



## **Lions Hearing Foundation of Western Australia (Inc.)**

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The Lions Hearing Foundation was formed in 1977 to serve as a charitable service orientated Lions Foundation in the State of Western Australia. Its objects are to work in the field of hearing conservation and to help the hearing impaired and deaf people in particular those who could not otherwise afford what is required.

We try to increase the public awareness of disorders of the ear and auditory system and encourage the improvement of services for the hearing impaired people in general. With the mutual support and co-operation of the Ear Science Institute Australia (ESIA), we assist the expansion and development of audiological and medical services in respect of both treatment and prevention for the hearing impaired persons at the Lions Hearing Clinics.

There are now five permanent Lions Hearing Clinics and one visiting clinic located across the Perth Metropolitan area. Locations include Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, the ESIA building at Subiaco, Winthrop, Joondalup, Mt Lawley and Swan Districts Hospital.

The Hearing Dogs, situated in Hahndorf, South Australia, supply dogs for the hearing impaired. They also supply a number of FM Systems to be used in Year 1 Primary Schools to help children with hearing problems.

We also collect used hearing aids to be used by the WA Hearing Bank for people who cannot afford to pay for aids or that our required to be sent abroad. Hearing aids can be left at any HBF office or the Lions Hearing Foundation at PO Box 3126, Broadway, Nedlands.

The Hearing Foundation also finances the Lions Hearing Screening Bus which visits community events in Western Australia testing hearing free of charge. In the Lionistic year 2010-11 (July –June) 565 people were screened with 409 referred for further audiological testing. In the Year 2011-12, 906 tests were carried out with 689 being recommended for further testing. This is a staggering 76% of testings referred.

The Foundation is now the proud owner of a new mobile screening bus thanks to funding from Lions Clubs International, Lotterywest, Razzamatazz and Lions Clubs of Western Australia.

If you would like the screening bus to visit your area to carry out testings, please contact us on [lionshf@gmail.com](mailto:lionshf@gmail.com)

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