



FARMER GETS HIS LIFE BACK

Lindsay Olman is a farmer from Mullewa, and until his hearing deteriorated, was a community leader. His hearing worsened significantly through a lightning strike 13 years ago.

He has worn hearing aids unsuccessfully for five years, with competing background noise preventing him from hearing in social situations, at meetings, in the street, watching TV, the radio, in fact anywhere.

"At meetings, I couldn't understand a word anyone was saying," he said. "In social situations, the noise sounded like 'chooks' speak', and I felt very isolated. I had to give it all away.

"When my youngest grandchild came to stay on the farm and I was left in charge for a day, I couldn't understand a word she said. "I was aware this could have been dangerous."

Lindsay said he was continually in trouble with his family for his hearing status. Then the catalyst for change came: His younger brother became angry with him because he had to repeat every sentence, even though they were sitting right next to each other. Lindsay said he knew he had to try to find a solution.

He has now been fitted with mind440 benchmark hearing aids. He wrote last week to say he had listened to the radio in his car all the way back to Mullewa, 450km from Perth. He felt a miracle had been performed with his hearing because he could now understand every word.

"These mind440 hearing aids are so fantastic, they are very close to natural hearing, and I would like to see them promoted so that everyone benefits as much as I have," Lindsay said. "I can easily identify sounds around me, including hearing the person in front of me, even in noisy social situations. "Also, wind is no longer a problem. They are so comfortable to wear and they are out of sight."

The community work he enjoyed so much is back on the agenda, he has attended meetings and understood every word. Needless to say, Lindsay has already recommended two of his friends for fittings of these hearing aids.

"The best part is, I feel as though I've been dead for the past three years, but now I am well and truly back on track and very much looking forward to enjoying participating in life, my industry and the local community," Lindsay said.

If you, like Lindsay, experience hearing problems, you may want to come and see the professional staff at Sonic Hearing for a trial of the latest and greatest in hearing aids, the mind440 hearing aid.

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