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Speech therapist on job

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THE gift of the gab is something most take for granted, but for those that have some difficulty with communication Leeton has a new speech pathologist on hand to help.

Leeton Primary and Community Health Care has welcomed Rebecca Baker on board as its newest speech pathologist. Ms Baker has taken up the position on a full-time basis.

Ms Baker is originally from Mirrool and completed her Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) at Charles Sturt University in Albury-Wodonga.

She is now providing speech pathology services to Leeton, Narrandera and Barellan residents.

Ms Baker has previously worked in places such as Parkes and Forbes, but was looking for something closer to home.

"I'm loving it here so far," she said.

"There is a very friendly, supportive and team atmosphere here, which has made starting a new job that bit easier."

Speech pathology services that will

be provided by Ms Baker will include swallowing and feeding therapy, early childhood language difficulties and adult communication difficulties.

"I'm looking forward to providing an equitable service to the community," she said.

"I would like to try and continue to keep waiting lists down just as my predecessor did.

"I have really been enjoying the diversity my job here provides."

Leeton Primary and Community Health Care acting manager Jodie Bloomfield said Ms Baker's experience as a sole practitioner in regional areas had played a key role in her success in the position.

"Given the difficulties in recruiting allied health professionals to rural and regional areas, we are very pleased to welcome Rebecca to the team," she said.

Ms Baker is available in Leeton from Tuesday to Friday and in Narrandera on Monday.



REBECCA Baker has signed on as the new speech pathologist at Leeton Primary and Community Health Care.