



# DynaVox Communication Devices: Workshops in Canberra Monday, 29th May 2006

Spectronics, Australia's largest supplier of technologies for people with disabilities and communication impairments will be visiting Canberra in May 2006. These free training workshops will help you learn more about the DynaVox electronic communication devices and about alternative communication. Please join us to learn about the many opportunities opened up for people who find it difficult to use their own voice to communicate.

James Rowe (from the UK) and Jane Farrall from Spectronics will be presenting the workshops. Both are Speech Pathologists with many years experience of working with assistive technology for people with disabilities and communication impairments.



## More about your workshop presenters ...



### James Rowe

Speech Pathologist ~ International Account Manager, DynaVox Technologies

Having graduated as a Speech Pathologist in 2000, James Rowe, B.Sc. (Hons) MRCSLT MHPC, worked in an acute setting, specialising in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) with an adult population. He worked with clients with acquired neurological disorders and degenerative diseases – with a caseload ranging from CVA management through to interventions for clients with Motor Neurone Disease.

For the past four years, James has worked for DynaVox Systems (now DynaVox Technologies). He spent the first three years providing education services across the north of England and Scotland. Following the acquisition of Mayer-Johnson and Enkidu Research, the past year has seen James responsible for the international business of all three organisations. He is always keen to share his knowledge of AAC with experienced practitioners as well as with those who are completely new to the field.



### Jane Farrall

Speech Pathologist ~ AAC and Literacy Consultant, Spectronics

Jane has been working in the disability and assistive technology field for 15 years. She has extensive practical experience in both Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) and in teaching children and adults with disabilities to acquire literacy. Jane has worked for Yooralla Society of Victoria School and Adult services as both therapist and literacy teacher. She has also worked at the Microcomputer Applications Centre (now called ComTEC) in Australia as an Assistive Technology professional, for ZYGO Australia, and for the Victorian Department of Education and at the Centre for Developmental Disability Health.

She is currently completing a Masters in Special Education focusing on literacy acquisition in children and adults without speech and has presented nationally and internationally on this topic. Jane is also the coordinator of the Big Mouth Camp, a residential camp that provides intensive therapy for school-age children using electronic communication devices, and is a former national Chairperson and State Representative of AGOSCI (Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment).

**Want to join us?** Please fill in the registration form over the page and fax to Jane Farrall at Spectronics on (03) 9848 4812 or you can email her on [jane@spectronicsinoz.com](mailto:jane@spectronicsinoz.com)

# WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Profession (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Canberra Workshops Monday 29th May 2006

### • Workshop One: Overview of Communication Devices from DynaVox

Time ..... 10.00am - 1.00pm (Morning tea included)

The session will cover the range of devices available from DynaVox including the MiniMO and MIGHTYmo, MT4 and DV4, Palmtop Impact and DynaWrite. The session will cover features of these devices as well as the preprogrammed page sets which can be used with a wide range of users, from adults to children.

**Yes - Please book me into Workshop One**

### • Workshop Two: Small Talk, Gossip and Tall Stories: Using AAC Socially

Time ..... 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Human beings are social animals and when we communicate with each other, we often gossip about and with our co-workers and friends, tell our families about our day, and generally bore people with our stories! All of these things (hopefully) make people want to spend time talking to us, and these skills make Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) users valued communication partners as well. This presentation will address the importance of small talk, stories and polite questions and will talk about ways to help AAC users develop their social communication skills so they can tell you about their day and tell everyone else all your gossip.

**Yes - Please book me into Workshop Two**

**Where is the workshop being held?**  
Weston Primary School  
Special Education Resource Unit  
Hilder Street  
Weston, ACT 2611

~ For registration or enquiries about these workshops, please phone Jane Farrall at Spectronics on (03) 9848 4812, fax this form to her on (03) 9848 4812 or you can email Jane directly at [jane@spectronicsinoz.com](mailto:jane@spectronicsinoz.com)