

## Spring Newsletter 2025

Happy Spring everyone! Hard to believe it's October already and a lot of the blossom has come and gone. The year has flown by and brought some big changes. Jo and I have now settled into Level 2 in the Forte 2 building – it's amazing to think we've been here since April. We're enjoying the company of our colleagues at New Zealand Hearing and the ENT specialists who are on the same floor. We flew through the winter with warm premises and no need for the merinos we used to wear at Barbadoes Street. It's also great to have an ear nurse specialist here, Wendy, equipped with a bed and microscope.



I'm very fortunate to have a view from my window and nice natural light coming in. So far I've seen a car towed away and someone come off their scooter on the street outside, as well as plenty of fire engines since we're just down the road from the central fire station. Such drama, haha! The room I'm in now is sound treated, complete with double doors, so there's no need for my sound treated booth – though I still have it (for now) 😊.

It's been lovely to see many of you who've come to the new premises. Jo and I have loved catching up with our long-time clients and really enjoyed meeting so many new faces too. Clients have found parking very convenient and plentiful from the Peterborough Street entrance (although you can drive through to the carpark from Kilmore Street between the Forte Health and Forte 2 buildings).



There have been some new hearing aids released over the winter, such as the Widex Allure – first-time users in particular have been loving the sound quality. Other popular models are the Oticon Intent and Unitron Smile aids. Of course, we're still an independent clinic and choose aids based on your needs, the physical shape of your ears and budget, amongst other things. Rechargeable receiver-in-the-ear devices remain very popular, and more manufacturers are now producing custom-made rechargeable aids for those who prefer not to have electronics behind their ear. As a rule, the rechargeable custom-made aids are a little larger than most battery-operated ones, but there are several smaller options too.

It's been a busy but exciting few months as we've settled into our new space, and we look forward to welcoming you to our new premises soon.

Kind regards,  
Carolyn and Jo

