

## APPOINTMENTS

Children may be referred by parents, Doctors or other health and education professionals. For enquiries or appointments, please contact us at: **(08) 9328 4574**

## OTHER SUPPORT

We may introduce you to other resources, including:

- **Referral to GP's and ENT Specialists** - our expert team, or as chosen by you
- **Referral** to Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, early intervention education programs, hearing implant programs and Australian Hearing - the Australian Government Hearing Services Program for people under 26 years
- **Access** to parent support services for children with a diagnosed hearing loss
- **Other Parents**- those whose children have had similar ear health or hearing difficulties as yours



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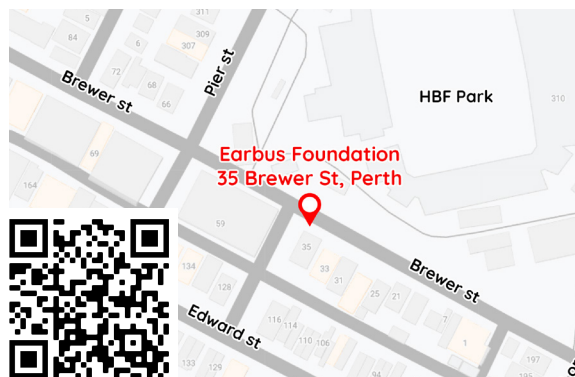
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# HEAR TODAY

## CHILDREN'S HEARING SERVICES



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# CHILDHOOD HEARING CHALLENGES

## Newborn "Risk Factors" for Deafness

Annual hearing tests are recommended for all children with risk factors - even those who "pass" their newborn screening. Some types of hearing loss don't show up for months or years.

## Ear Infections ("glue ear", otitis media)

80% of children have at least one ear infection by 3 years of age. Because they don't always hurt, your child may not complain so you won't always know. Symptoms include: excess crying, speech delay, vague responses, irritability, ear tugging, poor balance, turning the TV up.

## Acquired Hearing Loss

In rare cases, illness or an accident may cause a permanent hearing loss in one or both ears.

## Speech, Language & Social Behaviour Delay

These are the most common signs of hearing loss. To receive a Plain English list of "Speech & Hearing Milestones Birth to 5 Years" email [admin@earbus.org](mailto:admin@earbus.org) Speech milestones include: child makes 2 or 3 different sounds (0-3 months), babbles (3-6 months), uses 2 or 3 words e.g. "mama", "dada", "bubba" (12-15 months)

## Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

APD often follows a history of "glue ear" or ear infections. It can include difficulties with muffled speech or hearing when background noise is present, remembering instructions or long sentences - even when hearing and intelligence are normal.



# INTRODUCING HEAR TODAY

## WHAT IS HEAR TODAY?

As a specialist paediatric clinic we provide the full range of best-practice hearing tests for children from newborn to adulthood. We are part of Earbus Foundation of WA, a not for profit children's charity. Our services include:

### Professional Care in a Relaxed Setting

Experienced Paediatric Audiologists provide a professional but personal approach to parents and children

- Our centre is family-friendly with baby feeding welcomed and facilities provided for nappy changing and milk preparation
- We provide the latest recommendations which are tailored to your family - without the jargon

### Easy Access

- Central metro location
- Parking within steps of our door
- Statewide presence - from Port Hedland to Esperance

### Hearing Assessments: Birth to Adulthood

- Our clinic is one of few with the expertise and equipment to provide screening and comprehensive diagnostic assessments for babies from newborn to 6 months
- We provide a monitoring service for children with Hearing Loss Risk Factors from birth to school age (and beyond if required)
- We provide hearing assessments for children with or without referral from birth to adulthood

### Ear Health Monitoring

We provide 'tympanometry' testing to track your child's middle ear health (this gives information that cannot be seen by looking at the eardrum)

- This detects middle ear congestion or infections that can come and go, particularly in winter
- This congestion can cause a hearing loss and help your doctor decide on the best treatment for your child

### Ethical

Children in regional and remote areas often have no access to services. By supporting our Perth-based clinic, you help to support service provision to children across Western Australia.