

A touch screen app for people with dementia who have expressive language difficulties

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“Perché non capisci”?

Why don't you understand me?



Connect with CommunicAid™

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Supporting people with expressive language difficulties

- User friendly, person centred
- Designed for people with dementia, effective for speech difficulties resulting from a stroke, brain injury, neurological conditions











CommunicAid™

- Developed further understanding of Apps for our users – people with dementia
- TAFE students: real world opportunities

What's next?

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iPad – New categories – CaLD

LETS CHANGE ATTITUDES AND MYTHS

- Dementia is a shift in the way a person experiences the world
- Assume nothing
- An individual journey
- Connect with CommunicAid
- Maintaining relationships
- CommunicAid: freedom of human expression

BACKGROUND

- March 2014
- Demographics
- Assessed needs
- Focus on autonomy and ability not disability
- Volunteers and family carers
- Collection of data in 3 phases



“HEAR ME”



KEY FINDINGS

Phase one

3 clients out of
5 evaluations,

Ease of use

The benefits of
volunteer/buddy
for practice

Quality of Life

Phase two

Improved
socialisation

Improved mood

Building
relationships

Impact on the
person/others

Phase three

Curtin University

Barriers

Opportunities

Outcomes





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Thank you



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