

- **Age:** Four years
- **Location:** Brisbane
- **Hearing loss:** Profound hearing loss in both ears
- **Hearing technology used:** Two cochlear implants
- **Support from Hear and Say:** Edward has been enrolled in our Early Intervention program since 2015. He and his family attend fortnightly Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Therapy lessons with LSL Specialist, Katie. Edward also regularly participates in Hear and Say's weekly LEAP playgroup, and this year will also be eligible to attend a social skills program for Kindy-age children, LaunchPad. Edward recently upgraded his cochlear implant technology to the new N7 model, supported by the Hear and Say Audiology team.
- **Edward's progress/goals:** Edward is making wonderful progress as he learns to hear, listen and speak, and is tracking within the average range for children of his age. Edward is the third of four children, and is enjoying being with his friends at Kindy this year. He is gaining great confidence talking in front of the other children, and loves participating in *Show and Share*. Some of the goals Edward is currently working on in his LSL lessons include:
  - Developing use of more **complex language and vocabulary** – e.g. multi-item instructions (*Can you please put away that dog and pick up those cows?*).
  - Developing proper **grammatical structure** of sentences e.g. use of pronouns (*he/she; him/her*); irregular past tense (*I broke a plate, I ate an apple*).
- Edward loves learning through play-based activities, including "going shopping" with a toy cash register and food; reading books; and creating shapes with playdough.

