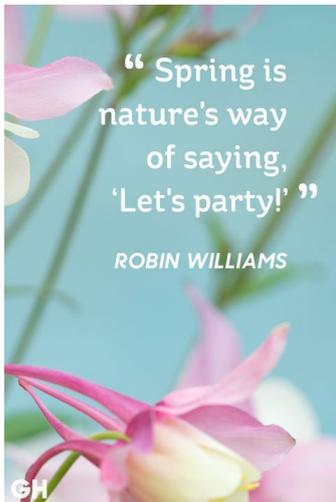




### Quote of the Month



### Welcome

**Spring is well and truly here and we are gearing up for the race to the end of the year. Victorian Hearing has had a busy few months with travelling audiologists and there is more to come. Nicole and Michael have been invited to assist the Starkey Hearing Foundation in their charitable work in audiology in remote areas across the world. They will be travelling to the Philippines in November. We also have some new services and a new website to showcase in this edition.**

### News

#### **Vestibular Triage Services now offered at Clayton and the CBD sites**

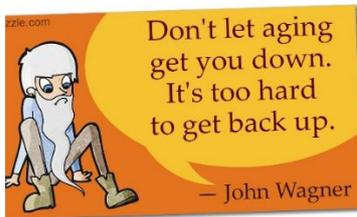
We are nearly set up to offer Vestibular Triage at our Clayton and CBD sites to allow us to test dizzy patients in an efficient manner and provide a preliminary diagnosis.

Appointments can be made without a GP referral by calling our friendly team.

#### **The Lyric Summit - August 2018**

As the Key Opinion Leaders for 2018, Victorian Hearing made a presentation at the Lyric Summit in Sydney.

### Joke of the Month



*Nicole Bowden, Patrice Lockwood, Angela Hatfield, Michael Polkinghorne at the summit.*

## Nicole's International Lyric Trip

An important part of being the Key Opinion leaders for Lyric Australia was that Nicole was able to visit the Lyric headquarters in Switzerland, as well as clinics in Paris and London, to exchange tips and advice with some of the biggest Lyric providers in Europe.

It was inspiring to see how passionate the Swiss are about quality electronics and changing people's lives for the better. It was also refreshing to see we all provide our Lyric services in a similar fashion and have to deal with the same computer glitches in our working day!



The Cochlea shaped stairs at HQ



Beautiful Zurich



Nicole at Sonova HQ



Nicole with some of the research & technical team at Phonak HQ

### What does dizziness have to do with hearing loss?

Contributed by Amanda Tonkin, associate editor, *Healthy Hearing* October 9, 2014

Chances are that if you have had an evaluation for dizziness, you also had your hearing checked. On the other hand, it is also likely that if you've visited a hearing healthcare practitioner to have your hearing evaluated you were questioned about any dizziness you may have experienced.



Dizziness and hearing loss aren't always connected, but a visit to your hearing healthcare professional should be able to clear this up! So what exactly does dizziness have to do with hearing\_loss?

The relationship between hearing and balance is anatomical. One of the things that makes the ear unique is that it is the only organ to house two different senses: hearing and balance. The hearing portion of the inner ear is called the cochlea. The cochlea is contained within the same bony structure as the balance organ.

Because these two senses are housed in the same structure, it's possible that some inner ear disorders can affect both our hearing and vestibular sense. The particular pattern of hearing and vestibular impairment can give clues as to the cause of an ear disorder. If dizziness were present, but there was no disturbance with your hearing, a hearing evaluation would probably still be done. A hearing test can pick up subtle, unnoticed changes in your hearing that can provide diagnostic information about your dizziness.

Dizziness isn't always connected to hearing loss. If the brain is not able to coordinate the inputs from the three parts of the balance system, there is central dizziness. Central dizziness can be the product of migraines, tumours, infections and degenerative diseases like multiple sclerosis. Another unrelated cause of dizziness is visually based. This occurs when the eye muscles are imbalanced or through overwork while trying to focus.

Individuals who suffer from possible dizziness spells and aren't sure if their hearing is related should visit a hearing healthcare professional to establish a baseline and begin searching for the root cause of their issue.

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### **Community Sponsorship**

Victorian Hearing are keen to continue supporting the local community. We currently sponsor various Bowls Clubs, Cricket Clubs and Yacht Clubs close to our clinics.

Please let us know if your club is looking for sponsorship or would like us to visit to provide a Hearing Health information session or free hearing screenings.

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