

December 2025



Welcome!

As 2025 comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to reflect on 2025 with a thankful heart.

So grab a cuppa, sit back and join us as we look back on all that has happened at Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy this year.



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Quality Speech Therapy

We are proud to provide quality, evidence-based speech therapy for people living with Parkinson's. Through our individual intensive programs and weekly maintenance groups, we continue to see meaningful improvements in quality of life. Patients consistently share how speech therapy has helped them regain clarity, confidence, and a deeper connection with their loved ones.

Welcome to the RHPT Team

This year, we welcomed Paula Simpson into the role as choir director for our Weekly Singing Group and Choir of Sound INTENT.
In September, we also welcomed the lovely Georgie McNay to the speech pathology team.

Paula Simpson



Georgie McNay



Key Events

JULY



Step Out for Parkinson's®

We were proud to be a part of the Parkinson's Centre's 'Step Out for Parkinson's®'. We hosted a stall and Our Choir of Sound INTENT also performed.

AUGUST

Annual Fundraiser at The Barn on Flaxton

Our annual fundraiser was another huge success thanks to the generosity of The Barn on Flaxton and so many other local businesses and community members. Over \$10,000 was raised!



SEPTEMBER



Student Open Day

This year we welcomed eight speech pathology students where our open day offered valuable hands-on opportunity to deepen their understanding of how speech therapy can benefit people with Parkinson's.

SEPTEMBER

Fisher Community Awards

We were both humbled and honoured to be a finalist for the 2025 Andrew Wallace Award "Community Group of the Year" at the Fisher Community Awards!



OCTOBER

Sunshine Coast Parkinson's Conference 2025

Karen and Alison represented Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy at the Sunshine Coast Parkinson's Conference 2025 where they shared about the benefits of quality, evidence-based speech therapy.



Events Cont'd

NOVEMBER

Project Management Day of Service

Karen, Louise and Alison participated in the PMI Qld Project Management Day of Service, where they networked and brainstormed ways to better help our service and community grow.



DECEMBER

Christmas Carols @ Sundale Palmwoods

We recently held our annual Christmas Carols at the stunning new Hilltop Events Centre at Sundale Palmwoods!

Our Choir of Sound INTENT were accompanied by the Nambour Salvation Army Band. The audience were also treated to the gentle melodies of the beautiful Maleny Harp Ensemble.



Kevin McAney, "La Quill Amigo", created a moving photo tribute in recognition of Peter Stidolph, "Guru Amigo," to honour Peter's passion, service, and dedication to raising awareness of Parkinson's through Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy.

RHPT "Amigos": (L-R) Kevin McAney, Peter Stidolph and Scott Grimley



Thank you to Sundale CEO Cameron Taylor for opening the event, and to Sundale Chief Operating Officer Adriana Turica and Community Engagement Officer Lisa Beckey for welcoming us into their incredible new venue. Thank you also to Marty Hunt MP for his ongoing support.

(L-R) Kevin McAney, Lisa Beckey, Louise Williams, Adriana Turica, Marty Hunt MP and Cameron Taylor

DECEMBER

Woombye Lantern Parade

Our Choir of Sound INTENT finished off the RHPT events for 2025, singing as part of the nativity story at the Woombye Lantern Parade.





PARKINSON'S THERAPY AND COMMUNITY HUB in Buddina

Mid this year, we shared that Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy has been given the opportunity to move into the former Kawana Family Centre, in Buddina.

With plans to transform it into a purpose-built therapy and community hub, the first stage involves:

- Insulating and replacing the roof
- Upgrading the toilets to meet PWD (People with Disability) accessibility standards
- Constructing purpose-built therapy rooms

Thanks to building fund donations and a grant from Sunshine Coast Council, the roof was completed in June, significantly improving the comfort of the space for future therapy sessions and community gatherings. We look forward to breaking ground on the internal transformations in 2026 as we move closer to opening the doors in this new space.



BUILDING DONATIONS AND GRANTS: STAGE ONE

'Restoring Hope, Growing a Vision' Donations:

80%

A\$40,464.61 / A\$50,000

25 Gifts

Phillips Family Giving Fund (\$20,000)

"The reason behind our donation is Dan's father Michael Phillips who has Parkinsons and benefits weekly from the phenomenal support of his therapist Louise. We have all noticed such a difference in his speech and he absolutely loves the work that you do."

Sunshine Coast Bridge Club Charity Day (\$3,000)

Maleny Lions Club (\$1 000)



Photo cred: Andrew Wallace MP

In addition to the Building Donations, Directors of RHPT have been successful in securing the following **grants** for Buddina:

Sunshine Coast Council: \$15,000 partial funding towards roof replacement

Andrew Wallace MP: \$15,000 partial funding towards PWD Toilet

Sunshine Coast Council: \$10,000 partial funding towards Therapy Rooms and Bathroom upgrade



Home Exercise Practice Videos

This year, RHPT produced three new Home Exercise Practice videos for our patients to use daily at home. The production of these videos was made possible thanks to the support of **Sunshine Coast Council, Marty Hunt MP and Blackall Range Lions Club.**

Benevolent Bears



This year marked the sixth edition of the Benevolent Bear Collection, with talented bear artist **Lorraine Dippelsmann** generously donating four of her bespoke handcrafted bears in support of Restoring Hope Parkinson's Therapy. Each one found a special home through both online and live auctions, raising an incredible **\$2,940!**



We are grateful for the generous support of local businesses, like **Montville Mist** who provide water for people attending speech therapy!



5 THINGS you can do to help spread hope this Christmas:

- Send a Christmas card to someone you have not sent one to for a long time.
- Take something you no longer need to a charity shop.
- Give a compliment or a small gift to your neighbour.
- Tell someone 3 things you are grateful for.
- Partner with us to reach our fundraising goal of \$50,000!



Thank you Heritage

We're incredibly grateful to have received a generous sponsorship from Heritage Bank, **Palmwoods Community Branch**. Thanks to their support, we were able to purchase a sound system for our Choir of Sound INTENT. This sound system has made such a difference at our events, especially at our Fundraising Celebration and Carols.



Photo cred: Sunshine Valley Gazette



Two of our amazing volunteers, **Taryn Powell** and **Jane Cann**

Thank You

Thank you for journeying with us in 2025.

We thank you for all the ways you have worked with us to help us fulfil our vision to *"Restore the lives of those impacted by Parkinson's and empower living with INTENT"*.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2026!



Merry Christmas

FROM
restoring hope
Parkinson's therapy

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