What a year 2020 has been! We started the year trying to make sense of the extent and damage caused by the large-scale bushfires that ravaged the south eastern states of Australia through the summer of 2019-2020. Some 12.6 million hectares of land were burned across Australia and 11.3 million Australians were seriously affected by the smoke, over 1 billion animals were killed, and 10.6 million Australians reported being worried about their and others’ safety. Yet, this was just the beginning of a year we will not forget in a hurry. Soon after we were coming to terms with a global pandemic: COVID-19 stopped us in our tracks as governments asked us to stay at home, stop social activities and carry out daily life activities via the computer and phone. Suddenly even going to get a coffee or walking with a friend in the park became luxuries we could only dream about. Many did not see their family or friends for over 10 months and some Australians are still waiting to be allowed to return home from overseas where they have been trapped. One can only imagine how much harder all of this was for people living with or supporting those with a communication disability, such as aphasia - we salute your resilience and know that you must be tired and in need of a restful holiday season.

Given this incredible backdrop, I find it truly amazing that the Aphasia CRE has continued to grow, that our research programs have continued often with rapid pivoting to virtual/telehealth delivery, that collaborations flourished, that manuscripts were written, and grant application submitted. We responded with freely available COVID-19 friendly resources for clinicians and people with aphasia, we developed aphasia friendly video summaries of our research, and we even managed to commence our vital Consumer Advisory Group, albeit via zoom meetings.

I am so incredibly proud and grateful to our outstanding PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, investigators, research affiliates, volunteers and Community of Practice members who have continued to engage at the highest level and strive to carry out world class research amidst the year that just kept throwing challenges at us.

I hope you enjoy reading about our recent achievements in this newsletter. Even more, I hope you have a well-earned restful holiday season with plenty of face-to-face connection where allowed, and that 2021 brings us renewed energy to pursue our goal of transforming the lives of people living with aphasia.

Wishing you a very happy New Year.
Miranda Rose
The Queensland arm of Program 1 is delighted to have moved into their new home at the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre (QARC).

Despite the disruption caused by COVID-19 to the data collection phase of many of our projects, work has been continuing with PhD students developing their skills in the processing of stroke-based imaging data, learning new methodologies and scanning of healthy controls. Other important achievements across the program include:

- V Vadinova, presented work on small vessel disease as a predictor of language recovery in her PhD confirmation and at the Society for the Neurobiology of Language conference. Supervised by S Brownsett, D Copland and K McMahon
- S Wallace presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine as part of a symposium on measurement in rehabilitation titled, *Showing You Care About Stroke Through Shared Measures: How to Improve Clinical and Research Outcomes by Implementing Core Outcomes Measure Sets and Common Data Elements*.
- S Wallace was awarded the UQ Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences Early Career Research Excellence Award.
- Professor David Copland and a team of investigators including a number of CRE investigators and affiliates were awarded an NHMRC partnership grant.

A number of grant applications were submitted this quarter (Stroke Foundation, RBWH Foundation, Princess Alexandra Hospital Foundation SERTA & philanthropic Neurosurgical fund, the Herston Imaging Research Facility, the MRFF Brain Cancer Survivorship Grant, and the ARC). This has been an excellent opportunity for the program to build collaborations within and across disciplines, nationally and internationally. We wish the applicants the best of luck with their funding applications.

*Pictured Left—UQ CRE members in their new research space at the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre, Brisbane. Standing (left to right): S Brownsett, D Copland, S Wallace, K Garden, MP McSween, A Reardon, L Anemaat, sitting: A Hill, G Vuong, B Cheng.*
Program 2: Treatment Effectiveness across the continuum of care

This year Program 2 ‘Treatment Effectiveness’ has focused efforts in three key areas:
- improving the aphasia clinical pathway
- enhancing communication enriched environments
- investigating dose in stroke recovery.

Investigators:
- Miranda Rose, Erin Godecke, Sarah Wallace, David Copland, Emily Brogan, Caroline Baker, Marcella Carragher, Annie Hill, Dominique Cadilhac

Key developments are:
- A team led by Caroline Baker is currently synthesizing results for a scoping review of the management of aphasia in the first 90 days after stroke.
- Four honours theses related to the clinical pathway and communication enhanced environments have been submitted and publications are in the works.
- Sarah D’Souza has submitted the main results paper for her PhD investigating implementing a communication enriched environment in an inpatient setting. She will be submitting her thesis early next year.
- A virtual ‘Dose Fest’ was conducted in April that brought together leaders in measuring dose in stroke rehabilitation.
- Sam Harvey, John Pierce and Siobhan Kavanagh continue work in their dose related PhDs publishing 3 scoping and systematic reviews in the topic. Sam Harvey has commenced data collection in a highly novel study of impacts of personalising dose on outcomes from naming therapy.
- Publications rising from ‘Dose Fest’ relating to consistent dose terminology and establishing a dose pipeline are ongoing. Stay tuned in 2021.
- The NHMRC funded trial of constraint induced aphasia therapy, multi-modality aphasia therapy and usual care in people with chronic aphasia (COMPARE) was completed in July 2020 with all 216 participants as planned. The dose was 30 hours provided within 2 weeks. A sub-study investigates a distributed dose of the 30 hour intervention provided over 5 weeks. Results of the main study and sub-study are currently being analysed with results expected to be released in May 2021.

We look forward to more work in these areas in 2021!
Program 3: Technology for Healthcare Communication and Rehabilitation

The Technology for Healthcare Communication Program made progress on various beacon projects despite the impacts of COVID-19.

- **TeleCHAT** (Aim is to deliver a comprehensive high-dose aphasia therapy via telerehabilitation): Annie and PhD student Genevieve have been translating the existing in-person version of this intensive intervention for delivery into the home via telerehabilitation. The training package is being developed and recruitment of participants will begin in early 2021. Four cohorts will be run during 2021.

- **Online communication partner training for student healthcare professionals** (Aim 1—to test the impact of a training package on student outcomes; Aim 2—to conduct a systematic review of communication partner training for student healthcare professionals): Michelle has completed data collection with over 300 students receiving the training package (module + workshop) and 180 study participants. Results from this study, along with findings from the systematic review, are planned for journal submission in the new year.

- **Speech Pathology Australia Telepractice Policy work** (Aim is to develop a telepractice principles of practice guideline and a telepractice portal): Annie has been working with Dr Clare Burns and national working party on this project. Annie and Clare are also reviewing the telepractice position statement. The telepractice portal will be evaluated from early 2021 and final policy documents will be available from mid-2021.

- **Technology solutions for aphasia - Collaboration of Aphasia Trialists Working Group 4 Project**: Annie is leading this group of international researchers to coordinate a Think Tank on “Future technology innovation in aphasia management” which seeks to bring together leaders in aphasia, artificial intelligence, speech recognition, big data to brainstorm how technology can be applied in innovative ways to manage aphasia.

- **Survey of telepractice use by Australian speech pathologists** (Aim is to conduct an online survey of Australian SLPs on their use or non-use of telepractice pre and post COVID-19 pandemic): Annie’s honours student has conducted the survey. Submission for journal publication is planned for early 2021.

- **Cued Naming using eSALT** (Aim is to investigate the feasibility of using an asynchronous telerehabilitation platform to delivery cued naming therapy to inpatients): Annie is collaborating with Dr Angela Cream and Dr Deb West in Western Australia. Software has been deployed and participant recruitment is under way.

In other news, Marcella and her husband welcomed their beautiful little boy Finn into the world on October 15. We wish Marcella all the best on her maternity leave!
Program 4: Optimising Mental Health and Wellbeing in Aphasia

The overall aim of Program 4 is to optimise the mental health and psychological well-being of people with aphasia and their families. The program aims to address this by understanding the process of adjustment and developing, evaluating, and promoting effective interventions. While there have been some interruptions to the progress of many planned research projects this year, the team have worked hard and focused on knowledge translation. Some projects were adapted to suit the online data collection context.

Here is a selection of Program 4 highlights:

- Invited online presentation to a special interest group for clinicians who work with patients affected by communication impairments of neurological origin called ANCIG by Brooke Ryan.
- Invited masterclass webinar for the Aphasia Institute of Toronto by Caroline Baker (images below)
- Invited presentation to ESO-WSO 2020 on supporting communication online for people with aphasia by Brooke Ryan [https://eso-wso-conference.org/](https://eso-wso-conference.org/)
- A working visit from international colleague, Almut Plath, a speech pathology Master’s student from Catholic University of Applied Sciences, Mainz, Germany.
- UQ speech pathology student Natsumi Iwasaki, co-supervised by Caroline Baker and Brooke Ryan, successfully completed her honours research project entitled “Experiences of mood changes and preferences for management within stepped psychological care from the perspective of spouses of people with aphasia.
- Program 4 staff Brooke Ryan and Ian Kneebone co-convened the OPSYRIS 2020 online meeting, along with colleagues Rene Stolwyk, Dana Wong, and Clare Ramsden (see page 14 for OPsyRis event)
- Applications for grant funding have been submitted to:
  - Stroke Foundation to evaluate a telehealth mental health service for people with aphasia
  - NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort Studies grant scheme to evaluate one of Australia’s first online internet health interventions for anxiety post-stroke.

Next year, the team will begin recruiting for their beacon projects ADAPT and PRISM which will address much needed mental health intervention research for people with aphasia. ADAPT will provide access to a treatment programme for post-stroke depression, at no financial cost and PRISM aims to implement preventative mental health interventions into health care services. The Peer-led Community Aphasia Group project will trial its updated training materials with a post-COVID “take 2” of the pilot.

Dr Caroline Baker presented a masterclass for the Aphasia Institute
Aphasia CRE Consumer Advisory Group

Despite COVID restrictions and limitation in zoom-based videoconferencing, in September 2020 we established our consumer advisory group. The aims of the Consumer Advisory Group are to partner with the Aphasia CRE and to provide advice and support on:

- Consumer views and needs
- Priority aphasia research
- Best ways to engage with consumers with aphasia.

Our group members are people with aphasia and their partners or parents who bring extensive personal experience of hospital and rehabilitation experiences, and the long-term reality of living with aphasia. Some of our members also hold board, committee and advisory roles on other related and partner organisations such as the Stroke Foundation, the Australian Aphasia Association, and Aphasia Victoria, and this allows for excellent cross flow of ideas and information between organisations and opportunities for collaboration and leverage. The group has met twice via zoom and has begun to define key areas of focus and activity which will be set as action statements in early 2021. The Aphasia CRE is incredibly grateful for the willingness of our members to contribute their experiences and expertise.

Our Consumer Advisory Group members are:

Konrad Ermert  Mimi Ermert  Stephanie Ho  Robert Nicholls  Archana & Gopal Sinh
Tim Adam  Julie Adam  Kim and Emma Beesley  Dr Ciara Shiggins  Prof Miranda Rose
What is Aphasia Community?

As a team of passionate volunteers our primary goal is to support and promote high quality aphasia groups and help people with aphasia to connect with one another.

Our website, www.aphasia.community was developed as a direct response to the needs expressed by speech language pathology clinicians, people with aphasia and their significant others, as well as other group facilitators involved in our collective research.

The objectives of the Aphasia Community website are to:

- Provide up-to-date information about aphasia groups running across Australia (see more below!)
- Share ideas and resources about aphasia groups
- Improve our understanding of best practice
- Support clinicians and other interested parties to develop and maintain community aphasia groups

The Aphasia Community online database listing aphasia groups around Australia has now been updated for 2020. This update reflects changes up until November 2020 and includes reference to:

- Groups not currently running due to COVID
- Groups which are running online rather than face to face or running face to face with additional online options due to COVID
- Virtual-only groups

The AAA has virtual-only groups and they support those who requiring assistance with transitioning to online groups. The direct link to the group listing isaphasia.community/current-groups.

You are encouraged to share this information throughout your networks. The database is updated twice a year. If you are aware of new groups or any changes to the current listing, please contact us anytime via email - info@aphasia.community

Many thanks and kind regards,

Michelle Attard, Lucie Lanyon, and Miranda Rose (Aphasia Community Moderators) and our valued volunteers (a big thank you to Dylan Edwards for support for this update!)
My team and I have designed a series of experiments in which people with aphasia receive different amounts of a computer-delivered aphasia treatment. As a speech therapist, it’s hard to know how much treatment a person with aphasia needs to achieve his or her goals. My clinical experience tells me there are many factors that influence a person’s recovery from aphasia and each person with aphasia needs personalised treatment. While one person might need lots of therapy to achieve a particular goal, another might need less to achieve the same goal. So, my research is investigating how we might optimise a person’s recovery by personalising the amount of treatment he or she receives.

We’ve developed a novel method for adjusting the amount of treatment people receive based on their unique communication skills. Then we compare how different amounts of treatment affect recovery. We’re recruiting participants right now! We’re looking for people who have had a stroke and have been living with aphasia for at least six months. The study will be conducted online and is open to people all over Australia.

We’re optimistic that our research will have a positive influence on rehabilitation practices. Therapists may be able to use this method to determine the right amount of this particular treatment for any person with aphasia and researchers may be able to apply this method to other aphasia treatments. And, ultimately, we hope that this research will help people with aphasia get the right amount of aphasia therapy.
Aphasia research opportunity

If you have trouble speaking due to aphasia after stroke

researchers at La Trobe University

invite you to participate in a study of aphasia treatment

The treatment is designed to improve
a person’s ability to say the name of different pictures

We want to know how much of this treatment
a person needs to get the best recovery
of picture naming abilities in aphasia

The study will involve doing some tests
and three (3) weeks of daily speech therapy

If you are interested, email Sam Harvey
sam.harvey@latrobe.edu.au
or click this link for more information
https://tinyurl.com/aphasia-dose-study

Personalising treatment dose in post-stroke aphasia rehabilitation | Recruitment flyer
Ethics approval number HEC20414
Aphasia CRE Seminar Series

This year due to Covid19 restrictions, the series transitioned to online-only seminars and while we missed having our international visitors come to stay, we were very fortunate to transcend time zones and accommodate these speakers for an ever expanding worldwide audience via Zoom webinar.

We wish to thank all our excellent 2020 presenters:

Prof David Copland, A/Prof Erin Godecke, Dr Rachelle Pitt, Prof Swathi Kiran, Prof Richard Lindley, Prof Dominique Cadilhac, Prof Julie Bernhardt, Prof Katerina Hilari, A/Prof Teppo Särkämo, Prof Sandy Middleton and Mr Kelvin Hill.

We encourage you to contact us with any requests for next year’s topics and presenters. Looking forward to the 2021 series!

Caroline, Michelle, and Kelly (Seminar Series Moderators)

The Aphasia CRE presents a monthly Seminar, providing an opportunity for attendees to learn about the Aphasia CRE and its research, as well as engage in valuable networking. Presentations focus on the ‘state-of-the-art’ research in the invited speaker’s area, providing information on current & future projects.

This Seminar Series presentations alternate between sites of the various affiliated universities with videoconference / webinar for remote attendees. We also video record the presentation to share and these are available as a Resource via the Aphasia CRE website www.latrobe.edu.au/aphasiacre

Next Seminar for February 2021

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Join the Aphasia CRE Community of Practice to receive registration details via email for upcoming Seminars and events www.latrobe.edu.au/aphasiacre-cop

Seminar recordings available via the website ‘Resources’ page
Awards & Grants

Implementation of Comprehensive High-dose Aphasia Treatment (CHAT) “.

Professor David Copland was excited to announce that his team that involves a number of Aphasia CRE investigators, was awarded a new NHMRC Partnership Grant ($1,065,665) on “Implementation of Comprehensive High-dose Aphasia Treatment (CHAT) “.

The overall aim of this research is to evaluate the implementation of a comprehensive, high dose aphasia treatment in the clinical setting. The CHAT program is being developed as one of the QARC flagships and incorporates evidence-based and goal-directed treatment of impairment and function, A suite of evidence-based implementation strategies will be used with participating hospitals and health services in metropolitan and regional areas with uptake sustained through clinical support networks. This translational research will provide evidence required to directly influence policy and improve aphasia management and access, addressing key priorities of health professionals and services. It will provide a new model of care for delivering comprehensive and effective aphasia rehabilitation and establish a practical solution to optimise outcomes for patients. We have a large and diverse team of investigators and partners listed below and are looking forward to commencing this project in 2021.

Chief Investigators
Professor David Copland The University of Queensland
Professor Dominique Cadilhac Monash University
Professor Natasha Lannin Monash University
Doctor Sarah Wallace The University of Queensland
Doctor Kirstine Shrubsole Southern Cross University
Doctor Anne Hill The University of Queensland
Doctor Monique Kilkenny Monash University
Doctor Jade Dignam The University of Queensland
Associate Professor Emma Power University of Technology Sydney

Associate Investigators
Associate Prof Adrienne Young
Mr Bruce Aisthorpe
Dr Emma Finch
Prof Linda Worrall
Dr Rachelle Pitt
Prof Tammy Hoffmann

Partners
Australian Aphasia Association
West Moreton Hospital and Health Service
The Stroke Foundation
Central Adelaide Local Health Network
Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service
Royal Brisbane and Women’s Hospital, Metro North Health and Hospital Service
The Princess Alexandra Hospital, Metro South Health
The Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District
Statewide Rehabilitation Clinical Network, Healthcare Improvement Unit, Clinical Excellence Queensland, Department of Health
Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service
Community and Oral Health, Metro North Hospital and Health Service
Speech Pathology Australia
The Prince Charles Hospital, Metro North Hospital and Health Service
Awards & Grants

Bridging the divide between best-evidence & practice: addressing the communication needs of stroke patients using a collaborative knowledge translation approach

Dr Robyn O’Halloran and Dr Marcella Carragher together with collaborators from St Vincent’s and Austin Health were awarded a $31,000 grant from the St Vincent’s Hospital Research Endowment Fund for their project — “Bridging the divide between best-evidence & practice: addressing the communication needs of stroke patients using a collaborative knowledge translation approach”

Research collaboration:

- CRE Aphasia: Dr Robyn O’Halloran and Dr Marcella Carragher
- St Vincent’s: Dr Renee Clapham, Kathryn McKinley, Marissa Stone
- Austin Health: Ruth Townsend, Rhonda Holmes

In this study, researchers, clinicians and stroke survivors will work together to identify ways that speech pathologists can support acute stroke patients with aphasia and other communication disabilities to communicate in hospital. We will develop an intervention to change speech pathology practice, and evaluate the effect of the intervention 3 months later.

2021 Conferences—Save the date

SMART Strokes 2021 - Australasian Nursing & Allied Health Stroke Conference will be held in Brisbane – 12-13 August 2021. see website for details https://www.smartstrokes.com.au/

Do you work with people with aphasia due to stroke?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS!

Participants will get access to a treatment programme for post-stroke depression, at no financial cost.

**Who:** People who have acquired aphasia following ischaemic/haemorrhagic stroke.

**What:** A 10-week depression intervention programme delivered by a qualified clinical neuropsychologist.

**Why:** To evaluate the effectiveness of a post-stroke depression intervention tailored to individuals with aphasia.

**How:** If a potential participant is interested and agrees to be contacted by us, please get their best contact details and we will get in touch with them.

For further questions:
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Events

OPsyRIS Conference 2020
(Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke)

CRE postdoctoral researcher Dr Brooke Ryan from UTS convened OPSYRIS Australia’s first virtual event. Brooke said that the disappointment with cancelling the annual face-to-face conference scheduled for Brisbane had a silver lining by allowing us to host the biggest meeting in OPSYRIS Australian history, bringing together almost 300 speakers attendees internationally.

The aim of the OPSYRIS group is to facilitate research in psychological aspects of stroke rehabilitation, to provide research on stroke which informs clinical psychology practice and to promote the consideration of psychological factors in clinical stroke services.

There were 9 presentations on the day and one of the highlights was keynote speaker Associate Professor Shirley Thomas. We would like to thank Shirley for presenting her work on behavioral activation for depression after stroke.

Keynote address by Assoc Professor Shirley Thomas

The event had a large multidisciplinary presence and when registrations statistics were assessed they were very pleased when to note that speech pathologists represented a good proportion of the audience this year.

OPSYRIS event in 2021 will be convened by Kirsty Kankkunen at the University of Adelaide.
OPsyRIS Conference 2020
Speakers -

Assoc Professor Shirley Thomas

Alyna Turner

Michaela Grech

Professor Ian Kneebone

Dr Dana Wong

Dr Brooke Ryan

OPsyRUS Committee members and speakers
Australian Aphasia Association Celebrates 20 years

The year of COVID-19 has highlighted more than ever how important it is to prioritise mental health, especially after stroke. This year COVID-19 stopped aphasia community groups in their tracks. Our CRE team worked hard with the Australian Aphasia Association (AAA) to ensure as many people as possible with aphasia could stay connected online using zoom group. CRE aphasia postdoctoral fellow Dr Brooke Ryan, and CRE affiliates Jessica Campbell and Leanne Ruggero currently volunteer their time as the AAA virtual community coordinators. Over 80 people have registered to join the Australian Aphasia Association zoom groups to date. You can read more about the zoom groups Brooke and others leads here: https://aphasia.community/current-groups

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Join our research!  
APHASIA GROUPS  
Application #HEC19151

Groups can help people with aphasia and family to live well.  
We want to research community aphasia groups.  
This group will have a person with aphasia helping to lead.

We want to find:

✓ People with aphasia after a stroke  
  (trouble understanding or speaking)  
✓ Close family members or friends

? Do you live in Melbourne?  
? Was your stroke 6 (six) months ago or more?  
? Are you interested in going to an aphasia group?

For more information, please contact:

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Recent Publications

- Fleming, V; Brownsett, S; Krason, A; Maegli, M; Coley-Fisher, H; Ong, Y; Nardo D; Leach, R; Howard, D; Robson, H; Warburton, E; Ashburner, J; Price, C; Crinion, J; Leff, A. (2020). Efficacy of spoken word comprehension therapy in patients with chronic aphasia: A randomised controlled trial with structural imaging. J Neurol. Neurosurg. & Psych. doi: 10.1136/jnnp-2020-324256
Recent Publications


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**Book chapters**


**Website Resources**

If you are a healthcare professional, family member or carer of a person with aphasia or cognitive difficulties we have a number of helpful tools and resources in many languages that can provide you with additional information and support available via our [Aphasia CRE website Resources page](https://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/centres/health/aphasia/resources).

*Healthcare Communication Support Resources (Inc COVID-19 resources)*

The Aphasia CRE has created a repository of resources that can be used to support conversations with people with aphasia or given to people with aphasia or family members to support them during this time.

This repository includes resources in both English and many other language.

Categories include —

- Prevention (Public Health Information) including -
  - Pictographics that can be downloaded
  - Supported communication
  - Telepractice and Telerehabilitation
  - Wellbeing and Peer Support

*Helpful links for people with aphasia, family & carers*

*Aphasia CRE Resources*

To see any of these please go to our Resources page on the Aphasia CRE Website - [https://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/centres/health/aphasia/resources](https://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/centres/health/aphasia/resources)
Join our Aphasia CRE – Community of Practice

The Aphasia CRE - Community of Practice (COP) welcomes people with aphasia, family, friends, health professionals, researchers and organisations to join www.latrobe.edu.au/aphasiacre-cop

Since our launch the Community of Practice has grown very quickly. We have members from Australia and internationals predominantly from United Kingdom, Ireland, USA, New Zealand, Canada, Denmark, India, Brazil and many more. Our members include those with or supporting a person with aphasia. Our professional members include speech pathologists, physiotherapists, psychologists, social workers, neurologists, nurses, researchers and students. We encourage you to join our community.

Benefits to members of the Aphasia CRE - Community of Practice include:

- receiving our newsletter and updates on events and activities
- invitations to contribute to research agenda and studies
- opportunities to attend workshops and networking events
- free membership

Join our Community of Practice now – www.latrobe.edu.au/aphasiacre-cop

Wishing you a very happy holiday season from the team at the Aphasia CRE office.

Note: Pre-Covid photo—We are completely over zoom screenshots & looking forward to seeing faces back in the office in 2021!