

The impacts of hearing loss on children under school age



A hidden issue of vital importance

Tuesday 25 November 2014, 9.30am–12.30pm Community Migrant Resource Centre Level 4, 1 Horwood Place, Parramatta

Hearing loss is often undetected in very young children, but its effects can be profound. They can include:

- Delayed, even permanently limited speech
- Loss of critical brain function
- Frustration and socialisation difficulties.
 Learn to recognise the signs of hearing loss,

and how to advise families about the best people for them to approach with concerns.

The venue is five minutes walk from Parramatta Station, and there is parking close by in the Horwood Place Parking Centre.

Register for this not-to-be-missed event now. Visit **paintthetownread.info** for updates.

Professor David Ryugo uses neurophysiology and neuroanatomy in his studies of the auditory system. He spent 9 years on the faculty at Harvard Medical School and 23 years at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine before retiring as professor emeritus. In 2010, he moved to Sydney to join the Garvan Institute and the University of New South Wales. His research focuses on understanding brain mechanisms that underlie hearing in mammals with an emphasis on structure-function relationships in auditory circuits of the brain. He is especially interested in how deafness and hearing loss alter brain organization, and

in exploring strategies for hearing restoration. Professor Ryugo is also a Principal Honorary Fellow at the Bionic Institute in Melbourne and an honorary member of the Ear Nose & Throat Department at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Catherine McMahon is head of Audiology at Macquarie University.

Barbie Bates is Executive Director of Paint the Town REaD. With staff from Western Sydney's Aboriginal Medical Service, she will outline a proposal for a simple, universal otitis media prevention program that can be incorporated into child and family community work.

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Registration form



Complete the registration form below, then either:

- 'Save as' to save the form to your computer, then email it to bb@paintthetownread.info, or
- **Print** the form and **post** it to: Paint the Town REaD, 61 Byrne Street, Lapstone NSW 2773 Receipt will be sent by reply to the emailer of the completed form, or to the first name below.

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Cancellations must be advised in writing to Barbie Bates. Cancellations received before C.O.B.

7 November 2014 will receive a full refund. No refunds for cancellations after that time.

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