 6685 6254

**Mullumbimby Community
Health Centre**

Azalea Street, Mullumbimby
(next to Hospital)

Mondays

To make an appointment at
Mullumbimby phone 6684 1677

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