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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 “**Medicare rebates for seeing private therapists**” on our website.

**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 <https://www.ipchealth.com.au/locations/> 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**118 Derrimut RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 8714 1751 / 1300 9898 07Email: enquiries@languageforlife.com.auWeb: languageforlife.com.au | Services Provided | Speech Therapy, Psychology, OT, Physiotherapy, Dietetic, Art Therapy & Music Therapy |
| Usual waiting times | Speech & OT: In-clinic sessions – 12 monthsWe do have availability for Telehealth therapy sessions **for all services** and NO WAITLISTMobile therapy (areas covered):**OT** – South East Melbourne, North Melbourne and West Melbourne**Speech Therapy** – West Melbourne and East Melbourne**Physiotherapy** – South West Melbourne, North West Melbourne, West Melbourne, South East Melbourne |
| Bulk Billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare Rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**We accept clients across Australia for Telehealth Therapy sessions (online video sessions done via Zoom).Experienced therapists working with children, adolescents, adults and aged.Diverse range of expertise area services:**Speech**: Autism, Articulation difficulties, Language, Fluency (stuttering) and Literacy, learning difficulties in the area of Social Skills, handwriting, activities of daily living, sensory skills and adults with swallowing and communication difficulties.**Psychology**: Post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), Anxiety, Depression, Autism, ADHD, Addiction, Interpersonal relationship issues, Eating disorders, Grief & Loss**Occupational Therapy**: Developmental Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Behavioural Issues, Mood disorders (eg depression), Anxiety disorders, Cerebral Palsy, DIR Floortime, Learn to Play (Karen Stagnitti), Parent Coaching, SPARK communication (Hanen strategies), Handwriting, Sensory Processing**Physiotherapy**: Hands-on treatment, exercise prescription and management techniques to prevent and minimize the impact of injury, coordination issues, abnormal tone, acquired orthopedic injuries and movement disorders like cerebral palsy.**Dietetics**: Eating disorders, food intolerances and allergies, physical and cognitive disabilities, fussy eating, nutritional deficiencies and chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.Clinic Base/Teleheath/Home visit/School & kinder visit/Group and Centre Based Activities/Therapeutic SupportOnline Appointment BookingsAssessments available for all the servicesOpen on Saturdays as well |
| **WELL SAID CLINIC**3749 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) |
| **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 |

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| **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 |
| **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  |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes (CDMP for OT & Speech & MHCP for OT) |
| **Additional Info*** 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 |
| **VANESSSA STONE****CHATTY CHILDREN SPEECH PATHOLOGY**Suite A, 237-239 Hogans Road,Hoppers Crossing 3029Mob: 0406 065 902Email: chattychildren@bigpond.com | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| 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 8.30am-12pm Monday, 8.30am-3pm Tuesday and 8.30am-5pm Wednesday and Thursday.Areas of expertise Autism, speech and language development and literacy. |
| **THE HELIPAD**95 Morris RoadHoppers Crossing 3029Tel: 0431 905 288Email: info@thehelipad.com.au Web: www.thehelipad.com.auContact – Hailey Barratt & Georgia Drayton | Services Provided | Speech Pathology |
| Usual waiting times | Wait list closed for 1:1 speech pathology sessions. Spots for school readiness and parent & toddler groups becoming available in early 2024. |
| 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 FridaySpecialisations: 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 |
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| **CREATIVE STEPS**1-3 Thames BlvdWerribee 3030Tel: 9731 0069Email: info@creativesteps.com.au | Services Provided: | OT, Speech Pathology, Psychology, Social Skills Groups, Counselling |
| 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? | 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.  |
| **CHANGE FOR LIFE**136 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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| **NEUROREHAB ALLIED HEALTH NETWORK**Suite 3, Ground Floor, 236 Hoppers Lane, Werribee, Vic 3030Tel – 1300 13 16 19Email – info@nrah.com.auWeb – nrah.com.au/neurojunior | Services Provided: | Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Exercise Physiology, Behaviour Support, Music Therapy, Dietetics, Cognitive Assessments, Allied Health Assistants |
| Usual Waiting Time | 4-6 weeks |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm and can provide therapy in our clinic, the home, community, school or via telehealth. We provide family-centred, evidence-based therapy for children and young people under 18 years of age.Our experienced team love to support kids and teens with neurodevelopmental conditions and neurodisability. We keep therapy fun and motivating, so let’s work together to achieve your best. |
| **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 |
| **CONNECTED KIDS SPEECH PATHOLOGY**Shop 2, 139 Railway PlaceWilliamstown 3016Tel – 9958 8722Email – connectspeechpathology@hotmail.comWeb – connectedkidsspeechpathology.com.au | Services Provided: | Speech Pathology |
| Usual Waiting Time | Varies depending on needs of child |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Third party plan managed or self-managed funds |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Telehealth appointments available in VictoriaSchool holiday special interest groups – more info on Facebook pagesTerm based groups (including kindergarten age group) |

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| **HEALTHY KIDS AT PLAY**19a Princes HwyWerribee 3030Tel: 9071 3076Email: admin@healthykidsatplay.com.au | Services Provided: | OT, Speech Pathology, Functional Assessments, Positive Behaviour Therapy, Counselling Services, Physiotherapy |
| Usual Waiting Time | Speech Pathology = 3 monthsAll other services = immediate sessions available |
| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | Yes |
| **Additional Info**Monday to Saturday hours Services include home/education center and in clinic visits. Social skills group Sessions available School Holiday Sessions availableSchool Readiness Programs available  |
| **NATIONAL PEKE CENTRE WERRIBEE**15 Manor Lakes BlvdManor Lakes VIC 3024Tel: 8742 4874Email: werribee@pekecentre.com.auWeb: [www.pekecentre.com.au](http://www.pekecentre.com.au) | Services Provided: | Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Allied Health Assistants (AHA Program), Professional Development |
| Usual Waiting Time | Contact clinic for more information about wait times. * Psychology currently has a waitlist
* OT & AHA OT – no waitlist
* SP & AHA SP – no waitlist
* Art Therapy – no waitlist
* Music Therapy – no waitlist
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| Bulk billing? | No |
| NDIS Provider? | Yes |
| Medicare rebates? | With a Mental Health Care Plan |
| **Additional Info:**Opening Hours:Monday to Friday: 8am - 4pmSaturday: 9am - 5pm |

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