

Hi,

I was born with profound hearing loss and i have cochlear implant since i was 8. It was so frustrating for my family when i didnt have cochlear implant back then because they have to come to me and tap my shoulder when they want to talk to me. Sometimes i dont understand what they r saying when im not wearing Cochlear implant so having Cochlear implant have changed my life and im very very happy with it and never look back. I feel like im half hearing and deaf.

I cant think of something that you need to know. I dont have problem to talk to anyone because i hve PDA to write down. When i meet someone i dont know, i asked them to write down on paper sometimes. Im very good lipreader since i was little. But sometimes i need Auslan interpreter for dr, centrelink, employment service etc

I went to hearing school. Mum didnt want to send me to deaf school in melb...too far. Not many ONLY deaf school in Geelong area.

Im still with Australia Hearing Service as im on disability pension so no problem with them

I sent a letter to GO! channel about 2-3wks ago, complaining about no captioned/subtitles. And i also rang them via National Relay Service online last week and the man said they cant afford to have subtitles on ALL shows, espeically new show called Vampire Diaries. Im very very disappointed. All hearing impaired and deaf need captioned on ALL shows and dvds. Thats the only problem i have at the moment

Im not sure if this is important, i have a car and i know lots of deaf people drive a car. I was wondering about something like technology for car to let us know that there is ambulance or police with seirns on behind us. I didnt have problem, i always check mirrors but just in case we need it in future.

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