

# These hearing aids really work

Colin Quaid is a mining supervisor from Bunbury, working in Carburnup, a mining town about 200 kilometres outside the Perth metro area. He has had hearing problems for around half his life and wearing hearing aids for about 12 years. Even so, Colin says he was pretty much unaware of just how poorly he was hearing before October this year when he was fitted with Passion 440 hearing aids. He had read what Lindsay Olman and John Waters said about how good it felt to have their hearing ability restored, and he wanted to find out for himself.

“You can imagine that, as a mining supervisor, I attend meetings constantly and I need to understand what’s discussed. I struggled to hear what was said and found myself having to take what I could from discussions, and use my experience to make up the rest. I guess I just became accustomed to being on a time delay,” says Colin. “I would assess what I thought was said, and then try to make sense of it. And then I’d come up with an answer.” Now he understands every word and jokes that the staff have to be very careful what they say because they know he can hear every word. “These hearing aids are so good, I really can hardly bare to take them out at night. I feel as though something is missing when I turn in for the night,” says Colin.



Mine manager, Colin Quaid with audiologist Brad Hutchinson

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Colin’s wife Vanda is also delighted with her Husband’s new-found hearing. “Our wedding anniversary was usually an occasion when we had dinner in a restaurant and went straight home afterwards because Colin couldn’t tolerate his hearing aids in such a noisy place,” said Vanda. “That meant we couldn’t have a conversation. I’d have to raise my voice to speak to him, which resulted in everyone else in the restaurant being in on what we had to say, whether or not they wanted to. But this wedding anniversary was altogether different: Colin wore his new hearing aids, and we sat in the restaurant and enjoyed a

conversation without feeling others could hear what we had to say,” said Vanda. “I love Colin’s new hearing aids as much as he does.”

“I didn’t recognise how bad my hearing was until I tried these hearing aids which are so great, they have given me such a boost, that I feel they have already paid for themselves,” Colin said. The difference in the previous aids and my new ones is like comparing old-fashioned 78 records playing on a radiogram and the latest and greatest music from a digital surround sound music system.

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