

WHAT IS A SPEECH THERAPIST?

A speech therapist sees children who experience difficulties with talking or understanding language, including the social use of language as needed in conversing with others, asking for help etc. Advice is available to families in regards to encouraging language development at home. Speech therapists also work with children who have problems eating, drinking or other oral motor issues.

WHEN TO SEEK SUPPORT

Speech therapy support would be necessary for a child who has speech and language delays. These may be in expressive language (i.e. the child's ability to express themselves and be understood by others) or receptive language (i.e. the child's ability to take in and process language to understand instructions etc.). **It is important to check if the child is having difficulty hearing if there are concerns about the child's speech and language development.**

HOW TO REFER

Contact the therapist directly. A referral is not needed. A parent can call and make an appointment for their child.

The following list contains a variety of Speech Therapists in the Wyndham area - this list is not exhaustive and the PSFO Service do not endorse any service listed. Please contact the service direct for more information and details of charges.

You can also refer to the Speech Pathology Australia website to search for a Speech Pathologist within your area – www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au . See the "Find a Speech Pathologist" link.

Families may be able to obtain Medicare rebates (up to 5 allied health rebates per calendar year) to patients who are referred by a GP under the Chronic Disease Management Plan (CDMP) - please refer to the section "**How to get Medicare rebates for seeing therapists**".

Usually a speech therapist will request the child to have a hearing test completed before a speech assessment is completed.

Free hearing tests are available through Wyndham Health Care at 233 Heaths Rd Werribee 3030, ph: 9749 2766. These are bulk billed and require a referral from a doctor.

Please Note Children may be eligible for Community Health Speech Therapy through IPC Health. There are criteria that must be met in order to be eligible. For eligibility criteria please contact your local IPC Health Service www.ipchealth.com.au/services-information/ or speak to your child's Educators / PSFO. There is a waitlist for these services.

READY TO HEAR Wyndham Private Consulting Suites Suite 9, Level 1, 242 Hoppers Lane Werribee 3030 Tel: 9908 2998 Email: info@readytohear.com.au Web: readytohear.com.au	Services Provided	Paediatric hearing assessment and wax removal
	Usual waiting times	No wait time
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes, with or without a referral
	Additional Info	
WESTERN SPEECH PATHOLOGY SERVICES Pauline Hatty and Chantell Palermo Building 2, 1-11 Dunnings Road Point Cook 3030 Tel: 0417 571 791 or 0411 139 523 Email: info@westernspeech.com.au Web: westernspeech.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy
	Usual waiting times	2-3 months
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info	
None provided		
LANGUAGE FOR LIFE SPEECH PATHOLOGY 188 Heaths Road Hoppers Crossing 3029 Tel: 9731 6486 118 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing 3029 Tel: 9731 6923 Email: enquiries@languageforlife.com.au Web: languageforlife.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy, Psychology, OT
	Usual waiting times	Face to Face - 12 Months Telehealth - 2 to 6 Months
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info	
Experienced therapists working with children, adolescents, adults and aged. Children with autism and clients who have difficulties with articulation, language, fluency (stuttering) and literacy, learning difficulties in the area of Social Skills, Handwriting, activities of daily living, sensory skills. and adults who present with swallowing and communication difficulties. Developmental Disorders, Intellectual Disability, Behavioural issues, Mood disorders (e.g. depression), Anxiety disorders diverse range of expertise area services Speech, Occupational, Psychology Assessments School based Speech services Clinic Based/Telehealth/Home Visit Options possible Book appointments online Opens on Saturday		
HUGH McCUSKER 66 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing 3029 Mob: 0431 327 469 Email: hughmccusker@optusnet.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Pathology
	Usual waiting times	18 months
	Bulk Billing?	Limited
	NDIS Provider?	No, families must be self-managed or plan-managed
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes, if Medicare packages have been established by medical personnel
	Additional Info	
Sessions held Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 6.00pm		

WELL SAID CLINIC 49 Derrimut Road Werribee 3030 Tel – 1300 773 324 Web: wellsaidclinic.com.au Email: info@wellsaidclinic.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy
	Usual waiting times	12+ months (wait list currently closed)
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes (with EPC from GP)
SPEECH EASE SPEECH PATHOLOGY Suite 316, 101 Overton Road Williams Landing, 3027 Tel: 8645 3747 Email: info@speechease.com.au Web: speechease.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy
	Usual waiting times	2-4 weeks, depending on time and child's needs
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	No
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info At Speech Ease, all our staff are trained, dedicated Speech Pathologists registered with Speech Pathology Australia. We have a variety of backgrounds and special interest areas and each team member is allocated to their patients according to their specific needs and family requirements. We service Point Cook, Williams Landing, Laverton, Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Truganina, Tarneit, Wyndham, Seabrook, Altona Meadows, West Melbourne, Kensington, Melbourne CBD, North Melbourne, Flemington	
PUMPKIN HOUSE SPEECH PATHOLOGY Danica Djaja Unit 311/ 101 Overton Road Williams Landing 3027 Tel: 0427 388 798 Email: admin@pumpkinhousespeech.com Web: pumpkinhousespeechpathology.com.au	Services Provided	Speech pathology intervention
	Usual waiting times	6-12 months
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info Providing speech pathology assessment and intervention for children aged 0-6 years. I work with children who have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech delay or disorder, including those with dyspraxia • Language delay or disorder • Stuttering • Autism • Global developmental delay • Genetic disorder Hours of operation: Monday to Friday 9am-6pm	
WESTERN CHILDREN'S HEALTH CENTRE 61 Railway Avenue Laverton Tel: 9931 0014 Email: contact@westernchildrens.com.au Web: westernchildrens.com.au	Services Provided:	Paediatrics OT Speech therapy Immunology and Allergy Respiratory Medicine
	Usual Waiting Time	Varies, appointments are triaged
	Bulk billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Self-managed
	Medicare rebates?	Yes

SPLASH PAEDIATRIC THERAPY Wyndham Private Medical Centre Level 1, 242 Hoppers Lane Werribee 3030 Tel: 8731 6555 Email: info@splashtherapy.com.au Web: www.splashtherapy.com.au	Services Provided:	OT and Speech Pathology
	Usual Waiting Time	Waitlist closed at Dec 2021 – Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnostic Assessment still available
	Bulk billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare rebates?	Yes (CDMP for OT & Speech & MHCP for OT)
	Additional Info Open Saturdays for OT and SP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide service for children with mild to significant developmental issues • We run eating groups, based on Sequential Oral Sensory (SOS) approach, can be offered individually • Can offer home and kinder/childcare services • Can offer Professional Development sessions for educators and parents • Provide an evidence-based quality private practice that works in partnerships with parents and educators to provide goal directed intervention with measurable functional outcomes 	
POINT COOK THERAPY CENTRE 18 Boardwalk Boulevard Point Cook 3030 Tel: 8353 9910 Mob: 0430 599 012 Web: pointcooktherapy.com.au Email: info@pointcooktherapy.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy
	Usual waiting times	6 months
	Bulk Billing?	No but process medicare and health insurance rebates onsite
	NDIS Provider?	Yes for Self or Plan Managed only
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info Our experienced clinicians are committed to professional development and provide comprehensive assessment and management of a variety of acquired and developmental conditions, including developmental delays, autism, learning and literacy difficulties, social pragmatic difficulties, stuttering, social anxiety, mood and other mental health issues, sensory processing. Parent and family guidance and support are integral to our service provision. Open Monday to Friday from 8am to 7pm. All services are by appointment only. Saturday appointments may occasionally be available on special consideration	
MORE THAN HEARING Wyndham Health Care 233 Heaths Road Hoppers Crossing 3029 Tel: 9589 5122 Email: hearing@morethanhearing.com.au Web: morethanhearing.com.au	Services Provided	Audiology, Speech Pathology
	Bulk Billing?	Yes – audiology only

VANESSA STONE CHATTY CHILDREN SPEECH PATHOLOGY Suite A, 237-239 Hogans Road, Hoppers Crossing 3029 Mob: 0406 065 902 Email: chattychildren@bigpond.com	Usual waiting times	3-4 months
	Bulk Billing?	For refugee families who attend the clinic during school hours
	NDIS Provider?	Self managed and plan managed
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info Hours of operation are 8am-7pm Tuesday and Wednesday and 9am-4pm Thursday. Areas of expertise Autism, speech and language development and literacy.	
HORIZON ALLIED HEALTH Occupational Therapy & Speech Therapy Services Tel: 1300 389 422 Email: admin@horizonalliedhealth.com.au Web: horizonalliedhealth.com.au	Services Provided	OT & Speech Therapy
	Usual waiting times	2-4 weeks
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Medicare registered
Additional Info Occupational therapy services available on Saturdays		
THE HELIPAD 95 Morris Road Hoppers Crossing 3029 Tel: 8714 3944 or 0431 905 288 Email: info@thehelipad.com.au Web: thehelipad.com.au Contact – Hailey Dumesny	Services Provided	Speech Pathology
	Usual waiting times	Wait list closed at Dec 2021 but will take details to contact when re-open
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	No – but we do work with families who self-manage or have a plan manager with their NDIS plans
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes (Chronic Disease Management Plan/EPC Plan; HCWA Medicare rebates)
Additional Info Hours of operation: 10.30am – 6:30pm Monday to Friday *We operate during the school terms only* Whilst the waiting list is closed, trying to provide other solutions to support families while they are waiting for services. Specialisations: School readiness, fussy eating, language, and our reading & writing programs for school aged children		
Early Start Australia (formerly Children’s Speech & OT) 215 Princes Highway Werribee 3030 Tel: 9731 7583 Email: werribee@earlystartaustralia.com.au Web: earlystartaustralia.com.au	Services Provided:	Speech and Occupational Therapy
	Usual Waiting Time	Depends on needs
	Bulk billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare rebates?	Yes
Additional Info		

Creative Steps 1-3 Thames Blvd Werribee 3030 Tel: 9731 0069 Email: info@creativesteps.com.au	Services Provided:	OT, Speech Pathology, Psychology, Social Skills Groups
	Usual Waiting Time	No details available
	Bulk billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Plan Managed or Self Managed only
	Medicare rebates?	Yes, for some services
	Additional Info	
INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES Tel: 0400 825 344 Email: charlievella@bigpond.com Web: www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au	Services Provided	OT and Speech Therapy (Telehealth only)
	Usual waiting times	2 weeks
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	Yes
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info We do after hours and weekends.	
Bubs & Todds Speech Pathology Forsyth Park Medical Centre 200 Forsyth Road Cnr Sayers Road Truganina, VIC 3029 Tel: 8360 5359 Email: office@bubsandtodds.com.au Web: bubsandtodds.com.au	Services Provided	Speech Therapy for 0-3 years
	Usual waiting times	8-10 months
	Bulk Billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	No, however able to accept self-managed and plan-managed patients
	Medicare Rebates?	Yes, with a GP care plan; rebate is \$53 (out of pocket gap fee applies)
	Additional Info <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and intervention for feeding and swallowing difficulties. Assessment and intervention for early communication development. <p>Referrals accepted for children under 3 years old. Waitlist is currently closed due to clinic's limited capacity. However, urgent assessment for feeding or swallowing difficulties for infants under 12 months old are still being accepted.</p>	
Speak To Sparkle Speech Pathology Tel: 0477 976 934 Email: info@speaktosparkle.com.au Web: speaktosparkle.com.au	Services Provided:	Speech Therapy
	Usual Waiting Time	3-6 months
	Bulk billing?	No
	NDIS Provider?	NDIA Plan Managed and Self Managed
	Medicare rebates?	Yes
	Additional Info Mobile and Telehealth Service Monday to Friday 9am-5pm Cover Western Melbourne areas; Wyndham, Melton, Hobsons Bay, Brimbank, Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong	

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