


## ‘Yarning together’: developing a culturally secure rehabilitation approach for Aboriginal Australians after brain injury



A stroke or traumatic brain injury can cause a person to have **slurred speech**, have trouble **remembering the right words to say** or **getting the right words out**, have **problems understanding people** and **having a conversation** or they might develop problems with **reading or writing**.

Natalie Ciccone, Beth Armstrong, Mick Adams, Dawn Bessarab, Juli Coffin and a team of speech pathologists from **Edith Cowan University** are looking into ways to offer **speech therapy** to **Aboriginal people** who have difficulties with their **talking** and **communication** after a **stroke or traumatic brain injury**.

In this project a **speech pathologist** and an **Aboriginal co-worker** will work together and offer **24 speech pathology sessions** to **Aboriginal people who have had a stroke or brain injury**.

- Each session will be for 1 hour and the project will take place over 12 weeks.
- The therapy will use everyday opportunities to practise talking. A friend or family member can come along.
- The sessions will take place at your home (or anywhere you feel comfortable) or be provided through a computer where an Aboriginal co-worker will come to your home and the speech pathologist will talk to you through a computer.

If you would like to hear more about this project, please contact:  
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