

## AMITY HEALTH ADULT COMMUNICATION GROUP



Amity Health conducts a weekly communication group for people living with communication impairments resulting from stroke and degenerative conditions such as Parkinson's disease.

The group meets on a Thursday from 9.30am -11.00am at Amity Health, 136 Lockyer Avenue Albany, and is run by Amity Health's Speech Pathologist and Allied Health Assistant.

The group uses a social communication model to encourage participants to communicate by any means they have available to them – speaking, reading, writing, drawing, gesture, and alternative communication devices – while supporting socialisation and skill development.

There is a fee of \$5 per week to cover administrative costs, tea/coffee and refreshments. Consideration will be given to anyone unable to pay.

### Membership criteria

- Membership is open to any adult person living with long-term communication impairment resulting from stroke or degenerative conditions such as Parkinson's disease.
- Members must have their own transport to and from Amity Health.
- Members must be independent in personal care including toileting. If they are not, they may attend the group with a carer who can assist them.
- The group is unable to cater for individuals with significant behavioural issues due to their condition.

**Please contact Ella Hamilton or Danneka Andreotti at Amity Health on 9842 2797 for more information or fax the attached referral form to 9842 2798**

