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FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ABUSE  
QUEENSLAND

# SPEAQ Forum 2024 - Programme Schedule

Curiosity, Challenge, and Change: Opening space for new possibilities

## Pre-forum Workshops - Wednesday 13th November 2024

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9:00 am **Advanced Facilitation Skills: The Art of Dialogue** *Room 2*  
- Melissa (Petrangelo) Scaia, *Domestic Abuse Project; Global Alliance for Women's Safety and Equality (GAWSE)*  
12:00 pm  
[See flyer for more detail](#)

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10:30 am Morning Tea

12:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm **Assessing for Intervention**, *Room 2*  
- Ken McMaster, *Hall McMaster and Associates*  
4:30 pm  
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2:30 pm Afternoon Tea

4:30 pm **Close**

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# Forum Day 1 - Thursday 14th November 2024

8:15 am **Registration & mingle**

8:45 am **Opening Session | Talking to Country**  
Tess Blundell, *Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast*

9:00 am **Secretary Address**  
Dr Brodie Evans, *SPEAQ Secretary*

9:20 am **Ice-breaker / Connection session**  
Facilitated by Alex, *YFS Ltd*

9:40 am **Session 1 | Hot Topics**  
*Group activity where attendees workshop a response to a 'Hot Topic' of their choice in the DFV Intervention space, in a facilitated small group.*

10:20 am **Morning Tea**

10:40 am **Session 2 Panel | Centring victim-survivors in our work with persons using violence**

*Moderated panel, and Q&A*

Moderator: Melissa (Petrangelo) Scaia, Domestic Abuse Project; Global Alliance for Women's Safety and Equality (GAWSE)

Panellists:

- Lula Dembele, Survivor Advocate, and GM Lived Experience and Co-Production, *Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand*
- Jesseca Oliva, Survivor of Domestic and Family Violence
- Tess Blundell, Men's DV Education and Intervention Program Manager and former Women's Advocate, *Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast*
- Emily Ellis, Service Manager at 99 Steps and Project Lead on an MBCP Diverse Cohorts pilot, *Settlement Services International*

11:55 pm *Room Changeover*

12:10 pm **Session 3A Member Presentation | Evaluation of the YFS Responsible Men Program: Current service delivery and future directions.**  
*Osprey 1*

Dr Brodie Evans, *YFS Ltd*  
Prof. Silke Meyer, *Griffith University*

**Session 3B Member Presentation | Co-Response Program Pilot in Cairns**  
*Osprey 2*

Alisha Lyngcoln and Sasha Adams,  
*Relationships Australia Queensland (RAQ)*  
- Cairns

12:40 pm **Lunch**

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1:30 pm **Session 4 Panel | Effective intervention with persons using violence across the spectrum of risk – A conversation about frameworks of practice**

*Interactive panel process.*

Facilitator: Paul Monsour, *SPEAQ; Anglicare*

Panellists:

- Melissa (Petrangelo) Scaia, *Domestic Abuse Project; Global Alliance for Women’s Safety and Equality (GAWSE)*
- Ken McMaster, *Hall McMaster and Associates*
- Lyn Anderson, *Helem Yumba*
- Rebekha Melville, *Brisbane Youth Service*
- Dr Brodie Evans, *YFS Ltd; Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence (QTWAV)*

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**3:20 pm Afternoon Tea**

3:35 pm **Session 5A Member Presentation | Key indicators and barriers towards change in Men’s Behaviour Change Programs from both facilitator and perpetrator perspectives: Masculinity, the Transformation Journey and Emotional Work**  
*Osprey 1*

*Delilah Cutinho, University of Queensland*

**Session 5B Member Presentation | Crowded Loneliness: A 7-year study into men that self-select to attend a community-based men’s program.**  
*Osprey 2*

*Alexander R., Anglicare Brisbane*

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4:05 pm *Room Changeover*

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4:20 pm **Closing Address | What happens at the touchpoints? Impacts of the intervention system on the engagement of persons using violence.**  
*Ken McMaster, Hall McMaster and Associates*

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4:50 pm **Wrap up and Information**

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5:00 pm **Close**

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6:30 pm - **SPEAQ Networking Dinner**

9:30 pm **The Cavill Hotel**

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## Forum Day 2 - Friday 15th November 2024

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7:00 am	<b>Early Registration</b>	
7:15 am	<b>Mindful movement practice</b> , Dr Pee Tek Chan <i>An opportunity to start the day with a simple, subtle practice of awakening our consciousness through body movement awareness to connect more deeply to yourself and open space for new possibilities throughout the day. The session will start with a talk to introduce the practice.</i>	
8:15 am	<b>Registration &amp; mingle</b>	
8:35 am	<b>Welcome Address   What have we learned over 40 years of perpetrator programs globally: What have we learned that works that we have continued to do for 40 years, what have we tried that did not work, and what issues are new and emerging for perpetrator programs globally</b> Melissa (Petrangelo) Scaia, <i>Domestic Abuse Project; Global Alliance for Women's Safety and Equality (GAWSE)</i>	
9:05	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
9:10 am	<b>Session 6   Desistance of male-perpetrated IPV and the role of victim-survivors</b> Dr Hayley Boxall, <i>Australian National University</i>	
10:40 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
10:55 am	<b>Session 7A Member Presentation   Innovation on Mensline Qld, how an app (innerBoy) and a pilot project (START) is changing our work</b> <i>Osprey 1</i>  Michelle Royes, Mia Ristovska, Madi and Mark, <i>DVConnect</i>	<b>Session 7B Member Presentation   Men's Behaviour Change walking alongside First Nations Peoples</b> <i>Osprey 2</i>  James Bacon, <i>Relationships Australia Queensland (RAQ) – Townsville</i>
11:25 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
11:30 am	<b>Session 8A   Where can a serious consideration of trauma in men who use violence take us?</b> <i>Osprey 1</i>  Dr Ron Frey, <i>University of Tasmania and Queensland University of Technology (QUT)</i>	<b>Session 8B   Designing and delivering nonviolence programs for women</b> <i>Osprey 2</i>  Melissa (Petrangelo) Scaia, <i>Domestic Abuse Project; Global Alliance for Women's Safety and Equality (GAWSE)</i>
12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:35 pm	<b>Session 9   The hard yarns: Family Violence interventions with First Nations men</b> Yarning circle with participants to be confirmed.	

2:45 pm

Afternoon Tea

3:00 pm

**Session 10 | Expertise, Experience, and Longevity in Working with People Using Family Violence**

Tori Cooke, *Pandora Projects*

4:00pm

**Closing session: End of day reflections**

Facilitated by Alex, *YFS Ltd*

4:30 pm

**Close**

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