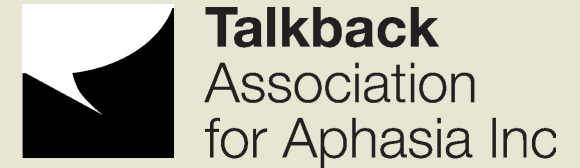


The Talkback Association is:

- a not-for-profit organisation
- an organisation run by volunteers, including people with aphasia
- the main community agency in South Australia for:
 - people with aphasia and their families
 - health professionals working in aphasia
- a registered charity

Membership includes:

- opportunities to meet other people with aphasia and their carers
- participation in awareness, education and social events
- information about new developments in aphasia
- access to our library resources
- participation in our computer club and coffee clubs
- voting rights at our AGM
- 4 newsletters each year
- possible assistance to attend the annual Australian Aphasia Association conference.



Contact us if you:

- would like to become a member
- need support or information
- would like to become a volunteer and support people with aphasia
- would like to make a donation (donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible).

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Improving the lives of people with aphasia and their families



Aphasia is a breakdown in language skills. It is most commonly caused by a **stroke** or other **brain injury**.



Aphasia affects how a person:

- speaks and finds the right words
- understands what others say
- reads
- writes
- understands numbers and money.

We use language in nearly everything we do, such as:

- conversations
- meeting and relating to other people
- shopping
- reading the paper
- catching a bus
- working
- fun and leisure activities.

Aphasia can make daily activities difficult. As a result, people with aphasia and their families can:

- feel isolated and cut off from their friends and the community
- lose confidence
- lose their identity
- lose independence.

Aphasia can affect people of all ages. People with aphasia have normal intelligence but may have limited opportunities because of their communication problems. Approximately 15,000 people are living with aphasia in SA. This is 1 in 250 people. Not many people know about aphasia, unless it has happened to them or a loved one.

The Talkback Association

- supports people with aphasia to regain control over their lives and become more involved in the community
- provides support, information and advice
- encourages conversation and social opportunities through a network of Talkback Groups
- increases community awareness about aphasia and the needs of people with aphasia
- fundraises to support new projects and resources
- works with health professionals to increase their knowledge about aphasia
- offers educational opportunities about aphasia
- encourages research through links with universities.