

Hearing Loss Management Classes with Better Hearing

Better Hearing Australia provides classes and/or group sessions in Western Australia, Victoria, Queensland and NSW.

The Course is composed of 6 modules.

- (1) The Human Ear, [Associated Factors are Vertigo, Recruitment, Tinnitus, Hyperacusis, **Meniere's Disease** and Acoustic Neuroma.]
- (2) Effects of Hearing Loss, [Speech Intelligibility, Psycho-Social effects -Loss, grief & strain, adjustment and preventing deterioration.]
- (3) Speech Production & Elements of Speech [Phonetics, Lip movements, Cued speech etc.]
- (4) Presenting Hearing Loss Management [Role of Tutor, Adult Teaching Methodology etc.]
- (5) Audiograms & Hearing Aids [Part 1: Understanding your audiogram, Decibels, Frequency & Sound-waves. Part 2: Maintenance of Hearing Aids & Cochlea Implants, etc.]
- (6) Assistive Devices [Captions, Hearing Loops/Augmentation, Hearing/companion Dogs, Mobile/Smart phones, Computers, Visual Alarms etc.] Recent additions for this Module are Captel & Konnekt video-phones & Video-conferencing.

Classes are aligned with the school terms and each class is for an hour. Costs can vary and be based on categories, such as Individual, family or concessional. In some Branches, an annual membership fee of \$40 per annum (on average) is all the participants pays. In other places there is an additional class fee of \$25 per term (or for 10 x hourly sessions).

In one Region, new students are initially charged \$16 per hour (but no membership fee?) in a semi-private support or training arrangement (including a weekly Skype session, if remote). Such students can subsequently become members of Better Hearing Aust. and continue to participate in lipreading practice and special "guest speaker" functions or meetings, for just their membership fee.

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