



## For Immediate Release

### The Gift of Sound, a concert for Archie and friends with hearing loss

'Music Man' Barry Bull has a 50-year career with music – it's one of his passions. His other passion is his family, and his grandson Archie who was born profoundly deaf.

As a Hear and Say Community Champion, Barry Bull is combining both of his loves in an entertaining afternoon, raising money to support Archie and his friends so they can continue to receive the gift of sound, on Sunday 9 September at the Surf Club Mooloolaba.

The afternoon concert will be three hours of great music and inspirational stories. Tickets are \$25.00 which includes afternoon tea, with the concert starting at 2.00pm.

Barry has asked that in honour of his grandson, Archie and all the other children who are being supporting on the day, that people dress in loud and colourful shirts and outfits.

Archie Cavanagh was born with seriously impaired hearing which was a huge shock to his family. But the day they found Hear and Say, Archie's hearing, listening and speaking journey began. Archie received cochlear implants and is learning to listen and speak just like his hearing peers.

Just like any grandfather would, Barry speaks proudly of his grandson's achievements.

"Archie will turn four in a few months and his progress at Hear and Say has been nothing short of amazing. He is not missing a moment of everyday learning, and his social skills are simply endearing. I know I speak on behalf of the entire family when I say how grateful we are for the wonderful support Hear and Say provide, giving the gift of sound and speech to deaf children," Barry Bull said.

Hear and Say Founder, and Queensland Senior Australian of the Year, Dr Dimity Dornan, AO will be at the concert, and will share some local stories of when Hear and Say first opened on the Sunshine Coast, and the role that the community played back then, and today.

"These concerts mean so much to all of us at Hear and Say because it is the true meaning of community spirit, thank you Barry, and also my thanks to all of the people who attend on the day, your support is very special," Dr Dornan said.

**Those details again: Sunday 9 September from 2.00pm-5.00pm at the Surf Club Mooloolaba, tickets are on sale now for \$25 which includes afternoon tea. Book on line at [www.hearandsay.com.au/the-gift-of-sound/](http://www.hearandsay.com.au/the-gift-of-sound/) or call Hear and Say on 3850 2111 or The Surf Club on 5444 1300.**

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## **About Barry Bull**

Barry is truly the 'Music Man'. His 50-year career began with the 'Sound of Music' and today Barry is a musician, speaker, author, where his 'Gift of Sound' presentations blend words and music into an inspirational true-life story. All funds received from Barry's Community Champion speaking engagements are donated to Hear and Say so that they may continue to support children to hear, speak and learn in this musical world.

## **About Hear and Say**

Established in 1992 by Dr Dimity Dornan (2018 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year), Hear and Say is a Queensland-wide charity supporting children and young adults across five centres, as well as via a Telepractice program for rural and remote families. Our current programs and services include audiology, listening and spoken language therapy, school hearing screening, social skills programs, and physiotherapy and occupational therapy support. Hear and Say is also committed to clinical research and professional development.

Our aim is to support all children to hear, listen and speak so they can attend mainstream school, and fulfil their potential across all areas of life. Hear and Say combines state-of-the-art hearing technology (such as digital hearing aids and cochlear implants) with specialised listening and spoken language therapy.

Almost 100% of children who have graduated from our early intervention program in the past five years have entered mainstream schools, and are speaking at a level equivalent to their typically-hearing peers.

As a not-for-profit organisation, Hear and Say must raise over \$10,000 each year, for up to six years, to fill the funding gap for one child with hearing loss to listen and speak.