

RAISE AWARENESS NOW.

Please Help
Deafness Foundation
achieve our goal by
hosting or attending a

SOUND BITES PICNIC

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Foundation is
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The Foundation was established in 1971 by
Dame Elizabeth Murdoch and is a leader in
deafness research and support in Australia.



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HEARING AWARENESS WEEK® 1-7 March 2021



A DEAFNESS FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

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Please join our **Sound Bites Picnic** on:

Hearing care for all!

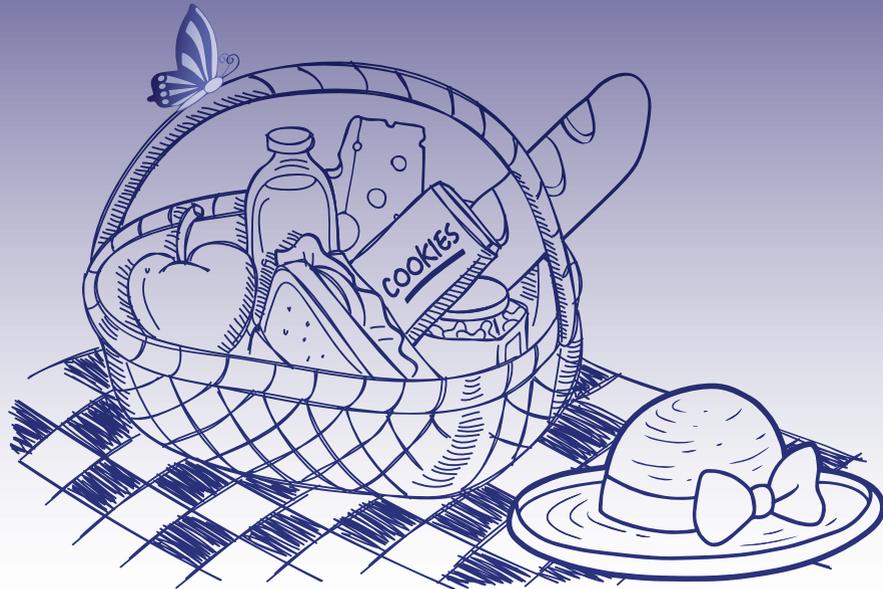
Hearing Awareness Week

is an initiative of the Deafness Foundation designed to raise awareness of the impact of hearing loss and strategies to prevent hearing damage.

Hearing loss is life-altering. It is often preventable, so awareness is critical.

A **Sound Bites Picnic** will support the Deafness Foundation whilst educating the community in the value of protecting their hearing and improving the lives of those with hearing loss.

Join a **global drive** to raise awareness, have some fun and learn to protect your hearing by holding a Sound Bites Picnic between **1 - 7 March 2021** during Hearing Awareness Week.



THE UNFUN FACTS, DID YOU KNOW...

Over 5% of the world's population – or 466 million people – has disabling hearing loss (432 million adults and 34 million children).

It is estimated that by 2050 over 900 million people **or one in every ten people globally** will have disabling hearing loss.

- Hearing loss is the most common disability in adulthood.
- In Australia, deafness and hearing loss affects 1 in 6 people and costs Australians a staggering \$11.75 billion annually in lost productivity and other impacts.
- One-third of people acquire their hearing loss through preventable means.
- Employment rates for people with hearing loss are 20% lower for men and 16% lower for women.
- Individuals with moderate to severe hearing loss are up to 5 times more likely to develop dementia.
- Without the availability of support, Australians with hearing loss will experience a reduction in quality of life.

