



**Deaf
Australia Inc.**

**2nd National Conference
&
25th Anniversary Celebration**

Big Things Grow

From Little Things



***Hotel Grand Chancellor
Hobart, Australia
13 – 15 May 2011***

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warmly invites you to its 2nd National Conference and 25th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Hobart, Tasmania, 13 – 15 May 2011.

The conference theme is inspired by the song, 'From Little Things Big Things Grow'^{*}, which tells a story of struggle, determination and triumph that could well be adapted to the experiences of the Australian Deaf Community. As shown in the painting by the late Ron Wild^{**}, the Australian Deaf Community was once small and met under street lamps where the light allowed them to see each other to communicate. Today we have a large, well organised and active community with strong influence on relevant government policy and service provision. The conference will celebrate the 'little things' we started from and the 'big things' we have achieved, but mostly it will focus on the 'bigger things' we look to in the future. It will also celebrate 25 years of Deaf Australia.

The Conference will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, which overlooks the historic Hobart waterfront.

The Conference will be fully accessible with Auslan interpreting and real-time captioning. It is for everyone – Deaf and hard of hearing people, family and friends, service providers and policy makers.

In the coming months we will be distributing:

- Call for Papers
- Conference Registration Papers
- Sponsorship Packages
- Trade Display Packages

All of the above information can be viewed online at www.deafau.org.au as it becomes available. Hard copies can be supplied upon request.

In the meantime, if you wish to register your name for any of the above, simply email to gaye.lyons@deafau.org.au with your area of interest/enquiry in the subject heading (example: 'Call for Papers' or 'Sponsorship').

**Song written by Paul Kelly/ Kevin Carmody **Painting image supplied courtesy of Deaf Society of NSW*