

# Annual Report

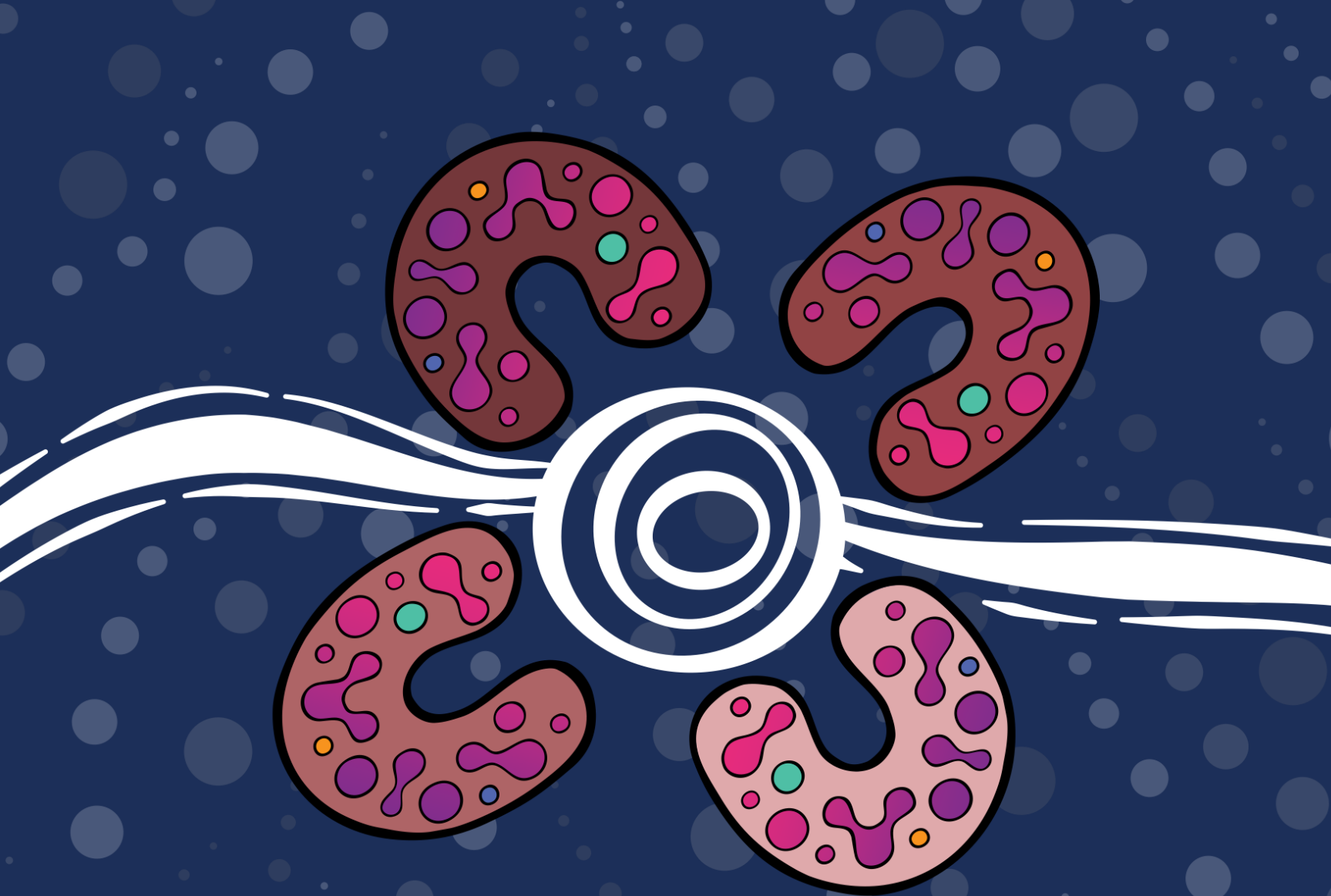
2024-2025



**Connectivity**  
Traumatic Brain Injury Australia

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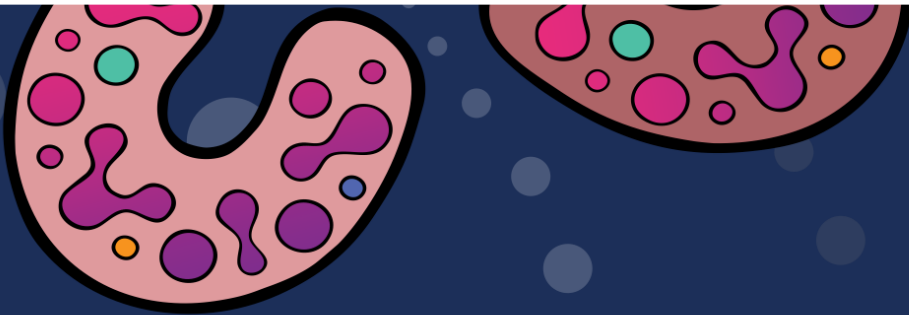


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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Connectivity acknowledges and respects the Traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Custodians / Owners of the land on which we work, live and build our lives, families and communities. We pay our respects to the First Peoples of this country, their cultures and Elders past, present and emerging.



# From the Chair

Priority number one in our strategic plan is Community Awareness and Education. The past year has seen Connectivity really focus on delivering on this. The team has updated the original Concussion Short Course and has delivered on a contract to develop a course focused on Combat Sports Concussion. These courses, including our existing Sport-Related Concussion Short Course and Concussion in Older Adults Short Course, have all been very well received. It is a credit to the team that they continue to deliver the latest evidence-based information in such a high-quality, engaging product. We are also very proud to have launched Australia's first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific concussion resources, which have been co-designed by Mob, for Mob. Apart from the contracted course, this material can be found on the Connectivity website, which is regularly updated and attracting significantly more attention every year. The website also plays an integral role in enabling and empowering the TBI community, which is another of our strategic priorities. If you haven't visited the website recently, I would certainly encourage you to do so.

Connectivity was also funded to develop a Concussion Course for General Practitioners. Consistent with strategic plan priority two, Improving Outcomes, and more specifically, facilitating nationally consistent, best-practice guidelines for healthcare professionals, this course will be strongly promoted among the community of General Practitioners, ensuring that this point of primary care is well-informed on how to best manage concussions. The amount of work that goes into developing these courses cannot be overstated, and I am very grateful to the team, who possess the passion and skill sets to maintain such an extraordinary output, as well as the experts they collaborate with to ensure the accuracy and relevance of the information.

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Last year, I reported that three members of Connectivity were invited onto the Expert Advisory Panel to update the MRFF Traumatic Brain Injury Mission, considering the outcomes of the recent Senate inquiry into Concussions and Repeated Head Trauma in Contact Sports, the inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence, and any other relevant reports. Members of Connectivity have not only played a crucial role in contributing to the original objectives of the MRFF Traumatic Brain Injury Mission and its recent update but have also been integral in lobbying for the establishment of the Traumatic Brain Injury Mission at a time when TBI research in Australia was highly fragmented.

Having extensively contributed to the Mission over the past 6 years, those members of Connectivity have now handed over the reins and stepped back from the Mission. I could not be prouder of the role our members have played in establishing the Traumatic Brain Injury Mission, and their efforts in bringing together the TBI community in Australia. Connectivity continues to promote collaboration amongst the entire TBI community on all aspects of mild to severe TBI, not only through its strategic priorities, but also by sponsoring local area networks such as the annual Australasian Neurotrauma Workshop, whose 2025 meeting is scheduled for Hobart in early December.

## BOARD MATTERS

Each year, the Board holds an in person meeting to discuss the progress Connectivity is making and strategies for moving forward. In addition to discussing the strategic priorities, the Board spent time discussing finances and fundraising to support operations. To this end, Connectivity has decided to offer a short-term contract to a professional fundraiser to assist. There have also been additional appointments made to the Board to help us achieve our mission, and I am delighted to welcome Denise Goldsworthy AO and Dennis Goldner AM to the Board.

Denise has extensive experience in manufacturing, infrastructure, mining and the technology /innovation sectors, with a passionate interest in military TBI given her current role as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Navy Clearance Diver Trust. She has held senior roles with Rio Tinto, BHP, Hamersley Iron, and Dampier Salt, has won the National Telstra Business Women's Award, has been inducted into the WA Women's Hall of Fame, and is a former Chancellor of Edith Cowan University. With experience as a board chair and non-executive director, Denise brings a unique blend of business and academic experience to the Connectivity Board.

Dennis brings a wealth of experience spanning the private sector, government, and not-for-profit sectors, with a focus on international development, the arts, and health. He has held senior leadership positions in the public service and at Deloitte, and has served as chair of Oxfam Australia, the Deloitte Foundation, Regional Arts Australia, Regional Arts Victoria, and the Castlemaine State Festival. Having served as chair of Connectivity's Finance, Risk, and Audit Committee since its inception, Dennis is well-versed in Connectivity's operations and mission. His addition to the Board is a wonderful outcome.

I am also delighted to announce that Jamie Shine has agreed to be the Deputy Chair of Connectivity. Jamie brings a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to the Board, and her reappointment for a further three years will be of immense benefit.

The Finance, Risk and Audit Committee was dissolved in March 2025, and its work will be continued within Board business.

## AMBASSADORS

It is my pleasure to welcome Mark 'Spudd' Carroll as a Connectivity Ambassador. Mark

is a former National Rugby League great who estimates that he suffered over 57 concussions in his professional football career, with the consequences of those untreated concussions affecting his quality of life today. Today, he is a strong advocate for seeking medical assistance following a suspected concussion and tells his story on the Connectivity website. Mark joins Kai Sakakibara as one of our athlete Ambassadors who help to promote the activities of Connectivity.

## THANKS

Connectivity always values the contributions of external members to its committees, who together ensure that we remain up to date with contemporary business practices as well as follow best practices in governance. I sincerely thank Mr Bryan Cooke, Mr Warren Land and Mr Martin Wandmaker for their continued contribution to the Nominations and Remunerations Committee. Thank you!

Prof. Peter Reilly continues in his role as the Chair of the Expert Committee, and for that, I am extremely grateful. Finally, members of the Board donate their valuable expertise and time to Connectivity, continuing to promote it among their extensive networks. I cannot thank them enough for their enthusiastic support of Connectivity and its mission.



**Professor Robert Vink AM, FAHMS**  
**Chair of the Board**



# From the CEO

The past financial year has been one of prioritisation for Connectivity Traumatic Brain Injury Australia (Connectivity), as we grow our capacity to make a positive difference for people who experience traumatic brain injury (TBI).

Connectivity is the nation's leader in the provision, education and dissemination of consistent, trusted and reliable information of best-practice, evidenced-based information about TBI.

Over the course of the past financial year, the Connectivity team continued to have great success in raising awareness and educating our community on TBI.

We updated our Concussion Short Course ready to launch in the 2025/26 financial year.

The previous Concussion Short Course concluded, having together with our Sport-Related Concussion Short Course continued to educate thousands of people. There are now a combined total of over 14,300 enrolments across both courses.

We participated in two visits to the Miriwoong (Kununurra) and Halls Creek communities in partnership with Huntington's Australia.

The latest was in May 2025, where we launched our 'deadly resources' which include community co-designed and culturally appropriate fact sheets.

We also launched two animated videos, one on concussion generally and the other on concussion in the context of interpersonal, family and domestic violence.

The Connectivity resources were embraced enthusiastically by these communities and we are now investigating ways to continue funding this work.

Our website continues to provide a wealth of information with more than 258,000 people having accessed it since commencement. This year, there were more than 5,000 individual downloads of material from the website, a growth of 57.48% on last year.

The combined reach of our online courses, download of fact sheets, and viewing of videos is over 669K, showing how we are translating and implementing evidence-based research into community knowledge.

Implementation is also needed to inform our healthcare practitioners. This year Connectivity is delighted to have been supported by the Transport Accident Commission to generate an online course for general practitioners, that presents the newly released Australia and New Zealand Concussion Guidelines in a readily accessible format for busy GPs. The course is due for release in mid-2026.

Connectivity continues to connect people with TBI and their communities with best-practice evidence-based resources and access to cutting-edge research.

We continue to support local area networks, researchers across the country, and working with communities and people with TBI to raise awareness of TBI of all severities.

A project we are particularly excited to have commenced this financial year is a trial to assess whether the Gamegear Headgear using NIA technology has efficacy in reducing the incidence and/or severity of concussion in athletes.

Gamegear will fund a single research proposal to conduct a trial to test the efficacy of the headgear in multiple sports, in men and women nationally.

Connectivity will coordinate the selection of the successful proposal through an independent Expert Panel and manage the governance elements of the funding.

All of these initiatives are prioritised because they are impactful and will make a positive difference for people who have experienced TBI and may reduce the incidence of TBI in the first place.

I would like to thank the volunteer Board and Committees of Connectivity for their time and commitment in assisting us to achieve our mission and goals.

I would also like to thank the small team that is Connectivity. I am very proud of the quality of the work we generate, the diversity of skills and talent that enables all our work to be produced in-house, and the positive difference we are making for people with TBI.



**Professor Melinda Fitzgerald**  
Connectivity CEO







# Snapshot

Up to **1 in 5** children will sustain a traumatic brain injury by the time they turn **16**<sup>1</sup>



Aboriginal people are less likely to undergo rehabilitation following TBI, missing out on the care they need to recover well<sup>4</sup>

Victim-survivors of Family and Domestic Violence are likely to have experienced more than just one TBI<sup>6</sup>



Up to 50% of people will experience persisting post-concussion symptoms following injury<sup>5</sup>



There are around **180,000** concussion incidents each year in Australia<sup>2</sup>



Falls and traffic accidents are the most common causes of TBI in children<sup>3</sup>

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# About Connectivity

## About Us

Connectivity Traumatic Brain Injury Australia (Connectivity), is an Australian-wide not-for-profit organisation working to raise awareness of traumatic brain injury (TBI) including concussion in the community.

A TBI can range in severity from mild, to moderate to severe. Symptoms can be quite mild and quickly resolving or debilitating and life-changing. As such, a TBI can dramatically impact the lives of both the person involved and the people around them.

## Our Goal

The core goal of Connectivity is to improve the lives of people and their families following TBI of all severities, including concussion.

## Our Purpose

To promote the prevention and control of diseases and disease processes experienced by people with TBI, including from a physical, mental, neurological and functional perspective.

## What we do

Connectivity links together people with lived experience, carers, researchers, clinicians and health care providers to build the evidence base and improve outcomes for people following TBI of all severities.

By supporting research and translating outcomes, Connectivity provides relevant and evidence-based information to people with TBI, their carers and clinicians to help improve the lives of people with TBI.

## Our Governance

Connectivity is incorporated as an Australian Public company limited by guarantee, and is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Connectivity is governed by an independent Board of Directors who provide the experience and skill sets required to deliver the needs of the organisation and its governance.

The following committees contribute to the successful running of Connectivity:

- The Expert Committee
- The Finance, Risk and Audit Committee
- The Nominations and Remunerations Committee.

The company is independently audited by:

**Hall Chadwick WA Audit Pty Ltd**

# Who we are

## OUR TEAM



**Prof. Melinda Fitzgerald**  
Chief Executive Officer



**Naomi Fuller**  
Executive Officer



**Holly MacNeil**  
Marketing & Communications Manager



**Aleksandra Gozt**  
Research Associate



**Shenane Hogg**  
Community Liasion Officer



## OUR BOARD



**Prof. Robert Vink AM**  
Chair of the Board



**Jamie Shine**  
Board Member



**Prof. Jeffrey Rosenfeld AC OBE**  
Board Member



**Dr. Anthony Filippis**  
Board Member



**Prof. Elizabeth Kendall AM**



**John Higgins AO**  
Board Member



**Dr. Brad Murphy OAM**  
Board Member



**Dennis Goldner AM**  
Board Member



**Denise Goldsworthy AO**  
Board Member



# Our Strategic Deliverables

## Community Awareness and Education

### The national leaders in TBI education and information

Raise and increase awareness of concussion and more severe TBI in all communities, emphasising the benefit of protecting the head and seeking medical care

Educate communities on concussion and moderate to severe forms of TBI through courses and accessible content

## Improving Outcomes

### Facilitating nationally consistent, best-practice guidance for healthcare professionals

Educate all healthcare professionals on management of the full spectrum of TBI, based on current best practice and MRFF developed guidelines

Connectivity is the national source of TBI guidelines and healthcare pathways for all healthcare professionals

## Connecting Community

### Enabling and empowering the TBI community

Empowering people with lived experience of TBI to provide meaningful contributions to research and the broader TBI community

Support local area networks of researchers, healthcare professionals and people with lived experience collaborating on TBI initiatives

Collaborate with organisations that connect suitably qualified clinicians with people seeking management of TBI

Engage with multiple national stakeholders for support, collaboration and advocacy

## Responsible Resourcing

### Funding the future

Secure ongoing, long-term funding to support the continued operations of the organisation through strategic funding, focused grants and fundraising

Build a corpus of funds for research, to enable direct support of best-practice evidence-based TBI research in Australia



Photo: Stock image



# Our Impact



## The Website

**104,733** users visited the Connectivity website

The Connectivity website had **5,003** downloads

The Sport-Related Concussion Short Course page had **10,556** visitors

The article on Mark 'Spudd' Carroll page had **11,527** visitors

## Social Media

**1.05 million** reached through Facebook

**301k** reached through Instagram

There were **3.9k** of content interactions

Over **40k** people clicked through to the Connectivity website from our social accounts

The Connectivity YouTube channel had over **183 hours** of watchtime

## Courses

**3,771** people enrolled in the Sport-Related Concussion Short Course

The Concussion Short Course had **1,161** enrolments

**290** people enrolled in the Concussion in Older Adults Short Course



# Community Awareness and Education

The key strategic deliverable to which most of Connectivity's efforts were directed in the 2024-2025 year, was Raising Awareness.

With a specific focus on concussion, the team managed multiple projects and marketing initiatives to raise the profile of Connectivity and create heightened awareness of concussion.

We continued to use social media as the main form of marketing and promotion, running advertising for general brand awareness, as well as to promote both the Sport-Related Concussion Short Course, and the Concussion Short Course. We additionally filmed a number of lived experience stories from Emily Moore, Nick Dowling, Luke Ivens, Nicole Fagan, Jack Corcoran and Sam O'Connor.

## Key highlights from the 2024-2025 year are:

- 104,733 people visited the Connectivity website to learn more about traumatic brain injury (258,455 users all time)
- 5,003 downloads of information from the Connectivity website (10,137 all time)
- A combined total of 1,375,276 people reached through social media

Our Google Ads grants also continued, amounting to 23,196 impressions and 2,405 click throughs. The click through rate was 10.37% - well above the desired 2%.

## Concussion Cruise 2024

In late September 2024 two young men from Bermagui in NSW, Jack Corcoran and Sam O'Connor, approached Connectivity with a fundraising idea. Both had suffered from concussion in sport and they were planning a run beginning eight days later to raise awareness of concussion and persisting post-concussion symptoms.

Over their week long run, the pair ran 488kms, through a number of towns, completed radio and television interviews along the way and **ultimately raised \$16,592** for Connectivity Traumatic Brain Injury Australia.

Members of the Connectivity team then met the pair to film their story. This has been shared on the Connectivity social channels and website. Jack and Sam are planning further runs in 2025 to continue their amazing work raising funds for Connectivity.

## Nick Dowling

During November 2024, Nick Dowling ran 21 half marathons over the course of 21 days to raise awareness and funds for Connectivity. During his incredible feat of running over 443km in total, Nick raised over \$4,000 to help Connectivity raise awareness and educate the community on concussion.



Photo: Jack Corcoran and Sam O'Connor ran 488km from the NSW border to the MCG to raise awareness of concussion



# Creating Awareness



### What's the difference between an ABI and a TBI?

An **acquired brain injury (ABI)** is any injury to the brain that occurs after birth including stroke, seizure or traumatic brain injury (TBI).

A **traumatic brain injury (TBI)** is a brain injury caused by a knock to the head, neck or body which causes a disturbance to normal brain function.

### Harmony Week 17 - 23 March 2025

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

### World Health Day 7 April, 2025

#### Health beginnings, hopeful futures

One of the key campaign priorities is to prioritize women's longer-term health and well-being. While it is

### Victim-survivors of Family and Domestic Violence are likely to have experienced more than just one Traumatic Brain Injury.

### When is it safe to drive after concussion?

### Concussion can be difficult to identify in older adults

This is because the signs and symptoms of concussion are similar to those seen in other health conditions that are common amongst older adults. These include, but are not limited to, memory issues due to dementia or dizziness from blood pressure issues.



### Thank you, Nick!

Nick recently completed 21 half marathons over 21 days to raise awareness of traumatic brain injury.

### Falls and traffic accidents are the most common causes of TBI in children

### Happy Christmas!

The Connectivity Office will be closed from Saturday, 21 December 2024 until Monday, 6 January 2025.

We hope you have a wonderful festive season with loved ones.



### Happy International Women's Day

#IWD2025 #AccelerateAction



### Brain Awareness Week 2025

1 Did you know you don't have to be knocked out to suffer a concussion?

### Brain Awareness Week 2025

2 Up to 1 in 5 children will sustain a traumatic brain injury by the time they turn 16.

### Brain Awareness Week 2025

3 Up to 180,000 Australians will suffer a concussion every year.

### Brain Awareness Week 2025

4 Up to 50% of people will experience persisting post-concussion symptoms following injury.

### Brain Awareness Week 2025

5 Did you know that just ONE sign or symptom can indicate a concussion has occurred?



# Ambassadors

Throughout the year, Connectivity utilised new and existing ambassadors and partnerships to promote and raise awareness of traumatic brain injury of all severities.

## Kai Sakakibara

Connectivity continued to work alongside Kai Sakakibara as ambassador. During this time Kai created several reels which garnered thousands of views over the course of the year. Kai also included a slide on Connectivity in presentations which he gave on his accident and resulting TBI. One of these presentations to Astute Financial resulted in a donation to Connectivity for ten thousand dollars.

Kai additionally made a presentation on behalf of Connectivity in December 2024 at the Australasian Neurotrauma Symposium. The event took place at Nesuto Curtin in Perth and was attended by over 200 people working in the neurotrauma and research space.

### To date the results of working alongside Kai have seen:

- Over 118,727 views on Instagram collaborations
- Over 10.5 days worth of watch time and approximately 3K reel interactions on Instagram
- 500 interactions with the Connectivity website article
- Almost 1K views of Kai's video on the Connectivity YouTube page



## Mark 'Spudd' Carroll

Former rugby league player Mark 'Spudd' Carroll was signed for a period of seven months to discuss concussion and to help promote Connectivity and the range of concussion courses. Spudd shared his experience of suffering numerous concussions throughout his playing career, and this was promoted via the Connectivity website and social media channels.

### The results from working with Spudd for this period saw:

- 450K impressions across Meta (Facebook and Instagram)
- Over 1K social interactions
- 17,967 link clicks
- Nearly two days of watch time on YouTube
- 11.5K views of the article on the Connectivity website







# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

The team participated in two community outreach visits to Kununurra in September 2024 and May 2025, educating the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community on traumatic brain injury. TBI is a major cause of disability and death for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia. The rate of TBI amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in some communities is almost twice as high as that of the non-Indigenous population.

## The outreach included:

- Yarn and Community Consultation with Kununurra Women's Crisis Accommodation Centre
- Visit to Wyndham to facilitate introductions and gauge community interest for targeted community education visits. Services visited included: Local Aboriginal Corporation (Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation), Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Council, Wyndham Crocs Football Club, and Wyndham Youth Aboriginal Corporation
- Two in person presentations to the Far North Community Services on TBI in the community
- Connected with community and services in Halls Creek including Yura Yungi Aboriginal Medical Services and Jungarni-Jutiya Indigenous Corporation

## Consultation

Following extensive consultation with local and remote community groups, Connectivity finalised and released a suite of culturally appropriate fact sheets for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

## These fact sheets include:

- Concussion
- Persisting Post-Concussion Symptoms
- Healing from Concussion
- Spotting TBI in Bub

Connectivity additionally engaged Coolamon Creative - an Aboriginal owned and operated graphic design company based in Alice Springs to create icons for use in these fact sheets and to create two educational animations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These include an animation on 'Traumatic Brain Injury in Family and Domestic Violence' and an animation on 'Concussion'. These animations were released in May 2025.

A [dedicated section of the Connectivity website](#) now hosts these specially created assets.



# Concussion Courses

## Concussion Short Course

Our flagship course continued over the course of the 2024 - 2025 year with enrolments continuing to increase. This course has now concluded to make way for the new Concussion Short Course being released at the beginning of July 2025. To 30 June 2025 the original Concussion Short Course received:

**5,988 enrolments and 909 certificate purchases**

## Sport-Related Concussion Short Course

The Sport-Related Concussion Short Course continued to amass big numbers over the course of the 2024 - 2025 year.

To 30 June 2025 the Sport-Related Concussion Short Course has had:

**8,322 enrolments and 1,554 certificate purchases**

## Concussion in Older Adults Short Course

The Concussion in Older Adults Short Course was originally created for and delivered to the Arcare Foundation. The course has now launched publicly and is available through the Connectivity website for those who work in an aged care setting.

To 30 June 2025 the Concussion in Older Adults Short Course has had:

**290 enrolments and 22 certificate purchases**

## Concussion in Combat Sports Courses (NSW and WA)

Connectivity was commissioned by the NSW and WA Combat Sports bodies to deliver two Combat Sports Concussion Short Courses which were delivered in June 2025. These will be provided to the members of each sporting body, with registrants required to complete the course in order to compete in combat sports competitions.







# Community Awareness and Education

## Website

The Connectivity website is continually reviewed and updated throughout the year, with a number of new articles and sections created including:

**Blast-related TBI, Mark 'Spudd' Carroll, Tools for Ageing Well**

A new section for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People was additionally created over the 2024/25 year. The section includes the newly developed fact sheets and animations to be used in community.

The 'Connecting to Current Research Projects' section of the website was updated throughout the year to add **over ten new research projects** which are taking place around the country.

## Fact Sheets

Fact sheets were newly created and updated. These are now available to download for free from the Connectivity website and include the following topics:

**Concussion, Persistent Post-Concussion Symptoms, Blast-related TBI and Low level Blast**

## Event attendance

In September 2024, Naomi Fuller and Holly MacNeil from Connectivity attended the Brain Injury Australia Conference in Adelaide. The event was attended by research leaders from around the country, those with lived experience of traumatic brain injury and international key note speakers. There was a big focus on traumatic brain injury in family, domestic and interpersonal violence, and there were compelling lived experience speakers sharing their stories of life altering concussions sustained through sporting injuries.

# Improving Outcomes

With support from the Transport Accident Commission, we commenced our project to improve GP's knowledge of concussion and management. This online course will reflect the newly released Australian and New Zealand Concussion Guidelines. Available nationally from mid-2026, this course will provide GPs with the knowledge and confidence to treat and manage concussion and persisting post-concussion symptoms.

Our commissioned research into the current level of community and healthcare/practitioner knowledge on concussion continued throughout the year. Outcomes are expected to be delivered in mid to late 2025.

Photo: Naomi Fuller and Holly MacNeil from Connectivity attended the Brain Injury Australia Conference



# Connecting Community

Connectivity continues to connect researchers and their research projects with people with lived experience. We worked to create presentations on concussion which were delivered to the organisations and local community, these included:

## September 2024

Concussion in the context of FDV - AnglicareWA, Aboriginal Family Legal Yarn and Community Consultation with Kununurra Women's Crisis Accommodation Centre

## November 2024

Concussion in the Community - Rotary Club of Crawley

## February 2025

Sport-related Concussion in Kids - Kidsafe WA webinar

## March 2025

Traumatic Brain Injury in the context of FDV - Zonta House

## May 2025

Traumatic Brain Injury in the community - Far North Community Services

Under our Local Area Network initiative, we supported the Australasian Neurotrauma Symposium 2024. Held in Perth, this two-day in person meeting brought together leading neurotrauma researchers, clinician-scientists and research students.

We also provided support to The Queensland Paediatric Rehabilitation Service rehab for Kids Conference for a 3-day conference at the Brisbane Convention Centre, and the Western Australian Concussion Network in support of their research symposium held in Perth.

# Responsible Resourcing

We initiated discussions and a partnership with Gamegear Holdings to financially support a research proposal assessing the efficacy of Gamegear Headgear using NIA technology in reducing the incidence and/or severity of concussions in adults. Work is progressing on this proposal and we are delighted to be able to assist in the facilitation of this important research.

We continued to seek alignment with projects and funding opportunities for Connectivity. A renewed fundraising focus was established with additional staffing assistance being sought and continues to be a priority for the organisation.



Photo: Aleksandra Gozt and Shenane Hogg visit Kununurra



# Financial Summary 2025

## Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2025

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Revenue	446,170	611,053
Other income	11,250	15,432
Employee benefits expense	(375,763)	(419,859)
Consulting expenses	(6,120)	(2,998)
Marketing expenses	(119,996)	(194,390)
Other expenses	(73,194)	(62,135)
Grants made and funding granted	(6,318)	(2,500)
Current year surplus before income tax	(123,973)	(54,597)
Income tax expense	-	-
Net current year surplus/(deficit)	(123,973)	(54,597)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	(123,973)	(54,597)

# Financial Summary 2025

## Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2025

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	414,760	509,450
Trade and other receivables	18,641	7,321
Prepayments	2,166	1,704
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>435,567</b>	<b>518,375</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Computer equipment	2,691	4,085
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>4,085</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>438,258</b>	<b>522,460</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	20,313	22,680
Employee benefits	27,272	25,134
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>47,814</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>47,814</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>390,673</b>	<b>514,646</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained surplus	390,673	514,646
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>390,673</b>	<b>514,646</b>







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