



Wellington Aphasia Community

With the support of AphasiaNZ, the Wellington Aphasia Community meets several times monthly.



Aphasia Hub:

The **first Wednesday of the month** at the Johnsonville Community Centre. We usually have a guest speaker, news and events, word puzzles and games and an excellent morning tea. As well as people with aphasia, we encourage attendance by spouses, carers and professionals.

Conversation Club:

The **third Wednesday of the month** at the Johnsonville Community Centre. A meeting for people with aphasia. The members relate something of interest – newspaper clippings, anecdotes, a photograph or an object. Their contribution – and the questions that follow – encourage conversation and interaction.



Field Trips:

Mostly, the **fourth Wednesday of the month**. The field trips go to organisations and institutions around the Wellington region. The 'tour guides' are familiar with the challenges of aphasia so they speak slowly, concisely and they are prepared for hesitant questions!

Field trips have included:

Parliament Government House
Police Museum Supreme Court
Kathryn Mansfield Cottage and Garden
Expressions Art and Entertainment Centre
The Reserve Bank Museum
Space Place (the Wellington Planetarium)



Stephen Gibbs is the Wellington Community Aphasia Advisor (CAA). He is a resource and advocate for people who are new to aphasia. Stephen's role as CAA includes: supporting people with aphasia to meet others with aphasia who may be facing similar challenges; coordinating the Wellington Aphasia Hub and a Conversation Club each month; advocacy; strengthening and evolving relationships with local speech language therapists, stroke field officers, hospital

and nursing staff, and caregivers; home visits; organising guest speakers for meetings; organising field trips and outings for people with aphasia; and supporting the SoundsWell Singers (a neurological choir) and Gavel Clubs.

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