

What is BISA Connect?

BISA Connect is an initiative of Brain Injury SA offering a time-limited block of therapy to adults with an ABI, who are without a source of funding or experiencing a funding shortfall for particular supports.

This clinic will be led by an interdisciplinary team of allied health students which will run across an 8-week period. BISA Connect will support clients with a brain injury with their short-term goals, and undertaking suitable goal orientated assessments that may also be used to support in accessing and connecting with future funding options.

Who is this Service for?

This service is for adults, 18–65 years, with an acquired brain injury (ABI) or traumatic brain injury (TBI) who:

- Need evidence of the impact of their disability to support their application for NDIS funding but are unable to pay for access reports
- Waiting for their NDIS plan to come through after approval (e.g., on discharge from hospital)
- Require information, education and support on concussion management.

When does the Clinic Operate?

The clinic will operate across an 8-week block of interdisciplinary support, at least 3 times a year, providing individual and group-based services.

Dates of the clinics are available on our website.

Types of Services

To support you in making a referral to BISA Connect, please use the following as a guide for service/support options available through this clinic for people with an ABI or concussion:

- Recommendations for everyday assistive equipment
- Fatigue management
- Functional reports to support applications for funding
- Education and information about ABI and living with an ABI
- Time-limited therapy under supervision of Allied Health Professionals (where not currently funded)

Cost for Service

This is a free service to those that meet the eligibility criteria.

Locations

The BISA Connect Clinic will be serviced out of Brain Injury SA's Northern and Southern Hubs.

- **North:** 2/57 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth
- **South:** 15 Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga Centre

To Refer

Referrals into the clinic can be made via the Brain Injury SA website, or by completing the attached form.

More Information

To find out more about BISA Connect, or to enquire about accessing support via the clinic, please reach out to Brain Injury SA.

Telephone
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Brain Injury SA

We support people to embrace life after brain injury.



Brain Injury SA (BISA) is both a Peak Body and a Service Provider working to address the needs of people living with Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

What is an Acquired Brain Injury?

Because of the complexity of the brain, no two brain injuries are the same. In many cases, an ABI is invisible to an observer, and a person's appearance may hide the many significant challenges they are experiencing.

A brain injury is damage to the brain that is acquired after birth, resulting in deterioration in cognitive, physical, emotional or independent function.

It can be as a result of:

- Accidents
- Stroke
- Brain tumours
- Infection
- Poisoning

- Medical mismanagement
- Lack of oxygen
- Degenerative neurological disease etc.

Features of Brain Injury may include:

- Cognitive difficulties, such as challenges with processing information, reasoning and problem solving and concentration
- Memory difficulties and excessive fatigue – two of the most common challenges after a brain injury
- Sensitivity with sensory input such as noise and light
- Changes that affect the persons ability to communicate as they used to

- Behaviours of concern and difficulties regulating emotions – particularly if there is damage to the frontal lobe.

A brain injury can create a whole host of new changes and challenges for a person, and has the potential to affect every aspect of their life.

Together, these challenges can have significant implications for a person's independence, social functioning, employment, family roles, mental health, identity and overall quality of life.



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