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# **WHAT IS A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST?**

A speech pathologist 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 pathologists also work with children who have problems eating, drinking or other oral motor issues.

**WHEN TO SEEK SUPPORT**

Speech pathology 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 pathologist 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 Pathologists 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](http://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**” on page 41 for more information.

**Usually a speech pathologist 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 Pathology 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/](http://www.ipchealth.com.au/services-information/) or speak to your child’s Educators / PSFO. There is a waitlist for these services.

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| **READY TO HEAR**Wyndham Private Consulting SuitesSuite 9, Level 1, 242 Hoppers LaneWerribee 3030Tel: 9908 2998Email: info@readytohear.com.auWeb: 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 PalermoBuilding 2, 1-11 Dunnings RoadPoint Cook 3030Tel: 0417 571 791 or 0411 139 523Email: info@westernspeech.com.auWeb: 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 RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 9731 6486118 Derrimut RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 9731 6923Email: enquiries@languageforlife.com.auWeb: languageforlife.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy, Psychology, OT, Physiotherapy and Dietetic |
| Usual waiting times | Face to Face - 12 Months Telehealth – no waitlist (speech, psychology, dietetics)Mobile therapy – 12 months:OT – Craigieburn and FrankstonSpeech Therapy – Adelaide and Kew EastPhysiotherapy – Moreland, Wyndham Vale |
| 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.  PTSD, Anxiety Depression.Developmental Disorders, Intellectual Disability, Behavioural issues, Mood disorders (e.g. depression), Anxiety disordersDiverse range of expertise area servicesClinic Based/Telehealth/Home Visit / kinder visit options possible Book appointments onlineAssessment available for all the servicesOpen on Saturday as well |

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| **WELL SAID CLINIC**49 Derrimut RoadWerribee 3030Tel – 1300 773 324Web: wellsaidclinic.com.auEmail: 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 RoadWilliams Landing, 3027Tel: 8645 3747Email: info@speechease.com.auWeb: 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? | We provide services to NDIS participants but are not registered with NDIS |
| 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 DjajaUnit 311/ 101 Overton RoadWilliams Landing 3027Tel: (03) 7035 6204Mob: 0427 388 798Email: admin@pumpkinhousespeech.comWeb: pumpkinhousespeechpathology.com.au | Services Provided | Speech pathology intervention |
| Usual waiting times | 12 months or more |
| 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:* Speech delay or disorder, including those with dyspraxia
* Language delay or disorder
* Autism
* Global developmental delay

Hours of operation: Tuesday to Friday 9am-5pm |
| **WESTERN CHILDREN’S HEALTH CENTRE**61 Railway AvenueLavertonTel: 9931 0014 Email: contact@westernchildrens.com.auWeb: westernchildrens.com.au | Services Provided: | PaediatricsOTSpeech therapyImmunology and AllergyDermatology NursePaed Orthopaedics |
| Usual Waiting Time | Varies, appointments are triaged |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Self-managed |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |

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| **SPLASH PAEDIATRIC THERAPY**Wyndham Private Medical CentreLevel 1, 242 Hoppers LaneWerribee 3030Tel: 8731 6555Email: info@splashtherapy.com.auWeb: 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* 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
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| **POINT COOK THERAPY CENTRE**18 Boardwalk BoulevardPoint Cook 3030Tel: 8353 9910Mob: 0430 599 012 Web: pointcooktherapy.com.auEmail: 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 Care233 Heaths RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 9589 5122Email: hearing@morethanhearing.com.auWeb: morethanhearing.com.au  | Services Provided | Audiology, Speech Pathology |
| Bulk Billing? | Yes – audiology only |

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| **VANESSSA STONE****CHATTY CHILDREN SPEECH PATHOLOGY**Suite A, 237-239 Hogans Road,Hoppers Crossing 3029Mob: 0406 065 902Email: chattychildren@bigpond.com | Usual waiting times | 6-8 months (but can do assessments more immediately if needed urgently) |
| 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. |
| 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 RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 8714 3944Email: info@thehelipad.com.au Web: thehelipad.com.auContact – Hailey Barratt & Georgia Drayton | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| Usual waiting times | Wait list closed at Dec 2021 but will take details to contact when it’s re-opened |
| 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**\*Specialisations: Language, school readiness and literacy |
| Early Start Australia (formerly Children’s Speech & OT)25/2-14 Station PlaceWerribee 3030Tel: 9731 7583Email: werribee@earlystartaustralia.com.auWeb: 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** |

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| Creative Steps1-3 Thames BlvdWerribee 3030Tel: 9731 0069Email: 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 344Email: charlievella@bigpond.comWeb: [www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au](http://www.inspiringpossibilities.com.au)  | Services Provided | OT and Speech Therapy(Telehealth only) |
| Usual waiting times | 2 weeks for Telehealth and 2 months for face to face |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**We do after hours and weekends. |
| **Bubs & Todds Speech Pathology**Forsyth Park Medical Centre200 Forsyth Road Cnr Sayers RoadTruganina, VIC 3029Tel: 8360 5359Email: office@bubsandtodds.com.auWeb: 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*** Assessment and intervention for feeding and swallowing difficulties.
* Assessment and intervention for early communication development.

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.  |
| 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 ServiceMonday to Friday 9am-5pmCover Western Melbourne areas; Wyndham, Melton, Hobsons Bay, Brimbank, Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong |

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| NeuroRehab Allied Health NetworkLevel 1, 236 Hoppers Lane, Werribee, Vic 3030Tel – 03 8742 1232Email – mail@nrah.com.auWeb – nrah.com.au | Services Provided: | Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Exercise Physiology, Behaviour Support, Music Therapy, Dietetics |
| Usual Waiting Time | 4-6 weeks |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm. We are passionate about neuro and love to work with kids with cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, trisomy 21, complex syndromes, ABI and developmental delay |
| Change for Life136 Derrimut RoadHoppers Crossing, Vic 3029113-115 Princes Highway,Werribee, Vic 3030Tel: 8742 4302Email: info@changeforlife.com.auWeb: changeforlife.com.au  | Services Provided: | Speech Therapy, Psychology, Assessments, School Readiness Groups/Social Groups |
| Usual Waiting Time |  |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes, with Medicare Plan |
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| Sprout Learning Speech Pathology Unit 1, 15 Linmax CourtPoint Cook VIC 3030 Contact info (Tel/Email/Website):0493 062 126 hello@sproutlearning.com.au[www.sproutlearninggroup.com.au](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sproutlearninggroup.com.au%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cpsfo.Service%40wyndham.vic.gov.au%7Cc681659238204b0ba63d08dafdb0a857%7Cccedce2eab9f4e51bb3d3c6e2171f03e%7C0%7C1%7C638101232444235105%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NprpPE5gGxXZtdPgsTKfqBLjf9B%2BTkDIBsZ5cKEA%2B9E%3D&reserved=0) | Services Provided: | Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | 1 month for an assessment3 months for therapy |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | We accept plan and self-managed NDIS participants |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes, we accept care plans |
| **Additional Info**We are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 7pm |

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**within your area –** [www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au](http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au) **. See the “Find a Speech Pathologist” link.**