



New staff talk of the town

By AMY HALLETT

THREE award-winning speech pathology graduates have joined the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Allied Health team.

Speech Pathology head of department and Allied Health co-ordinator Kim Brookes said having Emily Meagher, Emily Brogan and Sally Wall join the team was wonderful.

"For them to all be award winners is the icing on the cake," Ms Brookes said.

"Speech pathology is more than just treating children with speech problems; we play a key role across the lifespan in improving a patient's quality of life by helping them with communication and swallowing difficulties.

"Our new staff bring together a range of skills, from helping people with swallowing problems to rehabilitating patients after brain surgery."

Ms Meagher, a final year clinical work and honours research on stuttering, won an award from Speak Easy, a self-help group

for people who stutter.

She also won the Reconnect award for her clinical and volunteer work at the support group for people with acquired communication difficulties.

Ms Brogan and Ms Wall both won Curtin University awards. Ms Brogan was also rewarded with an undergraduate research grant from Speech Pathology Australia.



New team players Sally Wall, Emily Brogan and Emily Meagher.

Picture: Hazel Buckley

d348546