



For Mildura's Brooke Gibbons, raising awareness about the study of disorders that affect a person's speech is all about.

# Spreading the word

MILDURA'S Brooke Gibbons is typical of the 4200-strong team of people working across the nation for Speech Pathology Australia.

They work in hospitals, schools, community health centres, private practice and other agencies to provide a variety of services to people who suffer from communication and swallowing difficulties.

And next week is annual Speech Pathology Week, highlighting the profession and the

work of Speech Pathology Australia members with people of all ages, embracing the theme, 'Communication: More than just words'.

Brooke said that "Speech Pathologists work with individuals who have communication and swallowing difficulties during all stages of their life span, and our training and expertise can provide clients with an effective means of communicating."

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HELPING HAND: Brooke Gibbons examines Mildura's Max Wilkinson, one of her four laryngectomy clients.