

SPEECH PATHOLOGY



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is a key service provided by HHG across Australia.



SPs are university-qualified, certified members of **SPEECH PATHOLOGY AUSTRALIA** (our national professional body).



Currently, we have **22 SPs** nationally, with ongoing recruitment to continue growing our service.

Speech pathologists **support people to understand and communicate effectively**, as well as supporting safe eating, drinking and swallowing.



COMMUNICATION

is a basic human right. It impacts all aspects of life, including socialising, education, employment and health care.



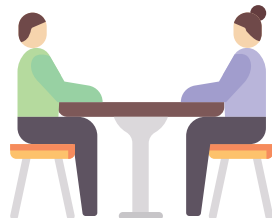
Communication isn't only about speaking - **understanding and using sign language, symbols, technology, behaviour and written words** are communication, too.



UNDERSTAND THE PERSON

Assessment helps SPs understand

how a person currently communicates and/or swallows and areas where supports might be useful.



Intervention is planned together,

so goals focus on what the individual wants to achieve.



WHAT CAN SPs DO FOR YOU?

Assist in **identifying strengths, barriers and goals**



Assist in learning new skills to build **communication confidence**



Minimise risks and build skills in **eating and drinking**



Develop **social and interpersonal skills** for greater participation



Explore your skills in speech, language, listening and learning to assist you to be **an effective communicator**



Help you consider if supplementary or alternative options for communication are needed