

ASSBI Newsletter

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Working together to improve the lives of people with brain impairment



WORDS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Welcome to the first issue of the Newsletter for 2021 and I hope that you are all settling well into year. As my own term of office as President of ASSBI will come to a close at the AGM on 6 May 2021, this Newsletter will contain my final “Words” as President. It has been an unexpectedly tumultuous two years, as we witnessed the devastating effects of natural disasters in Australia, New Zealand and

elsewhere during 2019-2020, and then the terrible COVID-19 pandemic which continues to change how we live and how the world works. My thoughts go out to any ASSBI member who has been personally affected by these events.

Thanks to the efforts of the ASSBI Committee, we survived 2020 with a best-that-could-be-expected outcome. Sadly, our annual conference scheduled for Perth in May 2020 had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. But there was a silver lining as our continuing education arm, led by Barbara Zupan, together with Skye McDonald and Margaret Eagers, sprang into action and mounted a stunning series of ASSBI 2020 Conference Bite Size webinars. Using this model, another series of eight webinars is scheduled throughout the year for 2021 (see details in this Newsletter). The silver lining has extended to how future conferences will be run. To this effect, the 2021 conference, ASSBI’s 44th annual conference, will be a fully hybrid event, with both face-to-face and online attendance possible. The 2021 meeting, known as the 6th Pacific Rim Conference, is a conjoint meeting of ASSBI, the International Neuropsychological Society, and the College of Clinical Neuropsychologists of the Australian Psychological Society, to be held in Melbourne. Details of this not-to-be missed, multi-layered event are described in this Newsletter. Registrations are now open.

Over the course of the past four Newsletters, I have kept the membership informed about discussions of the ASSBI Committee regarding an external review of the Society, which would be its first in 43 years of operation. In planning for this event we conducted a survey of the membership in May 2020 and I reported the results in the September issue of the Newsletter. During 2020, a series of working parties with various members of the Committee advanced planning about the type of review that would best meet ASSBI’s needs. The ultimate recommendation, which the Committee endorsed at its meeting on 28 January 2021, was that an initial necessary step would be to develop a strategic plan for ASSBI covering the next 2 to 5 years. The Committee is currently in the process of collating the information that will be needed for this purpose. We plan to engage an external facilitator to support the Committee with the strategic planning process and anticipate that this will occur in the second half of 2021.

In closing, it has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as President of this vibrant, multidisciplinary society over the past two years. I am immensely proud of the high-quality, diverse and enduring achievements of ASSBI – indeed, I cannot think of another society of our size of membership which can compete with what we offer: an ever-evolving professional development programme over the past 45 years since the very first Brain Impairment workshop in 1976; its own official journal, *Brain Impairment*, established 20 years ago; the niche filled with ASSBI Resources of evidence-based tests and interventions for clinical practice; an expanding social media presence to raise awareness of brain impairment and ASSBI; student involvement with our Ambassador programme and prizes for outstanding student research and clinical innovations; together with other ad hoc activities. I know that ASSBI will be in very good hands under the Presidency of Professor Olivier Piguet from May 2021. I extend special thanks to the ASSBI committee, together with those working on the separate arm of ASSBI’s journal *Brain Impairment*, all of whom work so diligently behind the scenes to ensure that ASSBI runs like a well-oiled machine. All this is facilitated by the superb and tireless efforts of ASSBI’s Executive Office, Margaret Eagers. I look forward to seeing everyone at the (online) AGM on 6 May 2021. My very best wishes to you all,

Robyn Tate
President

Executive Officer’s Report



Please enjoy this newsletter and don’t forget to get copy for the June Newsletter to me by 15th May 2021.

The Call for Abstracts for the 6th Pacific Rim Conference, which is ASSBI’s 2021 conference, has closed and with 249 abstract submissions it looks like being a great conference. Registration is OPEN. The convenors are suggesting that if you do not live in Melbourne you should register for the on-line conference and if borders are more stable upgrade to the face to face option.

\$10,000 worth of student grants to attend the conference are available thanks to the Melbourne Convention Bureau [Click here](#)

Cheers, Margaret Eagers, EO

ASSBI’S AGM via Zoom
Thursday 6th May 1pm
Meeting ID: 893 9326 2120
Passcode: ASSBIAGM

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WEBSITE

Signing in, as a member or associate, will give you the opportunity to update your own information **including your email address**. If you are an ASSBI member, it will also give you access to *Brain Impairment*. In addition, ASSBI members receive at least a 10% discount in the Store. If you want to change your email address login with your old email address or [email Matthew](mailto:email@assbi.com.au) to change it prior to you logging in. <https://www.assbi.com.au>

Be sure to add information about your discipline and your geographical base, as this will help us to better understand our ASSBI community.

When your membership is due you will receive a couple of reminder emails and you can renew and pay online by Visa, MasterCard or PayPal if you have an account. You can also transfer your fees via the bank – if you do this, email [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@assbi.com.au) so she can put your payment through. NO INTERNATIONAL CHEQUES PLEASE.

If you have anything you wish to post on the site or have any feedback please email me at admin@assbi.com.au.
Matthew, Webmaster's sidekick

NEW PUBLISHED ARTICLE

Social Media and People with Traumatic Brain Injury: A Metasynthesis of Research Informing a Framework for Rehabilitation Clinical Practice, Policy and Training

Melissa Brunner, Bronwyn Hemsley, Leanne Togher, Stephen Dann and Stuart Palmer

American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology
https://doi.org/10.1044/2020_AJSLP-20-00211

What the study is about

The use of social media by people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) may have potential for improving social communication and networks. However, the possible pitfalls of social media engagement (such as loss of friends, damage to reputation, or cyberstalking) present risk for this often socially isolated group of people.

What we did

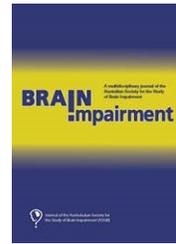
We conducted a qualitative metasynthesis to investigate the experiences of people with TBI and rehabilitation professionals in use of social media after TBI. Data sources included (a) evidence in the literature regarding the use of communication technologies and social media after TBI, (b) Twitter data and network analysis, (c) interviews with people with TBI, (d) focus groups with TBI rehabilitation professionals, and (e) current guidance on safe use of social media.

What we found

People with TBI wanted to be able to use social media to support their social communication skills and reconnect, and they wanted to be able to access the right supports at the right time in their rehabilitation. TBI rehabilitation professionals' concerns regarding potential risks associated with using social media might lead them to restrict social media use during rehabilitation. The metasynthesis informed the development of an evidence-based protocol for assessing and supporting a person with TBI's social media goals to guide clinical practice and future research. The protocol also

provides example tasks to support social media use during the rehabilitation process.

BRAIN IMPAIRMENT



ASSBI's multidisciplinary Journal

Our journal *Brain Impairment* has a new issue available, [Volume 22 / Issue 1, March 2021](#). Our social media editors have been sharing this new high-quality content via our Twitter account [@BrainImpairment](#) and we have been working behind the scenes at ASSBI to update the journal's webpages! Check out the new look here <https://assbi.com.au/Journal-BIM>. Please follow the journal [@BrainImpairment](#) and stay tuned for more news.

To login to the *Brain Impairment* site of Cambridge University Press, **login** to the ASSBI website and [click on this link](#) to get directed to the *Brain Impairment* page of the CUP website, if you require any help with this please email [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@assbi.com.au).

To read some of the articles from the author's perspective [click here](#)
Jennifer Fleming and Grahame Simpson, Co-Editors

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

If you would like to see someone give a workshop or webinar in your state or know of anyone who you would like to see give a workshop or webinar for ASSBI members, please email [Margaret](mailto:Margaret@assbi.com.au) and we will endeavour to organise a full/half day workshop or a webinar. If someone you suggest agrees to present for ASSBI you will receive a complementary registration, just like Danielle Sansonetti did when she suggested Barbara Wilson.

ASSBI 2021 Series of Webinars

60 minute webinars – all times mentioned are SYD/MEL time



19th March – 1pm – 2pm entitled: *Better together: Enhancing family-centred care during rehabilitation for children with acquired brain injury*
Dr Sarah Knight, Australia [Register](#)



16th April – 5pm – 6pm entitled: *Technology to support remembering and goal management: Can an ApplTree improve my PM?*
Prof Jon Evans, Glasgow, UK [Register](#)



21st May – 5pm – 6pm entitled: *Helping others: finding meaning in projects for people with brain injury*
Dr Nick Behn, London, UK [Register](#)



18th June – 1pm – 2pm *Title to be confirmed*
Prof Sharon Naismith, Australia [Register](#)



20th August – 1pm – 2.30pm entitled: *Help Disrupt the Isolation Industry* by Caleb Rixon and GenYus Network
This is a free 90-minute webinar
[REGISTER HERE VIA ZOOM](#)



17th September – 1pm – 2pm entitled: *Recognising and managing mild TBIs in the community*
Dr Alice Theadom, NZ [Register](#)



15th October – 1pm – 2pm entitled: *An occupation-based approach to facilitating self-awareness after TBI*
Prof Jennifer Fleming, Australia [Register](#)



19th November – 1pm – 2pm entitled: *Treating social cognitive deficits after brain injury*
Ms Anneli Cassel, Australia [Register](#)

Click on the [Home Page](#) to see abstracts, speakers bios and register
<https://mers.cventevents.com/ASSBIwebinars>

ASSBI CONFERENCES

[Go to the ASSBI website to keep up to date](#)

ASSBI's 44th Conference 6th Pacific Rim Conference



The 44th Conference will be held in conjunction with INS and CCN and will be known as the 6th Pacific Rim Conference. It will be run as a hybrid conference both in Melbourne and virtually via CVENT's Virtual Attendee Hub on 1–3 July preceded by a consumer afternoon on 29th and workshops on 30th June 2021. Home Page: <https://mers.cventevents.com/6thpacificrim>

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE A HYBRID CONFERENCE

The theme of the conference is
Putting our heads together to change lives

Co-Convenors for the conference are:

ASSBI Representative – Dana Wong

INS Representative – Travis Wearne

CCN Representative – Kerryn Pike

Steering Committee: Vicki Anderson, Jacinta Douglas and Simon Crowe.

AMONG THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ARE



Emma Power

Associate Professor Emma Power is a speech pathologist and academic at the University of Technology Sydney. She has worked in the area of acquired brain injury (including aphasia and cognitive-communication disorders) for 25 years in a variety of clinical and academic positions. She is internationally recognised for her research across acquired neurological disorders including psychosocial interventions, sexuality and intimacy, and communication partner training with a key focus on implementation science/knowledge translation and tele and digital health. Emma has led research on the development of 82 post-stroke aphasia best practice guidelines published in BMJOpen and the development of the Australian Aphasia Rehabilitation pathway. She has also developed efficacious training programs for communication partners of people with brain injury and stroke. Emma has over 90 peer reviewed publications and \$4.5million worth of grant funding. She supervises PhD students in acquired brain injury and implementation science and has won awards for excellence in

publications and conference papers in implementation science as well as for her curriculum development and teaching in neurogenic communication disorders. She is currently on the Research Advisory Committee of the Stroke Foundation of Australia, is a member of the Stroke Foundation clinical practice living guidelines working party and a committee member of SpeechBITE.

Emma's workshop is entitled: *Implementation of face to face and online communication partner training programs in ABI: A step by step clinical implementation workshop* and Keynote Address is entitled: *"I wouldn't want to open a can of worms": Sexuality and Intimacy in acquired brain Injury*



Kylie Radford

Dr Kylie Radford is a clinical neuropsychologist and Senior Research Scientist at Neuroscience Research Australia, where she is a group leader with the Aboriginal Health and Ageing Program. She is also a Conjoint Senior Lecturer with the

School of Psychology and Associate Investigator with the Ageing Futures Institute, both at the University of New South Wales, Sydney. Dr Radford completed her PhD and Doctorate of Clinical Neuropsychology in 2010 at the University of Sydney. She is a registered psychologist and Fellow of the Australian Psychological Society College of Clinical Neuropsychologists. Her diverse clinical research experience has involved studying early onset dementia, alcohol dependence and cognitive rehabilitation for acquired brain injuries, mild cognitive impairment and epilepsy. Over the past 10 years, her research has focused on the epidemiology, neuropsychology and sociocultural experience of ageing and dementia with older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across NSW, primarily through the longitudinal Koori Growing Old Well Study. This work has highlighted the high prevalence and incidence of dementia in this population, mostly Alzheimer's disease, and potentially modifiable risk factors across the life course. Working in close collaboration with urban and rural Aboriginal communities, and supported by the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council and other grants, this research aims to promote ageing well, identify dementia prevention strategies, and translate findings into culturally sensitive dementia education and care. Kylie's Workshop is entitled: *Wisdom, memories and connections: Towards a more holistic approach to neuropsychology with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples* and her Keynote Address is entitled: *"Healthy ageing is your mind staying young": Longevity, brain health and dementia in Indigenous peoples*

Presidential Addresses



INS President
 Skye McDonald, UNSW



ASSBI President Elect
 Olivier Piguet, University of Sydney



CCN President
 Amy Scholes, Private Practice

Six half-day 6 Workshops on 30th June

Workshop 1 (9am) Neil H. Pliskin: *The shocking truth about electrical injuries*

Workshop 2 (9am) Sarah E. MacPherson: *Executive function assessments as cognitive markers of pathological aging: Evidence from healthy aging and dementia*

Workshop 3 (9am) Vicki Anderson, Michael Takagi, Vanessa Rausa, Katie Davies, Gavin Davis: *Accelerating recovery from child concussion requires a collaborative multidisciplinary approach*

Workshop 4 (1pm) Rene Stolwyk and Wendy Kelso: *Zooming into the details: a practical guide to conducting assessments of cognition, language and mood using telehealth*

Workshop 5 (1pm) Kylie Radford and Terry Donovan: *Wisdom, memories and connections: Towards a more holistic approach to neuropsychology with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples*

Workshop 6 (1pm) Emma Power: *Implementation of face to face and online communication partner training programs in ABI: A step by step clinical implementation workshop*

3 Mini-Masterclasses on Friday 2nd July

Masterclass 1 (7.30am) Fiona Fisher, Jen Bradshaw and James Howe - *Understanding the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017: Considerations and conundrums*

Masterclass 2 (7.30am) Natasha Lannin and Sophie O'Keefe - *State of the Evidence Masterclass on Effective Vocational Rehabilitation after Brain Impairment*

Masterclass 3 (7.30am) Katie Douglas and Richard Porter - *Interventions for Cognitive Impairment in Mood Disorders*

PUT THESE DATES INTO YOUR DIARY

Early bird closes: 23rd May 2021

Consumer Focused Afternoon:

Tuesday 29th June 2021

Conference Workshops:

Wednesday 30th June 2021

Conference:

Thursday 1st – Saturday 3rd July 2021

If you are already on any of MERS Events' distribution lists or the ASSBI list (run by Margaret Eagers) you need do nothing as you will be notified as usual. If you are not and want to be then drop an email to mers@exemail.com.au

ASSBI's 45th Conference

#assbi2022

The 45th Conference will be held in Perth on 5th – 7th May 2022. Dr Mathilde Chevignard, Prof Lynne Turner-Stokes and Prof Bronwyn Hemsley, Prof Beth Armstrong and Prof Juli Coffin are keynote speakers.

Past Workshops and Webinars are available for download #assbiworkshops

[CLICK HERE](#) to see more and order.

Jessica Trevena-Peters, Jennie Ponsford, Adam McKay, Dana Wong and Alinka Fisher have all presented full day training workshops and Neera Kapoor and Caroline van Heugten 90 min webinars over the last 2 years. If you missed this Continuing Education the first time around and would like to access it now please go to the [ASSBI ONLINE STORE](#)

WORLD EVENTS

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[FREE Pre-Recorded Webinars](#)

[2021 CONFERENCE](#)

WORLD EVENTS

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2nd CCD Symposium

	2nd CCD Symposium 29 th & 30 th April 2021 Virtually and on Demand
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18th NR-SIG-WFNR Conference



And lots more.....

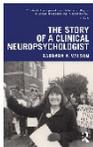
ASSBI RESOURCES

Our online store has been very busy with over 200 orders being placed since last year. We now have a shopping cart which makes it super easy to buy our resources on-line for members and non-members alike. To get members price (10% discount) login to the ASSBI website first. Also if you want to purchase the pdf or the UK version tick that option please. If you go to the resources page you will find a great range of evidence-based resources for assessing, managing and/or treating many different kinds of disorders arising from brain impairment. We have professionally produced manuals and kits that we can post to you (if in Australia) or, if you prefer, you can receive a PDF of the resource with any accompanying files if required. You can also find recordings of some of our most popular webinars. This year, to date we have sold over 100 items. Check it out!

Non-members have access to some free downloads too – [click here](#) to see the full list of manuals and free to downloads on offer

There are now some FREE webinars which showcase some of our kits [CLICK HERE](#)
Skye McDonald, Resources Manager

Book



Prof Barbara Wilson's first memoirs book *The Story of a Clinical Neuropsychologist* is now out as an Audio book. Download the app for audio books/audible first if you want this. [Click here](#) to go to the flyer that will get you 20% discount on the hard copy. The second memoirs book is due to be published very soon. This is to be called "Reaching fulfilment as a woman in Science"

Opportunities for Involvement

There are a lot of colleagues out there wanting your help, have a look and see if you can help out

[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL REQUESTS FOR HELP](#)

Survey of rehabilitation professionals' experiences of social media use after acquired brain injury (ABI)

Dr Melissa Brunner and Prof Leanne Togher are conducting a survey and are interested in hearing from health professionals who work with people in rehabilitation after ABI, who are willing to take part in research about the use of social media.

This survey specifically aims to determine:

- How social media is used during rehabilitation after ABI;
- Any problems people with ABI experience in using social media;
- Barriers and facilitators to using social media in ABI rehabilitation; and
- The role of health professionals in supporting the use of social media in ABI rehabilitation.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and will provide information about the current and future scope of practice with regards to using social media after an ABI, as well as the enablers and barriers to supporting people in its use.

Findings from this research will further inform rehabilitation pathways, including the design and development of online tools and resources, to support people with ABI in their use of social media as a form of communication, and to provide guidance for rehabilitation professionals in clinical practice.

The participant information statement and consent form are available via the survey link:

<https://redcap.sydney.edu.au/surveys/?s=8PMLKJ8MYH>

STUDENT INFORMATION

The three student representatives on the 6th Pacific Rim Conference committee are putting together two events during the programme – a lunchtime workshop of one hour and a 90-minute symposium. There will also be a complementary networking event on the Thursday evening for all attending **students and early career delegates**.

There are also \$10,000 worth of grants available and each of the 3 Associations have Awards.

To find out about these opportunities proceed to the [Conference Website](#)

ASSBI STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The student ambassador teams have continued to organise more ASSBI student events throughout the year around Australia and New Zealand! For the full reports with photos go to

Melbourne

The ASSBI Melbourne student ambassadors hosted an online panel event, titled "Seeing the full picture after brain injury". Panellists included Hailey McKirdy, a lived-experience expert; Kate Heine, a paediatric physiotherapist who is also the founder and managing director of not-for-profit organisation Heads Together for ABI; Prof Christine Imms, a clinician-researcher with a background in paediatric occupational therapy; Prof Tamara Ownsworth, a clinician-researcher with a background in neuropsychology; and Dr Kate Gould, a clinician-researcher with a background in neuropsychology. Panellists were interviewed by the student ambassadors and spoke about what it means to see the 'full picture' as a clinician or researcher working in the area of brain injury. Panellists spoke about topics including self-identity, life-roles, participation, relationships, and quality of life following brain injury. Audience questions were also answered in a Q & A session. Over 50 people attended the event, spanning a range of disciplines including psychology, OT, SALT and physiotherapy.

Adelaide

The Adelaide Student Ambassadors hosted a virtual quiz night that included a mixture of general and ASSBI trivia, which introduced participants to the organisation in an engaging way. A broad spectrum of people attended the event and were surprised to learn of the extent to which ASSBI assists in ABI academia and student outreach. We had both solo and team-based competitors, all of whom greatly enjoyed the virtual quiz format and competed vigorously. Upon conclusion of the quiz night, attendees reported having learnt more about the organisation, expressed interest in the ABI community and had a lot of fun doing so.

Please contact Melissa if you have any questions about the study.
Ethics Approval/Reference Number: 2020/510
Contact Name: Melissa Brunner
Email: melissa.brunner@sydney.edu.au

Recruiting for CREST Concussion Study

The Neurotrauma team at Curtin University and the Perron Institute, led by Professor Lindy Fitzgerald, are currently recruiting participants for an exciting new study on concussion- the CREST Concussion REcovery STudy. This study is the largest of its kind in Western Australia and involves a range of techniques that are at the forefront of concussion research.

The aim of the study is to identify factors which may predict individuals at increased risk of delayed recovery following concussion to better manage treatment and improve recovery.

Within the past 7 days have you sustained a concussion injury from any cause (e.g. falls, transport accidents, sports-related concussions), been diagnosed by a medical doctor and aged between 18-65 years?

For more information or to see if you are eligible, please email concussionstudy@curtin.edu.au or phone 0466 526 849.

Speech pathology for adults following traumatic brain injury (TBI)

Our research team is exploring the lived experiences of adults when receiving speech pathology services in community settings (e.g. community-rehabilitation services, day hospital, private practice). The study is open to adults following TBI and/or their significant others who received services in Australia or New Zealand and involves a one hour interview using video conferencing. All participants can go into a draw to win a \$50 Coles/Myer or Farmers voucher. For more information about the study go to <https://sites.google.com/griffithuni.edu.au/speechpathologystudy/home> or contact Crystal Kelly (crystal.kelly@griffith.edu.au). GU ref no: 2019/512

Light Therapy for ABI Study

We are currently seeking referrals for a randomised controlled trial evaluating the impact of in-home light therapy on post-brain injury fatigue, as well as daytime sleepiness, sleep quality and mood. The study entails 7 study visits over a 5-6 month period in the participant's home and exposure to a tailored light therapy program. Ceiling lights and lamps are installed by a certified electrician, using participant's pre-existing fixtures.

It is for adults aged 18+ who:

- Have had a TBI (mild, moderate or severe) OR
- Stroke
- Reports experiencing significant fatigue
- Is 3+ months post-injury (participants may also be many years post-injury eg. 20-30 years).
- Lives within the greater Melbourne area (up to 2 hr drive).

The study has been developed at Monash University in conjunction with the Monash-Epworth Rehabilitation Research Centre (MERRC) by Professors Jennie Ponsford, Shantha Rajaratnam, Steven Lockley and myself. The project has been approved by the Epworth HealthCare Human Research Ethics Committee.

If you would like any further information or would like to refer a potential participant, please don't hesitate to contact me at laura.connolly@monash.edu or 0419 372 468. [Download the flyer here](#)

ASSBI STUDENTS Cont.

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Newcastle

ASSBI Newcastle had their first student online event in November 2020. The event was dubbed "Art Therapy" with two experienced guest speakers, namely Dr Kirstin Robertson-Gillam (Counsellor, Coach, Music Psychotherapist) and Vanessa Tidey (Artist). The event was educative, interactive, and fun. Dr Kirstin shared a case study and how she used psychotherapy and art therapy to aid recovery of the client. We were also honoured to have the client join our event. Vanessa took us on a creative painting journey to explore, paint and name our painting. Prizes were given out to the first four participants who shared their painting on ASSBI social media pages. It was a successful event and we are thankful to all our participants. Special thanks to my Newcastle student ambassadors – Kimberley Wallis, Avni Kumar, Lucy Irene for organising this event in this COVID era. Kudos!

Auckland

The Auckland ASSBI team held an online "Trivia Night" via Zoom which involved three guest speaker presentations including a Speech-Language Therapist, a PhD Neuropsychology candidate, and a Clinical Nurse Consultant & Team Leader in Paediatric Brain Injury. The trivia questions were based on the content provided by the guest speakers and prizes were awarded to the winning team. Content ranged from varying roles and responsibilities in the field of brain impairment, along with current research, case management and intervention for people suffering from brain impairment. The event provided students with the opportunity to network and collaborate with their peers, along with putting the name to the face of many students and academics from varying disciplines and universities. There were great discussions and interactions during the event and overall it was an engaging and successful night for all involved!

Jonathan Reyes, Student Co-ordinator

Monash University is seeking the views and experience of health practitioners who have treated and supported individuals recovering from major trauma injury. Many people have long-term ongoing rehabilitation needs after they sustain major trauma injury. There are a number of rehabilitation services that may be needed. The purpose of this study is to understand the experiences of practitioners delivering services to people who have returned to the community following major trauma and require ongoing assistance.

How can you help?

If you are a practitioner who has helped at least one person to 'get back on track' after a major trauma injury, we'd like you to complete a 15-minute online survey about your experience. The survey is completed anonymously, and will ask you questions about:

The types of services you provide to major trauma survivors

- Your confidence in providing these services
- What training, education and/or support you have when treating major trauma survivors
- Whether there are difficulties in providing access to your services, and
- The methods you use to provide any of your services (e.g. telehealth). We are keen to hear from a wide range of health practitioners, including:
 - Allied Health Assistants
 - Counsellors
 - Exercise Physiologists
 - General Practitioners
 - Neurologists
 - Nurses
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Personal Care Attendants
 - Physiotherapists
 - Psychiatrists
 - Psychologists
 - Rehabilitation Consultant/Physicians
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Counsellors
 - Social Workers
 - Speech Therapists
 - *AND* any other practitioners who are assisting individuals with major trauma injury

How do you participate?

To go to the survey, follow the link: <http://tiny.cc/yc1jdz>
 To complete the survey by telephone, call (03) 9902 0272 when ready, or email injury.ruralresearch@monash.edu to arrange a time for call-back.
 The project has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee (MUHREC). Project ID number: 18016.

Latest updates from the co-designed CyberAbility project

While cyberscams can happen to anyone, people with ABI may be more at risk. Social restrictions due to Covid-19 have led to people spending more time online, and unfortunately, reports of cyberscams have soared during this time. This year, Dr Kate Gould and her research team at Monash University have been listening to the stories of people with ABI and their family members who have generously offered to speak about their cyberscam experiences. Thank you to everyone in the ASSBI community who has taken part. The findings reinforced that romance scams are one of the key scam types for people with ABI, and that they cause both financial loss and distress for the person with ABI as well as conflict with their families. Family members said they struggled to help the person with ABI recognise the scam and stop engaging with the scammer. A clear need was identified for tailored ways to help people with ABI learn about staying safe online. The CyberAbility team is grateful to receive funding from the TAC Small Grants program which will enable the creation of an online cybersafety training program designed with and for people with ABI. The inclusion of videos of individuals sharing their lived experiences of scams after ABI will be a powerful and relatable method to help people understand and connect with the importance cyberscam prevention. There will be opportunities for people with ABI to help with the design and trialling of the online resources.

If you would like to know more about the project, stay up to date, or get involved, please register your interest at www.cyberability.org.au.

You can also follow Dr Kate Gould on twitter: @THINKFULLY_ and follow our hashtag #CyberAbility