

Open Days November 2024

In person and online

FREE Professional development opportunity!

[QARC](#) is a centre of The University of Queensland. Based at the [Surgical, Treatment and Rehabilitation Service \(STARS\)](#), the Centre works in partnership with Metro North Health. QARC is dedicated to optimising the lives of people living with aphasia through research, service, and partnerships. It is the first centre of its kind in Australia.

You are invited to come and meet the team, hear the latest research updates, learn about what we do and the services we provide, and how to get involved.

The day will focus on:

1. Flagship Research Projects

- **Co-Design of aphasia services** – Hear about the top 7 priorities for improving aphasia services in hospitals and healthcare settings as identified by clinicians, people with aphasia and family members in this research project.
- **CHAT and TeleCHAT programs** – Learn more about the evidence based 8-week comprehensive high dose aphasia therapy program that can be delivered in person or online and the research behind it.
- **CHAT Partnership project** – A project trialling the implementation of the CHAT program in speech pathology services in hospitals and health services throughout Qld, NSW and Vic and comparing outcomes with usual care.
- **MEASuRES** – Learn how to measure the quality of aphasia services. Hear about our research to enable more meaningful aphasia outcome measurement in clinical practice.
- **Bridging the Digital Divide** – Hear about our research to co-design an internet browser extension that help people with aphasia access the internet. Learn about accessibility software that you can start using now.
- **AphasiaFit** – Try out the prototype AphasiaFit app. Hear about our research to co-design an app that connects clinicians and people living with aphasia and supports them to manage their therapy and track their progress at home.
- **Neurobiological Predictors** – a series of projects that look at changes in the brain and aphasia recovery. We look at aphasia after stroke and in people living with brain tumour and epilepsy, and after brain surgery.
- **Better Conversations About Care** – Learn about our research to make communication a priority in aged care. We are co-designing a communication tool, communication training for aged care workers, guidelines, picture resources and more.

2. The Aphasia Tech Hub

Find out more about this QARC service that helps to improve access to technology for people with aphasia. Learn about how the Tech Hub can help you or your department including free workshops, seminars, one-to-one consultations and coaching, and more. We'll tell you about evidence based apps and provide live demonstrations. You will also have the opportunity to trial apps and computer based programs.

3. How to be involved with QARC

- Join our clinical affiliate mailing list
- Learn about the QARC Clinical Forum
- Discuss opportunities to be involved in our research as a clinical advisor or a participant.
- Learn how you can refer patients and clients to our monthly coffee group, Aphasia Tech Hub or Research registry.

When and where?

In person

When: Tuesday 5th November 2024

Time: 4pm - 6pm: Presentations from the QARC team followed by a tour of the facilities and the opportunity to chat to the QARC team about areas of interest.

Where: [Surgical, Treatment and Rehabilitation Service \(STARS\)](#)

Level 1, 296, Herston Road, Herston, QLD, 4026.

RSVP: Please RSVP for catering purposes. Visit: <https://shrs.uq.edu.au/qarc>

Online

When: Friday 8th November 2024

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Where: Teams: [Meeting link](#)

