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## Kim Simpson from the Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children





Kim gave us an excellent presentation about the programs and involvement of the RIDBC.

Some of their activities are:

Access to expert advice, family support & technologies. Tele schooling via dedicated coms lines, and prepare for regular pre or primary schooling.

Early diagnostic is essential to create a home environment best suitable for the child.

Government only provides <30% of funding the rest has to be raised by private donations. For example: \$75.- buys an educational pack for a remote family; \$140.- a special therapy session; \$500.- for literacy resources across Australia; \$2240. – for a 400page braille book;

In partnership with Macq. Uni. they are developing a Vision & Hearing Centre. S.C.I.C. (Syd. Cochlear Implant Centre) & Cochlear form a close partnership. Our very own Kelvin Kong is a recognized expert in this field and our member Geoff Diemar is living proof of the great success of the programme.

In this Bulletin:

Pg 2: speaker next week Change-over dinner

**Visitors:** 

none

Lady Luck: Heads and Tails:

Doug Craike

Raffle:

Richard Turner

## Congratulations Birthdays:

none

**Anniversaries:** 

Hugh & Ann Randall 27<sup>th</sup> May 3 years Dieter & Helga Greiter 29<sup>th</sup> May 45 years

Member Duties next week

Door:

Bart Richardson/Helen Ryan

Meet/Greet

Ros Cribb/Warwick

Mathieson

**Loyal Toast** 

**Greg Flux** 

Grace

John Crump

Intro Guest speaker

Tim Irelandl

Thank Guest Speaker-

Bill Michel

**Bulletin** 

John Cropley

Apologies/Extras to Ros Cribb, latest by noon on Wednesday! by Phone or Text 0401 450 239

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# The speaker next week is Maitland woman of the year.

Prominent Hunter business identity Pennie Kearney had been named Maitland Woman of the Year.

She is a wonderful advocate and fundraiser

Ms Kearney, CEO of Hunter disability service the Mai-Wel Group, received the award at a Women's Network Hunter NSW gala dinner.

The former school teacher began her community work at the age of 16, when she raised money for the local swimming pool at Merriwa.

Ms Kearney has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Mai-Wel and has been a strong and positive role model of community service in Maitland.