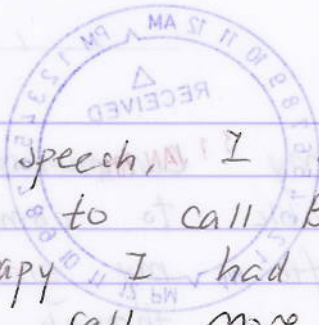


Peter Whitwell

• Since my stroke in April, I lost my ~~communication~~. My ~~wife~~ ^{PC} As a result of not being able to communicate, my wife ^{and I} had to give up looking after my grandchildren to look after me. She was helping me go through a my completely different life ^{PC} new life. My ^{PC} Physically, I was not affected, but I could not say what I want to say (get mixed up), and I could not understand things. I could not read a lot and TV. ~~and so~~ I said silly things that I could not control. through the phone, I felt frustrated for not saying the right things. I could not keep a conversation going for a long time.

• Coming to DRC (speech Pathology) in May, the work I have done has helped my speech. I am able to see things properly, and say things better. Since then, my speech has got better so much, my memory feels better. I am able to manage longer conversations. It has got better so much that it ^{PC} my life in general has ~~got~~ ^{PC} progressed a lot through my therapy sessions here. I am able to spend a lot more time with my grandchildren now because I can say a lot more now. Sometimes, I ~~say~~ ^{PC} still say the wrong things and words, but I am able to change the wrong ^{PC} words to what I want to say. My granddaughter also helps me in my communication by giving me feedback on what I said. Speech Pathology services have helped the most, absolutely. Even ^(for the time) two weeks, and two hours a week, I could feel that I was able to speak better and cope better in general.

• I had intensive therapy since my stroke. Over the period of time, I got so much better with my speech. Because things have got so much better, I got to go back to doing a lot things, such as driving. I used to call for Bingo. After I lost



my speech, I could not call Bingo. But now, I am able to call Bingo once a week because of the therapy I had here. One day, I believe I am able to call more Bingo games when my speech can get even better again.

Transcribed from verbal report by Speech Pathology student on placement.