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PARENTS IN GIPPSLAND MEET FOR DEAF KIDS

Parents of deaf and hearing impaired children in Gippsland have been invited to attend the Parents in Gippsland (P.I.G.) meeting in Rosedale on 12 July at 11am.

The P.I.G. group was set up with the help of Deaf Children Australia to provide friendship, ideas and support for families with deaf children in the Gippsland region.

95% of families who have a deaf child have little to no experience with deafness. It is not surprising, therefore, that many parents feel overwhelmed when they discover that their child is deaf.

The P.I.G group allows parents to connect with other families who are going through a similar experience. This helps reduce feelings of isolation and enables families to approach the future with greater confidence.

There are exciting things happening in the Gippsland Region this year for parents of deaf and hearing impaired children. Aims have been developed for future activities and we would love your input.

The meeting will be held at the Victoria Rose Restaurant and Tea Rooms on Princes Highway, Rosedale. A table has been booked under Ross of Deaf Children Australia.

Please RVSP to Ross of Deaf Children Australia on 9539 5300 or email rossoz@deafchildren.org.au by 10 July 2006.

Deaf Children Australia represents the needs of 16,000 deaf and hearing impaired children throughout Australia, and has been enriching the lives of deaf children and their families for 144 years.

Deaf Children Australia provides information, advocacy, education support services, audiology, speech pathology, physiotherapy, counselling, psychology, family and community support services, Auslan tuition, accommodation, employment and interpreting services to deaf children and their families.

As a not for profit organisation, these services are made possible with the support of volunteers, the community, businesses, government grants and fundraising.

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