NOISE DOES DESTROY
Wimmera Hearing Society Inc
WHO HAS A HEARING LOSS?

HOW DO WE HEAR?
Who has a hearing loss?

Hearing loss is more common than you think!

Source: Hearing Impairment In an Australian Population, 1998
Anatomy & Physiology of the Ear
I’d like to introduce you to Bruce Hearing History

- Broad acre farmer
- Born and raised on family farm in the Wimmera
- Now running the farm
- Age 57
- Shooter from teenager
- Has worn ear protection in the last 20 yrs
WIMMERA HEARING SOCIETY INC.

**Basic Screening: Air Conduction Test**

Test Centre ____________________________ Date 4/3/1982

Name: BRUCE

Age: 24  Male [ ]  Female [ ]

Occupation: PRIMARY PRODUCER

Pension: Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Aged [ ]  Veteran [ ]  Other [ ]

Tymp Screen: Left [ ]  Right: [ ]

Otoscope: Left [ ]  Right: [ ]

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES WITH:

Phone Conversation: Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Person to Person Conversation: Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Tinnitus - Head Noises: Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Menieres Disease: Yes [ ]  No [ ]

TODAY'S TEST SHOWS YOU HAVE:

Normal Hearing [ ]

Further Testing [ ]

Pre-existing Hearing Loss [ ]

Comments: [ ]

DEAR DOCTOR:

According to these results above, his/her hearing is below the levels considered acceptable for his/her age.

- Medical Assessment

- Comprehensive audiological assessment is available at your local Audiology Centre or Local Health Unit.

- He/she receives a pension and is therefore eligible to apply to the Office of Hearing for a hearing assessment.

- This patient is eligible for a Volume Control Phone.

Tester/ Counsellor

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WHITE - CLIENT COPY  YELLOW - WHS COPY  BLUE - DOCTOR'S COPY
WIMMERA HEARING SOCIETY INC.
Basic Screening: Air Conduction Test

Test Centre __________________________  Date 3/3/99

Name  Bruce

Address

P/Code

Age  Male ☑  Female ☐

Occupation Primary Producer

Pension: Yes ☑  No ☐

Aged ☐  Veteran ☑  Other ☐

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Test Centre ___________________________ Date 7/3/12

Name Bruce ________________________

Address ____________________________ P/Code ______________

Age 54 Male ☐ Female ☐

Occupation Primary _______________________

Pension: Yes ☐ No ☐

Aged ☐ Veteran ☐ Other ☐

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Normal Hearing

Mild hearing loss

Now with a high frequency loss
OPTIONS FOR BRUCE
- GET HEARING AIDS
- COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES
- LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE
- ISOLATE HIMSELF STAY AT HOME
- DON’T ATTEND MEETINGS
- GET CROSS WITH FAMILY AND NOT COMMUNICATE
- GET STRESSED
- SHUT THE WORLD OFF
WHAT SHOULD Bruce have done to help prevent his hearing loss
Wear ear protection at all times when exposed to loud noises
Give your ears a rest when you know you will be exposed to noises for a long period of time