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5 to 6.30pm



School of Physiotherapy & Exercise Science  
Building 408, Level 4 Room 4502  
Kent Street, Bentley WA 6102



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## Improving rehabilitation services and quality of life for Aboriginal Australians and their families after stroke and traumatic brain injury

Brain injury occurs up to three times more often in Aboriginal Australians than their non-Aboriginal counterparts, often at younger ages and more frequently in rural and remote areas. Despite this, Aboriginal brain injury survivors access rehabilitation services at lower rates, with identified barriers including communication breakdown, distance from facilities, and previous negative service experiences.

Professor Armstrong is currently leading the Healing Right Way clinical trial, the first randomised control trial in brain injury focused specifically on Aboriginal survivors. She will speak about this NHMRC-funded research, which aims to promote culturally secure rehabilitation services for Aboriginal people post brain injury to improve health outcomes and quality of life.

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Hear from:



**Professor Beth Armstrong** is Foundation Chair in Speech Pathology at Edith Cowan University in Perth. She has published widely in the area of aphasia and presents regularly at national and international speech pathology, linguistics, allied health and medical conferences.

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