



Call for Abstracts

**Organisation for Psychological Research
into Stroke- Australia**

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**A INTERDISCIPLINARY FORUM FOR ALL
THINGS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND STROKE**

ONLINE EVENT

02.12.2022

7AM -1PM AWST (PERTH) | 10AM- 4PM AEDT (MELBOURNE,
SYDNEY) | 9AM -3PM AEST (BRISBANE)

Abstract submissions are invited to showcase a broad range of psychological research into stroke across disciplines including clinical psychology, neuropsychology, cognitive psychology, speech and language therapy and social work, as well as basic science research and clinical translation research.

[Click here to submit an abstract](#)

Abstract submissions close Wednesday 28th of September 2022

International abstract submissions and registrations welcome but please note the time of the event as presentations will be live. This event will not be recorded.

Featuring keynote presentations from:



Associate Professor Nele Demeyere, University of Oxford

Title: Cognitive trajectories from acute to chronic stroke: findings from the Oxford Cognitive Screening programme

Nele is the head of the Translational Neuropsychology research group. The lab's research is situated at the interface between cognitive neuropsychology and clinical practice in stroke. Nele's first undergraduate and masters degrees were in psychology and cognitive neurosciences at KULeuven (Belgium), followed by a PhD in neuropsychology at the University of Birmingham (2010) and postdoctoral positions at Birmingham and then Oxford. In 2015, Nele received the Lord Leonard and Lady Estelle Wolfson Stroke Association lectureship award, starting an independent research group. Nele was then awarded the Stroke Association's Priority Programme Award in 2019 and currently holds a senior NIHR advanced fellowship.

Nele's research spans the translational axis in neuropsychology: From fundamental cognitive neuropsychology, to clinical tool development for cognitive screening, and observational cohort studies capitalising on real-world clinical cohort data, including routinely acquired NHS brain scans.

Nele's biggest impact work so far has been the development and implementation of the Oxford Cognitive screen (www.ocs-test.org), which is now used as the clinical standard in a large number of stroke units, both in the UK and internationally.



**Professor Beth Armstrong, Edith Cowan University, Perth
&
Professor Juli Coffin, Murdoch University, Broome**

Title: Improving services for Aboriginal Australians after stroke and traumatic brain injury

Recent research has provided insights from Aboriginal people with stroke and traumatic brain injury and their families around their journeys of recovery. The keynote address will explore these insights which include ongoing challenges faced, as well as family and community resources that assist recovery. New culturally secure service initiatives trialled in Western Australia that are creating change by improving access to rehabilitation will also be described. These initiatives involve co-design by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers, clinicians and Aboriginal community members. The concept of cultural security (Coffin, 2007), central to assessment and treatment practices used when working with Aboriginal people with brain injury, will be outlined. Cultural security refers to ensuring that Aboriginal cultural values, world views and ways of working are incorporated at each level and stage of the acute and rehabilitation service and that services will not compromise the legitimate cultural rights, values and expectations of Aboriginal people (Coffin, 2007).

Professor Beth Armstrong

Professor Beth Armstrong is Foundation Chair in Speech Pathology at Edith Cowan University in Perth. She leads a multidisciplinary team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal researchers focused on improving service delivery and quality of life for Aboriginal people after brain injury. Her research is based on collaborative community and health service provider partnerships including those with WA Aboriginal and Community Controlled Health Services, the WA Department of Health, the Neurological Council of WA and the Stroke Foundation. Professor Armstrong has attracted ongoing funding from the NHMRC to support this program of research.

Professor Juli Coffin

Professor Julianne (Juli) Coffin is an Aboriginal Western Australian who has traditional ties to her grandparents' country in the Pilbara region (Nyangumarta). She is the Professor in Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing in the Ngangk Yira Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and Social Equity at Murdoch University and Juli is based in the Kimberley. Professor Coffin is a prominent Aboriginal researcher with research expertise in cultural security, education and research across a diverse range of chronic diseases, nutrition, contextualising bullying, and health promotion. With a keen interest in Aboriginal languages and ways of learning Professor Coffin combines her education and cultural learnings to deliver the outstanding translation of research into practice that is always of an impeccable standard.