

# Augmentative and Alternative Communication AAC Awareness Month Picnic NSW Hosted by AGOSCI and AAC Voice

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This year's AAC awareness month picnic was held on the 8th October at the scenic Barangaroo Headland Reserve. Sydney put on spectacular weather for us. We had a great turn out of people who use AAC and their families, speech pathologists and speech pathology students.

We were entertained by an interactive drumming workshop led by Ben Kinson which everyone enjoyed. There was also a game of Simon Says using communication boards.

It was great to see the younger people taking advantage of the modelling by the older people using their communication devices in an informal and relaxed setting. I noticed their usage of their communication devices increased during the day which was wonderful. We must find more opportunities for this to occur.

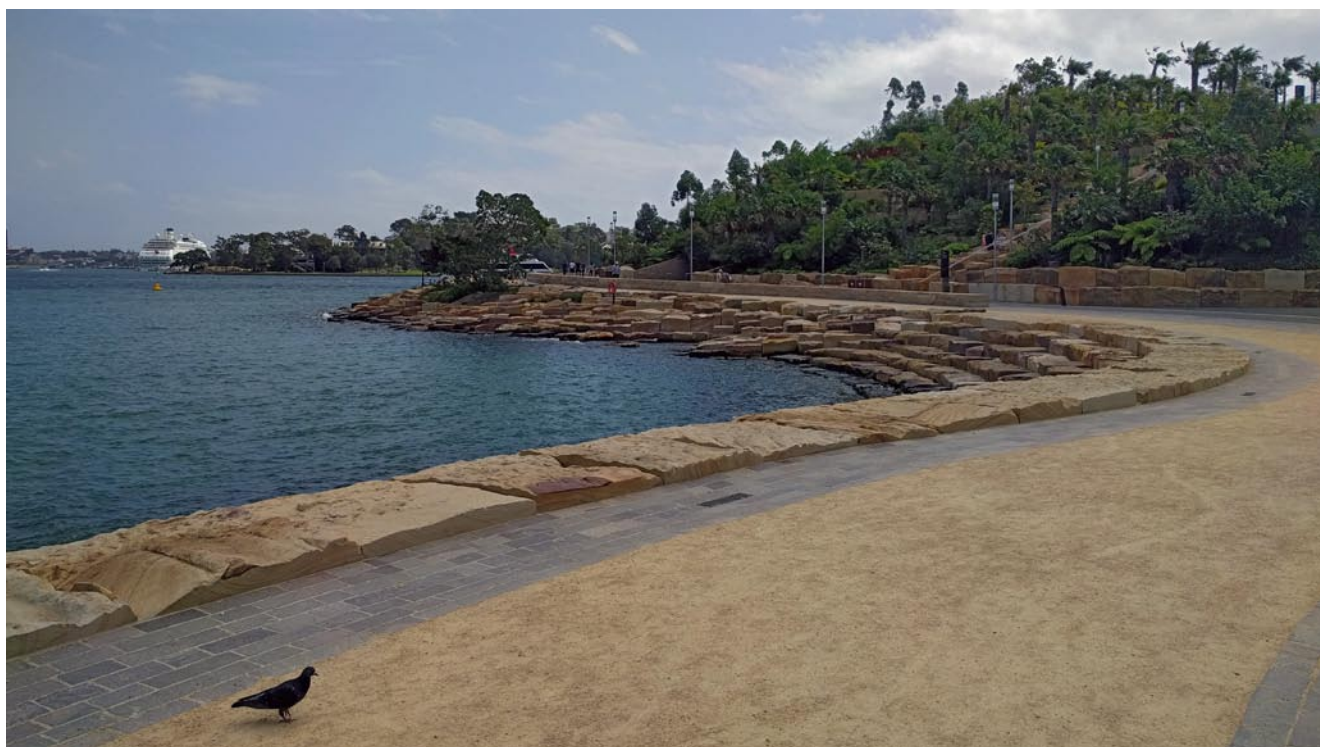
Parents of children who use AAC had the opportunity of meeting adults who use AAC and seeing what is possible. They were also to get some informal advice from speech pathologists on the day.

The speech pathology students greatly benefited from seeing AAC in action.

I hope next year is even bigger and better! ●



**Drumming workshop**



**Barangaroo Location**

# Augmentative and Alternative Communication



Participants learning about AAC



Drumming workshop