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Working to bridge the communication gap

SPEECH pathologists in the New England region are celebrating Speech Pathology Week, an event held each year to recognise the role the profession plays in supporting people with communication difficulties.

Tamworth Community Health Senior speech pathologist Lynda Bell said: "One in seven Australians has a form of communication disorder, which can make simple daily activities, such as ordering lunch, paying a

bill or buying a bus ticket, both frustrating and difficult."

"Fittingly, this year's theme Language for Life, explores the importance of communication through all stages of life."

A range of activities will be held across the area to celebrate Speech Pathology Week.

Inverell Community Health will distribute information brochures to medical centres and preschools in the area.

Speech Pathology bookmarks

will be distributed free with every book borrowed from Inverell Library during the week, and Book of the Year 2006 will be on display at the Dust Jacket Book Store in Byron St, Inverell.

Moree Community Health will be conducting a Language for Life colouring competition for local preschools and families.