

The Muir brothers were involved with the Victorian Deaf community from around 1880 - 1916.

The brothers were twins Adam and William, and younger brother John. All three were born in Richmond, Victoria and had Waardenburg Syndrome.

Their parents originated from Scotland and came to Melbourne, Australia in 1834. Their mother's father was a well-known Minister in Melbourne. His name was Rev Dr Adam Cairns.

The Muir brothers were all heavily involved in various roles such as missionaries, following in the footsteps of their grandfather.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Mission Victoria had various sub-committees. The Muir brothers were involved in one of the Deaf Sub-committees.

The Muir brothers established the Deaf Cricket team which still exists to this day.

The 'Our Monthly Newsletter' was prepared by an editorial team, including John's wife Daisy Muir and another great Deaf man named Matthew Miller.

The Adult Deaf and Dumb Society was started through the hard work of Adam with help from his brothers William and John. They also received support from their grandfather, and uncle.

The Muir brothers were very important people, leading the way in empowering Deaf people to be part of their own community and the wider society.

They were looked up to as role models by many Deaf community members.

Daisy Muir was known as Daisy Damman before she married. Her family originated from Germany. Daisy, however, was born in Melbourne and had an older brother named Gustav who was also Deaf. As I mentioned earlier, Daisy married John Muir in 1902.

Daisy's nickname from the Deaf community was 'The Queen' as she was always very well presented and was best remembered for her dedicated work within the Deaf community sector, particularly with Deaf women between 1901 and 1916.

For many years, Daisy was a motivated and strong leader of the Deaf women's movement. She encouraged Deaf ladies to become involved in the Deaf Women's Guild and gave educational classes in things such as language, storytelling, painting, and Bible studies.

Daisy was the first Deaf Secretary of the Deaf Women's Guild, known at the time as the Deaf Women's Friendly Society which was formed in 1901.

In 1909, Daisy became the first Deaf President of the DWG (Deaf Women's Guild). Daisy founded several groups such as the Deaf Ramblers Club (a walking group), the Deaf Worker's Club, who fundraised money and provided supplies to the Blackburn Home (now Regis), raised money for the Belgian Deaf Refugees and made garments for soldiers and the Red Cross.

Daisy formed and was the first President of the International Deaf Correspondence Club in 1915. Letters were written and circulated around the world by Daisy and other Deaf people from countries such as England, France, Scotland, Wales and USA.

Research into Daisy life through books and accounts from her family, showed her to be a talented, encouraging, caring and influential role model to many Deaf women and people.