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Victorian Independent Speech Pathologists Network

Thank you for expressing an interest in this group. We take on an informal format in that we meet approximately 4 times per year for a dinner meeting to discuss issues that are related to running a business with like minded individuals. There is an opportunity to find out in a little more detail some of the topical things that are being focused on at Speech Pathology Australia and keeping abreast of the changes that keep occurring with the Medicare and Autism funding options. There is an opportunity to share your views and spend time with people who are just commencing their business, have established businesses and larger practices as well. All are welcome to share their views and ideas and perhaps not have to re-invent the wheel in some aspects of your business.

We generally have a guest speaker on an area of interest and they have often been from outside the speech pathology profession – an opportunity to develop our skills beyond the familiar. We have had speakers from Consulting groups speak about goal setting and measuring business success. Representatives from Medicare and VHIA have also provided us with updates. We have also drawn on the broad expertise of our own members who have shared information about the structures and strategies that they put in place for monitoring quality and administrative procedures as well as selling their practice. We will always welcome new ideas and fresh contacts for speakers. If you have ideas or connections please bring these ideas along so that we can best meet your needs.

The best way to know when the next meeting is scheduled for is to check the SPA website or email: reception@speechresults.com.au There are also a wealth of resources that are available in terms of fee setting processes, setting up processes, Medicare rebates and registering with health funds, insurances that you need etc. Make sure you are listed with Speech Pathology Australia as belonging to the Private Practitioners member network to receive details of the next meeting. If you would like to be included on our specific meeting attendees email list then please respond and indicate this to the above address.

We do not charge a membership fee, or issue certificates. We are functioning as an interest group. It generally costs between \$30- \$40 for meetings including dinner and speaker, these are taken as cash only with any surplus from the cost of the venue on the night being banked for the costs of future speakers. Receipts are written so they can be claimed on your tax.

Chairperson: Rhonda Campbell

Secretary: Stephanie Rickard

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