



**7 NOVEMBER 2025**

**9AM - 3PM**

**Agora Cafe - Event space  
13B Kent Street,  
Frankton, Hamilton**

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## Advancing Brain Injury Research & Rehabilitation Seminar

Hear from some of New Zealand's top experts in neuroscience, psychology, occupational therapy, and paediatric brain injury. Open to allied health professionals and community organisations supporting individuals and whānau affected by brain injury. Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and innovate!

## OUR SPEAKERS

**Josh Faulkner**

**Lecturer and Clinical Psychologist and  
Neuropsychologist**  
Clinical Psychologist, PhD Neuropsychology

Why mental health difficulties impact recovery after mild Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), presenting the latest research on the role of psychosocial factors on mTBI outcomes.

**Mangor Pedersen**

**Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience  
- Auckland University of Technology**  
BA (Hons) Psychology, MSc Cognitive Neuroscience, PhD Neuroscience

Brain Imaging in Athletes with Acute mTBI

**Nicola Starkey**

**Professor of Psychology - Waikato University**  
PhD Psychology, BSc Neuroscience

Nicola will present findings from the CRANIAC study - a longitudinal study of concussion recovery in children and adolescents. Her presentation will cover how long it typically takes young people to recover from concussion, how quickly they return to school and sport, and factors that influence their recovery.

**Jonathan Armstrong**

**Director of Allied Health at ABI rehabilitation**  
Occupational Therapist, MHS (Rehabilitation), DHS

Presenting findings from research exploring how people with brain injury reintegrate into their communities, highlighting the barriers and facilitators to this process. Providing helpful recommendations for allied health and community providers to better support this reintegration.

**Jude Walter**

**Director of BRAINFIT®WORLD & Coach,**  
Accredited Brainfit Coach, Capability Trainer, Communications Specialist, Facilitator.

We will explore how memory works and why brain fitness is essential at every stage of life. It's an interactive session that blends neuroscience with practical, everyday strategies for maintaining and improving memory.