



HERE TO HELP: Ron Clark and Jodie Miles will be attending Monday's launch of the Hear For You hearing support group, a first for the Mackay region.

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Do you know someone with hearing loss? There's help

PEOPLE in Mackay who suffer hearing loss there is now a group that's 'hear for you'.

In a first for the city, the local Deaf Services Queensland has the support of a group of volunteers who will give people suffering hearing loss the attention they need.

And it starts today.

Mackay Hearing principal audiologist and director Jodie Miles

said the new group, named Hear for You, provides meaningful support not currently available for our community.

"Deaf Services Queensland runs a comprehensive program of services for our local deaf and hard of hearing community and, for the first time, this will be complemented by a local support group for people managing hearing loss," Ms Miles said.

"While your audiologist should

remain your first point of contact for diagnosis, advice on treatment options and general support, there is a lot to be gained from peer-based support - people to share experiences and tips with, who are potentially going through the same challenges as you".

"I've had many clients ask about the existence of this type of group, and we are so excited to see it come to fruition."

The group is run by volunteers from Mackay Hearing, but is completely independent from the clinic.

"People who use the services of other hearing clinics are more than welcome to attend," she said.

'Hear for You' will meet on the second Monday of every month, starting this Monday at 10am at North Mackay Bowls Club, at 74-76 Malcomson St.