



Communication and Assistive Technology (ComTEC)

Providing information, training and access to communication and assistive technology

Yooralla's ComTEC service provides information and advice on communication and assistive technology, including speech generating devices, computer access, accessible home control and mounting systems.

ComTEC has a team of specialised therapists who provide information, training and practical advice on equipment and strategies that can make it easier to:

- get your message across
- stay engaged in work, play and learning
- connect with friends and family, and
- control your technology.

Communication and assistive technology can include:

- speech generating devices and applications for tablets and smartphones, to provide a backup or alternative if it is difficult to get your message across using speech.
- alternatives to the standard mouse and keyboard, accessible home controls e.g. mainstream and specialised solutions to enable people to perform functions such as change channels on the TV, manage lighting functions, operation of heating and cooling systems and other operations.

Consultations require a referral from a therapist. Appointments for consultations and training can be carried out via Zoom, at ComTEC, or in your home, community or workplace if within the 30 minute NDIS travel limit. ComTEC does not sell equipment, but can provide details on where to get equipment.

ComTEC Services:

- **Consultations**
Individual appointments to work with you to explore assistive technology to meet your goals and needs.
- **Short-term hire equipment library**
We can arrange a loan of equipment from our short term library including:
 - Speech generating devices
 - Peripherals such as switches, joysticks and mice
 - Switch adapted toys
 - iPads
 - Laptops and software
 - Mounting and positioning equipment
- **Training**
Training appointments to help you and your support team to set up and get the best out of your equipment. These can be one-off sessions or a series of ongoing training sessions.



Electronic Communication Devices Scheme

The Electronic Communication Devices Scheme (ECDS) is a state-wide service that subsidises speech generating communication devices and software for children and adults who have no speech or speech that is difficult to understand. The scheme also subsidises equipment to make it easier for people to operate the communication device (e.g. switches and peripherals) or to position the device securely.

Funding of up to \$7000 is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Aids and Equipment Program (A&EP), for people who are not eligible for the NDIS (including people aged over 65 years) and who have no speech or speech that is difficult to understand.

Why choose Yooralla?

- Yooralla is a disability specialist. We provide high quality, evidence-based supports for people with high and complex needs.
- We are a not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting people with disability since 1918.

- We have specialty skills in Autism Spectrum Disorder, dual diagnosis, functional communication, sensory processing and acquired brain injury.
- We provide services across all ages, stages and needs, to ensure the person with disability receives the services they need at the time and place they need them.

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