

SPECIAL GATHERING OF THE DEAF COMMITTEES

A gathering of Deaf Committee Members was held in the Conference Room of the Adult Deaf Society of Victoria, East Melbourne on Saturday, 1st January, 1983. Approximately 17 were in attendance.

Mr. Parsons opened the gathering with a welcome and best wishes for 1983, and called on Mr. J. Lovett to chair this gathering.

Mr. Lovett spoke on a strong need for a National Organisation of the Deaf to be formed.

Mr. Shannon spoke on recent formation of the Victorian Council of the Deaf.

Members spoke on their respective committees' attitudes toward formation of the National body.

N.S.W. and W.A.	- "wait and see"
Queensland	- had no opportunity to talk about it.
Victoria and S.A.	- interested and have full support for National body.

N.S.W. Deaf Committee involved with Australian Deafness Council at state level.

"Hearing Dogs" could be an example of action by the National body.

Discussion was held on type of National body membership

- individual or state bodies.

Corporate membership without voting rights to be invited and associate membership extended to local groups.

All voted in favour of format of the National Group of the Deaf.

STEERING COMMITTEE membership - persons were invited to sit on the committee they were: -

Bruce Muller
Dot Shaw
David Peters
John Webb
Malcolm Shannon
Elaine Girke
Steve May
John Lovett

NAMES OF THE BODY:

National Association of Deaf in Australia
Australian National Council of the Deaf
Deaf National Council of Australia
Australian Council of the Deaf

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

It was agreed to request people present at the gathering to contribute \$5.00 to the opening fund of the group.

CLOSURE:

J. Lovett brought the gathering to a close at 4:20 p.m. with thanks to all for their interest.