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## WA DTSC November Dementia Networking Seminar

*“There’s lots of things I don’t talk about...  
because I don’t remember.”*

### Communication Matters: Expanding Horizons

**Presented by:**

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**Date:** Wednesday 25 November

**Time:** 6.00pm to 7.00pm (Light refreshments available from 5.30pm)

**Venue:** The Theatre, Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie Hall Drive  
Corner Hayman Road, Technology Park, Bentley

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This session is a **free** information seminar by WA Dementia Training Study Centre (WA DTSC). It will provide practical information in dementia care and give the opportunity for you to network with colleagues. The seminar will focus on the needs of health professionals caring for people living with dementia.

[Overview of presentation by presenters](#)

The emphasis for this workshop is on non-pharmacological interventions for people living with dementia with the aim of minimising the functional impact of cognitive-communication difficulties and maximising engagement and quality of life. The Speech Pathologist’s role in fostering functional communication and communication opportunities will be explored. A range of practical strategies will be showcased to promote meaningful interactions and connections between staff, families and older adults living with dementia, including communication boards, ‘life story’ books, iPads and group reminiscence activities. Case study examples of residents living in a high care residential facility will be used to demonstrate the various interventions.

Anyone interested in furthering their dementia knowledge, keeping up-to-date with recent research and networking with colleagues is welcome to attend.



Register online at:

<https://register.eventarc.com/32119/communication-matters-expanding-horizons>

If you require assistance, please contact Denise Dallimore  
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