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™**

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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