

## WHY CHOOSE US

## ABOUT OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR

Andrew Stewart is qualified in electronics and has been leading research into hearing augmentation systems for over 35 years – including designing, installing, testing and commissioning of Hearing Augmentation Systems. He and his team have conducted their own research of comparison methodologies of installing hearing loop systems and designed and constructed test equipment. He's been involved in installations at Sydney Opera House, Airports, First Class Qantas Club Singapore, public transport, art galleries, museums, theatres and many others.

Andrew was a the drafting leader in the development of Australian Standard AS 1428.5 - 2021, (as well as AS 1428.5 - 2010), the authoritative document on Hearing Augmentation in Australia. He is also a life member of Deafness Forum of Australia (the peak body for hearing impaired people in Australia) and continues to represent them, as he has on many committees for over 20 years.

Andrew has been hearing impaired all his life, with a progressive loss, and now wears two cochlear implants. He has 9 other family members who wear hearing aids and/or cochlear implants

## **Why choose Hearing Connections**

## **Hearing Connections is built on experience of Andrew Stewart, who:**

- Has been wearing hearing aids since age 7, and now wears two cochlear implants.
- Knows both sides of the story the lived experience, and the electronics qualifications.
- Has been **specialising** in Hearing Augmentation Systems for over 35 years.
- Was instrumental in the writing of the definitive Australian Standard AS 1428.5 (both 2021 and 2010)
- Has conducted research and development of Hearing Augmentation systems for improved outcomes.
- Has over **35 years of design, installation and commissioning** of Hearing Augmentation systems (loop systems, FM systems, sound field systems and public address systems) for a range of public access buildings, from small halls to significant buildings and venues, including Sydney Opera House and airports.
- Lectures in Hearing Augmentation for building professionals.
- Provides **training** in Hearing Augmentation for Access Consultants, Building certifiers and surveyors, and architects.
- Over 20 years of advocating for the needs of deaf and hearing impaired people.
- Is a life member of Deafness Forum of Australia.
- Has won numerous awards for service in advocating for the needs of deaf and hearing impaired people

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