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Meet The
New Talkback
Group In Victor
Harbor

I Was Lucky
By Ruth
Simmonds

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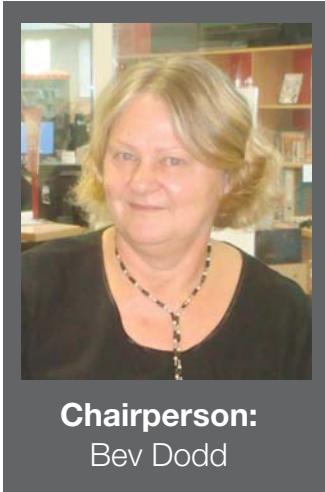
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Report - March 2011



Chairperson:
Bev Dodd

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and break.

Your committee took a short break, but has been busy over the last couple of months.

Talkback Association Brochure

We recently finalized the content of a

brochure about the Talkback Association. We are now looking at the design work and will then have it printed. We will give copies to Speech Pathologists and Neurologists, so that more people can find out about Talkback and what it does.

As part of designing the brochure, we talked about some key words to describe what Talkback does. We decided on

“Improving the lives of people with aphasia and their families”

We hope this reflects how people feel about Talkback. We will be using this on all our pamphlets and material from now on.

Raising community awareness through the Social Inclusion Unit.

We have sent some **stories** about living with **aphasia** to the **Social Inclusion Unit**. We want them to be aware of the issues people with aphasia experience. We also hope to raise the **profile** of people with aphasia through our contact with them.

Raising funds.

We are again selling tickets in the Central Credit lottery. We hope to use this for an Education event later in the year. Please talk to one of the Committee to get a ticket.

Young People's Event

We want to start a **young** people's group so that they could do things **together** and provide some support for each other. We decided to start with people aged **20-30**. We sent notices to all the Speech Pathologists working in the metropolitan area. We have found that there are 3-4 people with aphasia in this age group. Our first attempt to get a group together did not work, but we will try again later in the year.



Cover Picture
Brighton Jetty Classic Sculptures

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Stroke Choir - Retune

Recently I heard about a Stroke Choir in **Melbourne** for people with aphasia. This choir has been going for about a year. Some people have **reported** that they are **speaking better**. Most members of the choir reported **feeling better**. One person reported that she could smell things better. Information on this choir and the benefits of choirs can be seen on their website <http://strokeachord.com/>



Melbourne Choir Group - Stroke - A - Chord

Talkback has been discussing setting up a stroke choir with **Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre** and the **Port Adelaide** and **Enfield Council**. We have put in for a **grant**, but will not hear about this for a couple of months.

The Council has now offered to give us the **money** to **trial** a pilot choir and **Committee** has agreed that we would like to do this.

We are calling the choir "**Retune**". The choir will run for **9-10 weeks** during terms. It will be in the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council area. (I am currently looking at halls and rooms in the area).

The choir will have a **choirmaster**, a **music therapist** and a **speech pathologist**. We will use the Council money to pay for a choirmaster and a music therapist. Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre will provide the speech pathologist and some other support.

The choir will start at the **beginning** of **May**. Please let me know if you are interested in coming for the first term. Partners are welcome to come too. We will also be looking for **helpers**.

We will have a couple of Come and Try sessions in April.

As I read through some of the articles prepared for this edition, I noticed a general theme of "**lucky**"

I think Talkback is also lucky. We have a dedicated band of volunteers and we do amazing things for such a small organization. I

personally feel lucky to be part of an organization that is about improving the lives of people with aphasia and their families.

If you would like to be more involved in the choir or any of our projects, please let us know.

Please phone me on **8332 0577** or e mail the office on talkback@aphasia.asn.au

Bev Dodd

Chair

APHASIA ARTICLE

I Was Lucky

Five years ago I had a **stroke** that took away my **words** and **language**. I have **dyspraxia** and **aphasia**. Since then I have worked to regain some speech and language.

When I could read again I studied as much as I could about strokes and aphasia. I informed my friends and family about it and encouraged them to recognize the early warning signs of a stroke.

SO WHERE WAS MY LUCK?

Well at 3.30 pm on the 8th. February this year I was having afternoon tea with my husband, Doug and daughter Gail. I had just finished my cup of tea and had placed the cup on the table when a new stroke occurred. I was immediately **unconscious**. Gail recognized the symptoms first with my face and arms being affected. Doug reacted to my breathing and stopped me falling off the chair. Gail rang 000 and an ambulance arrived within 10 minutes. I was in QEH within a short while and was tested immediately.

The doctor asked Doug to agree to the **stroke treatment** which he did. This treatment should be done **as soon as possible** after a stroke with every minute delay resulting in more damage to the brain. It can only be given up to **4.5 hours after a stroke**. The cause of the stroke was a **blockage** in an artery by some



Ruth Simmonds

material that had been shaken loose by **“atrial fibrillation”**. This is a heart issue which I had no knowledge of having.

The stroke was on the right hand side of the brain so my left side was seriously affected.

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My treatment in QEH was prompt and as a result after 4 days I was cleared to go home with “no permanent affects”. The **new** medications prescribed for me should control the heart issue and prevent further problems of this kind.

SO I WAS LUCKY BECAUSE:

1. Doug and Gail were with me.
2. Both recognized the symptoms as listed on the FAST card.
3. Quick action to get me to QEH.
4. Quick treatment at QEH.
5. I have a folder listing all my medical details ready for the ambulance and hospital.
6. I have a Medic /alert bracelet.

The **medical details** in my folder includes all my **card numbers, medical history, prescriptions, QEH patient number** and **names** of my **doctors, family** and their **telephone numbers**. I carry a copy of this in my purse as well as having the folder ready at home. Doug has a similar folder on himself. There is also a copy of both in our car.

As I have aphasia I find it hard to use the telephone. So if Doug has a stroke or whatever I have a **prerecorded message** on a tape player next to the telephone to use with 000. Doug checked if this was OK and was assured that it was a good idea.

I like to think that by me insisting that the family are aware of stroke symptoms did help them take such quick action.

So I suggest that everyone take seriously the **FAST** card that sets out the stroke symptoms and to be prepared.

NOTE: I was told that QEH is underfunded in the stroke treatment section so the special treatment can be limited by the availability of staff.

By Ruth Simmonds

(with a lot of help from Doug)

APHASIA ARTICLE

Stroke Thrombolysis in South Australia

Thank you for the opportunity to write for your magazine.

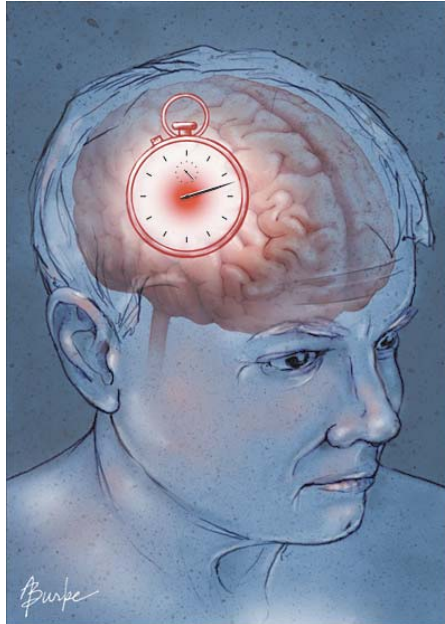
Stroke is very dear to my heart with my father having suffered a minor one and watching patients severely debilitated after an event.

Thrombolysis with tPA, a 'clot-busting' agent that can be given within **4.5 hours** of a stroke has significantly changed this however. The key is to recognise the symptoms of stroke **early** and to present to hospital as quickly as possible.

For this remember the acronym '**FAST**' – '**F**' for **facial weakness**, '**A**' for **arm weakness**, '**S**' for **speech disturbance**, '**T**' for **time** to act FAST. For every minute delay, **1.9 million neurons are lost!**

Ruth Simmonds was very fortunate to have received the treatment **early** enough to gain maximum benefit. Testament to this is her and her family's knowledge of stroke symptoms and organisation to ensure as little delay as possible to effective treatment.

Currently there are **4** centres that are able to provide this treatment in Adelaide – The **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**, The **Royal Adelaide Hospital**, The **Lyell McEwin Hospital** and The **Flinders Medical Centre**. The Queen Elizabeth and The Royal Adelaide Hospitals have the further ability to provide rescue/further therapy should initial thrombolysis be ineffective.



Staffing and resources are limited at these sites and resources to minimise delay to treatment is clearly needed. Your voice to **spread the word of stroke to your family and friends will be important at promoting stroke and ensuring the best outcome when either you or your loved ones suffer a stroke.**

The **Statewide Stroke Clinical Network** Chaired by Dr Jim Jannes, Head of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Stroke Unit and Chair of the Advisory Group that developed the **SA Stroke Service Plan 2009-2016**, has been established to help promote stroke service in South Australia.

The aims of the Network is to increase the level of clinician and consumer involvement in the planning of stroke services, to find ways to better coordinate delivery of those services, and to monitor the implementation of the Stroke Service Plan.

To register your interest in becoming involved, please email our Network Development Manager at kendall.goldsmith@health.sa.gov.au

Sincerely,

Dr Aaron Tan

**Neurologist and Stroke Physician
Staff Specialist**

APHASIA ARTICLE

Sydney TripThe Australian Aphasia Conference

The cab beeped its horn out front of our home in Hawthorndene at 5am. We kissed our sleeping children and left our little house in darkness.

Wolf and **I** were very excited with anticipation, on our journey to the Adelaide Airport, but for me (Wolf's wife and carer) the feelings of excitement were mixed with nervous anticipation.

Our local community creates all manner of hurdles and barriers for one in a **wheel chair** and with **aphasia**, but we have learned how to avoid and manipulate little Hawthorndene. If the bus has no wheelchair access, we are familiar with the train; We know the safest places to cross the main roads with an accessible ramp up onto the footpath; Which coffee shops have no steps to negotiate; Where to park the car to avoid having to walk 20 metres along a bustling main road to find a way up for pedestrians on wheels; We know the people who have learned to be patient with Wolf's communication difficulties; Which shops have room to get a wheel chair through the isles etc. We also have a home that has been modified to suit Wolf's needs.

I couldn't help but feel a little apprehensive about leaving the familiarities of our own hills town and flying to a state which I had not visited since a kid. The **carer** takes on responsibilities of all the organizing and managing of the trip, in a society that prevents disabled people from taking part in normal activities. It can be a tricky and stressful



Meri Karschimkus
Talkback Committee

business!

Our cab driver was great. He loaded Wolf quickly (Some dawdle with the loading process, as they are paid for loading time), took the shortest route (the drivers have been known to take the longest route to make themselves a quid! They believe that if the passenger can't talk well, they can't think well either!). He even accepted our disability discount voucher with out trying to wriggle out of it. Wow ... so far so good!

APHASIA ARTICLE

We booked an early flight to save on airfare costs (Making the dollar stretch has become a rather fun yet challenging lesson for us as now on disability and carers pensions). We booked with an airline who has an unreliable reputation... but we took a chance because once again it helped us stretch that dollar! In hindsight, perhaps not a **smart idea**.

On arrival we joined the queue to check in the wheel chair. We opted to take hand luggage only (save \$\$\$\$ again). All the necessary arrangements regarding the wheelchair, its weight, dimensions and additional charge were made **two months** prior. We opted to pay a little more to choose our seats (Wolf has to have an **isle seat**). All was good until... The stewardess takes one look at Wolf and announced that he could **not** take that chair on the plane! What???? Was she insane?!!! It's even stated on Wolf's ticket! Stay rational Meri – be calm. Well, to cut a long story short, persistence and tenacity got us on that plane (just in time and

very stressful), and with Wolfy's 'legs' (the wheel chair) tucked safely under the cabin! After all, our motels were booked and paid for, our flight was paid for, we had a conference date to meet, and Wolf needed his legs!

I transferred Wolf into the rickety **manual wheelchair** provided by the airline, while his electric wheelchair was taken on board. There was no footplate for him to put his stroke affected leg, no seat belt to hold him in, no arm rests to stop him from toppling over the edge and skinny little seat for getting down isle! (Very intimidating for someone who fears his epilepsy every second of the day and who has poor upper body strength and balance). Wolf engaged with the stewardess over the counter, but was unable to find the words to have his needs met. Even I was in the dark on this one! He gave up on words and tried gestures, asking for packing tape. Not for our luggage but rather to bind himself to the chair because he was so frightened of falling out!!! Truly!



Left: Anne & Tom Bunning with Meri, Wolfe and Jill at the AAA Conference Dinner in Bondi, Sydney September 2010

APHASIA ARTICLE

From the Sydney airport we caught a cab to the motel. The cab driver off loaded Wolf in his chair and I presented him with our **voucher discount booklet**, which states **clearly** its validity in **all states of Australia**...but not this cab driver. He refused the vouchers which resulted in a very expensive fare for us... Over \$100!

I had pre-booked and paid for the **motel** through an agency who offered superb deals over the net. I abandoned Wolf on the foot path while I checked in, as I was not able to get him up the step into reception. While standing in reception, I noted two flights of stairs to my right, but remained optimistic. After all, they were expecting us and assured us that our room was wheel chair **friendly**. I'd requested a wheel chair friendly room with full access, open space, door ways that accommodate a wheel chair, room for a wheel chair to negotiate the bathroom, no shower hub. They even kindly provided a shower chair. After completing the paper work, the gentleman asked me how I was going to get my husband up the stairs. What? Was he kidding?

Aside from not being able to stay at this motel, there were now two **additional dilemmas**. The motel owner refused to **refund** our money because we paid through an agency affiliated with the motel (I am still fighting for that refund 3 weeks later), and the other was that after spending the next 2 hours on my mobile, we learned that there was **no accommodation** available in Sydney with **wheelchair access** (there were hundreds of extra people in the state for a major function).

This was the last straw that **broke** the camels back. The tears began to prick behind the eyes as I envisioned the two of us sleeping in the street. By this time Wolf was riddled with thalamic pain down his right stroke affected side, which feels like flesh being ripped from his bones. It tends to be set off in times of stress. He then regresses further into a state of anxiety, as he truly believes that these attacks well develop into a grand mal seizure. His state of anxiety, pain and spasms called for **valium**, which we reserve for only the toughest times!

Still out on the hot foot path, making desperate mobile calls to motels, and we eventually found a vacancy at the **YMCA**. Yeehaa! We booked **many** cabs until one arrived that would **accept** the **vouchers**. Those who did not want to accept were furious with us for not taking the ride, but tough...I'd had enough.

The cab driver dropped us right outside the YMCA, only to find that there was **no ramp** up onto the footpath. So I played traffic cop running along behind Wolf and hustling the traffic, as Wolf maneuvered his chair in and out around parked cars. He hurled along that busy road with me running behind looking for a ramp in the footpath for a long stretch. We made it alive... PHEW! Hair raising!

APHASIA ARTICLE

All this time there was **no** easy place to find a wheel chair **accessible toilet** for Wolf, so on arrival at our motel a shower was in order. Poor Wolfie – it's so unfair.

The '**wheelchair friendly**'???? bathroom in the motel had a door that weighed 10 ton and opened in towards the chair. The toilet had the rail on the right side so was of no use to Wolf who only has no function down his left side. The toilet lid had a rail running directly behind it which caused the lid to flop down if not stabilised... but Wolf needs his only hand to both hold the rail (when there is one!) and direct the water works! How the heck is he supposed to manage a third thing (hold the lid up) when he only has one hand!? The shower had water squirting out of holes and cracks in the hose, which meant that the carer got saturated! So – we had no choice but to shower together...Wolf really hated that... he he he!

Wow, that was the **first** day and how **emotionally** and **physically exhausting**. Before crawling into bed, we decided to drag ourselves along Oxford Street for a bite to eat. We had planned to go the supermarket and grab some ham and rolls for dinner, but despite arriving in Sydney at 10:30 am, the negotiation of one hurdle after another meant that it was now early evening and all supermarkets were closed. We walked all the way North along Oxford Street and crossed over and walked all the way back again before we finally found an eatery with

wheel chair access - a dingy dirty little Chinese eatery – but we did not get to choose as it was the only place with wheel chair access into their building.

Our trip to Sydney certainly highlighted the **struggle** Wolf and other **disabled people** have against the way they have been prevented from taking part in normal activities of the community. Communities are designed by 'able-oids'! I am now convinced that the cause of disability is 'society who disables people' with different physical impairments by taking little or no account of how our world is organised. It has become evident to me that Disability is a socially caused problem.

Meri Karschimkus
Carer

TALKBACK NEWS

The Report Means Nothing!

Without 100% Bi Partisan Federal Govt Support

It will come as no surprise that the 2011 Australian Productivity Commission Report on Disability services reports just how grim things are for **people with a disability** in Australia.

We all knew what it would say because countless state and federal reports over the last decade on disability services have already placed in front of our parliamentary leaders the grim statistics of over 360,000 people with severe and multiple disabilities living in despair.

To read for yourself please click the following link (we suggest you download the 80 page summary first) - <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/disability-support/draft>

Key recommendations include

- Proposing that the Federal Govt take **responsibility** for funding the entire needs of NDIS
- Proposing that funding double **from** \$6.2 billion per annum to \$12.5 billion
- Proposing the creation of the **National Disability Insurance Agency**
- Proposing clients **accessing services** have much more choice
- Proposing funding be provided as **individualised** support packages
- Proposing full implementation **by 2015**

Public comment will be available in **Adelaide** on **Monday 18th April**, Hotel Grand Chancellor, 65 Hindley Street (times to be advised)



Please do not assume this insurance program is going to happen. At this stage it is simply a **draft discussion paper** and your ongoing support to raise public awareness and support is essential. **Disability Speaks** looks forward to keeping you informed of progress in this important program including

EXCERPTS FROM MEDIA CONFERENCE BY

Kevin Andrews MP

Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Human Services

Senator Mitch Fifield

Shadow Minister for Disabilities, Carers and the Voluntary Sector

TALKBACK NEWS

Joint Media Release

28 February 2011

COALITION WELCOMES PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION DRAFT REPORT ON DISABILITY CARE AND SUPPORT

The Opposition today welcomed the release of the **Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Disability Care and Support**.

The Coalition has strongly supported the Productivity Commission's work. The Draft Report is an important step towards providing a better deal for Australians with disability and their carers.

The current system of support for people with disability is broken. The status quo is not an option.

The Coalition recognises that people with disability, their carers and families deserve a **better** deal than they get and we need reform.

There needs to be a new system that puts the individual at the centre and in control.

The Coalition will study the Draft Report carefully.

Providing better support for people with disability should be core government business, and we note the Productivity Commission's view that these services should be **funded** from **core government revenue**.

Good budget management is key to funding disability support.

The Coalition notes the funding options canvassed in the Draft Report and approaches them and the Final Report with an open mind. People with disability aren't focussed on funding.

Aphasia Can Be Lucky

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Tom Bunning

TALKBACK GROUPS

DISABILITY SERVICES SA FULLARTON GROUP

Talkback Groups give people with aphasia the chance to **socialize** in a supportive group and they provide an opportunity to **practise** your speech.

The Disability SA Talkback Group is looking for new members. The group meets at Highgate Park Disability Services SA at 103 Fisher St, Fullarton.

Contact **Anne Walter** on ph: **8272 1988** or email anne.walter@dfc.sa.gov.au

HENDON GROUP

Acacia Court Talkback Groups meet on **Fridays 9.45 - 11.30 am** at 81 Tapleys Hill Road, Hendon. We are not planning a break before June.

For more information call **Bev Dodd**, Speech Pathologist or **Chris Dejoia** on **8243 1844**.

HOVE GROUP

The Talkback Groups meets at Alwyndor Rehabilitation and Support Services at Hove on **Tuesday at 10.00 - 11.30am**.

They operate during school holiday. Current block will run until July 5th.

For information please contact **Coralie Hayley**, **Speech Pathologist** on ph: **8177 2300**.

MORPHETT VALE GROUP

The group meets at Southern Therapy Service on Pimpala Road at Morphett Vale on **Thursday** from **10.00 - 11.00am**.

Current block will run until April 14th.

Participants have the option of attending the **Neurological Rehabilitation Group** for a programme of exercises. This follows the Talkback Group and runs 11.00am - 12noon.

For information please contact **Coralie Hayley**, **Speech Pathologist** on ph: **8322 5700**

MURRAY BRIDGE GROUP

The Murray Bridge group meets at the Murray Mallee Community Health Service.

Contact **Sarah Puust**, **Speech Pathologist** on **8535 6800** for more information.

RESTHAVEN PARADISE GROUP

Here at Paradise and Eastern Community Services we have had a successful block with good attendance.

The group meets at Resthaven Therapy Centre, 61 Silkes Rd, Paradise.

Contact Maryanne on **8337 4371**, **Tuesday & Wednesday** for information and session times.

VICTOR HARBOR GROUP

The Victor Harbor group meets every second **Tuesday 10am - 12pm** at Southern Fleurieu Health Service, Harbour View Terrace, Victor Harbor.

There will be a 6 week break at Easter and the group returns on May 24th.

Contact **Wendy Clark**, **Speech Pathologist** on **8552 0600** for more information

TALKBACK GROUPS

Victor Harbor Talkback Group

A **new** Talkback Group has started at Victor Harbor. It is being held at Southern Fleurieu Health Service on **Tuesday mornings** every 2 weeks. **Wendy Clark, Speech Pathologist**, is coordinating the group.

There are also 3 volunteers, Chris, Lorraine and Marilyn, helping with the sessions.

A meeting was held in January, to tell people with aphasia and their partners about Talkback. There was a **great** turn-out! At this stage, we have **9 members**, and we welcome any others who are interested.

We held our first group session 2 weeks ago. Our theme was **holidays** and where you were born - as we have several members who are from the UK. Some people brought along their photos. It really helped us to get to know each other, talking about where we are from and where we have been.

We will now refer to Patrick as **Pat** "I Been Everywhere Man" Cornhill. The Grand Canyon was a highlight for Pat.



Victor Harbor Talkback Group From (L): Lorraine Lyell (Volunteer); Ken Smith; Sarah Puust (Speech Pathologist); Neil Oxenberry; Catherine Williams; Wendy Clark (Speech Pathologist); Jean Proctor; Pat Cornhill; Pauline Byrnes; Chris Sutton (Volunteer); Dorothy Andrade; Marilyn Jordan;. Absent: Trevor Stone; Junice Cureton

TALKBACK GROUPS

Victor Harbor Talkback Group

Dorothy told a terrific story about her father, who walked from the top of Britain to the bottom, to test out a pair of boots for a company. (The soles were well-worn but they lasted). She also had a scary experience about an outing from a cruise ship, which went horribly wrong when they ran out of money!

Ken told us about his work in London, then Germany, where he met his wife and stayed for many years. We all enjoyed seeing Ken's old passports, with a mysterious young moustached man in the photo.

Junice told us about where she was born in the central part of England. **Pauline** worked as a

Governess on a huge station near Alice Springs before she got married - and she still stays in touch with the family now.

Neil has travelled all over Australia and South-East Asia. He has many fond memories of camping holidays with his wife and children.

We have several more sessions planned, and are looking forward to joining together with a community singing group in March, then having an outing at Easter time. Our longer-term plan is to meet up with the Talkback Group from Murray Bridge in the middle of the year.



Victor Harbor Talkback Meeting. From (L):
Junice; Jean; Lorraine; Wendy; Dorothy; Pauline; Pat; Ken; Christine & Neil

SPECIAL GROUPS

Sign Up Now & Join Retune



**Talkback
Association
for Aphasia Inc**

Retune – A new choir for people with aphasia and their partners

Talkback is involved in an exciting new pilot joint venture with the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council and the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre.

Talkback is being given some money by the Council to start up the choir. The choir will be called **Retune**

Choirs have been found to improve the lives of people with aphasia

We will run the choir in the same way as the Melbourne Strokeachord choir.

The choir will meet once a week for about an hour to practise. The choir will run during school terms for 9-10 weeks. People can come to one term or can stay on for longer. There will be a performance at the end of the term.

It will be in the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council area.

The choir will have a choirmaster, a music therapist and a speech pathologist (probably me initially).

The choir will start at the beginning of May. We will also run a “Come and Try” session in April.

Please let me know if you are interested in coming for the first term. Partners are welcome to come too. Contact me by the 8th April on 83320577 or **bevdodd@internode.on.net**

We will be sending out an expression of interest for people interested in being our choirmaster. If you know someone who might be interested get them to contact me or **Leah.Trotta@health.sa.gov.au**

**Bev Dodd
Chair**

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

The Choir

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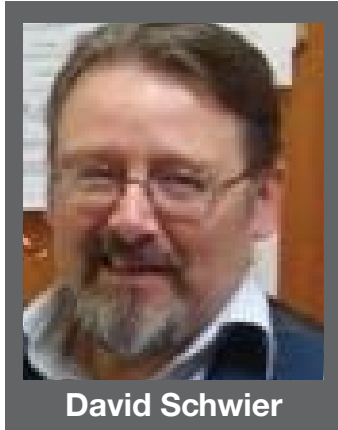
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SPECIAL GROUPS

Coffee Clubs



David Schwier

MARDEN COFFEE CLUB

Hi Coffee Lovers
If you are in the area, call in and have a decent cup of coffee. We have 6 - 10 people who meet every **Tuesday** from **11-12pm**.

Ring me, David on **8336 8550** about the **Marden Coffee Club**.

David Schwier
Talkback Member

HENDON GROUP COFFEE CLUB

The **Hendon Group Coffee Club** meets every **Thursday** morning at **10.00am** for approximately one hour at Cinos Cafe, West Lakes.

Anybody wanting more information or to go along and have a chat, please ring the Talkback office on **8443 5555**.

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Computer Club

The computer club is going very well.

We have three **new** University students, **Alice, Lauren** and **Vanessa**.

The University students are doing a marvelous job. We are impressed with the topics and the papers that they take so much time to do.

We can not use the computer room on Monday 2nd May. We are going to lunch instead. If anyone would like to come, contact Bev or the office before the 22 April.

Useful Websites

Last week we looked at a great website. This is **www.manythings.org** This is useful for people with aphasia. It has a range of activities at various levels.

The **Computer Club** is **good** for people with

aphasia because we **talk, laugh** and **think**. After Computer Club, we all go for a coffee. So come join us, you will enjoy it.

The Computer Club meets on **Monday 1.30 - 3.30pm** at Burnside Community Library, 401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore. You must be a Talkback Association Member to attend.

If you want to join, ring **Talkback** on **8443 5555**.



Computer Club Members - Vic, Bob, Marilyn, Greg, Peter and Trevor with Speech Pathology students Lauren and Alice.

COMING EVENTS



**Talkback
Association
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You are invited to the next

CARERS GET-TOGETHER

-for all carers and partners

Friday May 13th 2011

10.00am – 2.00pm

Seacombe Uniting Church

1 Greenfield Rd, Seaview Downs

- corner of Fowler St (continuation of Eyre St) & Greenfield Rd

Drop in or come for the whole time

10.00am Get-together and catch-up over morning tea (provided by the Talkback Association).

11.00am Speaker: **Sharne West – Carers Association of Australia**
Providing information about resources available through the carers association, including time for discussion & questions.

12.30pm Shared lunch – please bring a plate of food to share (oven & microwave available if required)

2.00pm Leave for home

RSVP by Friday 6th May

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This is **YOUR** newsletter and we want to hear from you !!

Please send articles to us by 26th of MAY 2011 (at the very latest)

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