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QUEENSLAND

SPEAQ Forum 2025 - Programme Schedule

We're in this together: Meaningful relationship as the basis for effective practice in DFV accountability and intervention work

Pre-forum Workshops - Wednesday 22 October 2025

9:00 am - 12:30 pm	Holding shame without shaming: Finding affective agency in a men's group Alan Jenkins See flyer for more detail <i>Chancellor Room 1</i>	Working with people using violence at the intersection of AOD, Mental Health and DFSV Rodney Vlasis See flyer for more detail <i>Chancellor Room 2 & 3 Combined</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch, Courtyard	
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshop continued	Workshop continued
4:30 pm	Close	

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Forum Day 1 - Thursday 23 October 2025

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8:15 am	Registration & mingle	
8:45 am	Welcome to Country	
	Shannon Ruska, <i>Tribal Experiences</i>	
9:00 am	Secretary Welcome Address	
	Dr Brodie Evans, <i>SPEAQ Secretary</i>	
9:20 am	Connection Session	
9:30 am	Session 1 – Keynote Address 	
	Professor Donna Chung, <i>Curtin University</i>	
10:10 am	Morning Tea, Pre-function Area	
10:30 am	Session 2 Panel: Working Together – First Nations Perspectives	
	Facilitated by Karina Hogan	
	Panellists:	
	Sono Leone, <i>Strong Women Talking</i>	
	Shana Barney, <i>REFOCUS</i>	
	Caeleb Doughty, <i>REFOCUS</i>	
	Freya Irons, <i>Kurbingui</i>	
11:30 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
11:35 pm	Session 3 Building workforce capacity and clinical supervision as the foundation for effective behaviour change work	
	Tori Cooke, <i>Pandora Projects</i>	
12:35 pm	Lunch, Courtyard	
	Parallel Sessions, Roma Room	Parallel Sessions, Terrace & Wickham Rooms combined
1:25 pm	Session 4A Member Presentation Moral Perfectionism in Domestic Violence Work: Cultivating Compassion with Colleagues	Session 4B Member Presentation START - short term virtual intervention options
	Taylah Waters, <i>Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service</i>	Michelle Royes, Jeff Mwanza & Trudy Flemming, <i>DVConnect</i>
2:05 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>

2:10 pm	Session 5A Member Presentation Experiences of LGBTIQ+ workers in mainstream domestic violence men’s behaviour change programs Dr Brodie Evans & Billie Stimpson, <i>QUT Centre for Justice and Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence (QTWAV)</i>	Session 5B Member Presentation Experiences and learnings in the implementation of the FPI approach in the Brief Intervention program Paul Monsour and Yolande Le Roux, <i>Anglicare</i>
2:50 pm	Afternoon Tea, Pre-function Area	
3:15 pm	Session 6 Fatherhood as a focus for building empathy and compassion in the journey of behaviour change Tim Kelly, <i>Caring Dads</i>	
3:55 PM	Presenter Changeover	
4:00 PM	Session 7 – Keynote Address A Passionate Interest in Otherness: Affective Activism as Intervention in Family Abuse Alan Jenkins	
4:45 pm	Closing session: End of day reflections Facilitated by Belinda Cox, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service</i>	
5:00 pm	Close	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	SPEAQ Annual Networking Cocktail Dinner The Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane See flyer for more detail	

Forum Day 2 – Friday 24 October 2025

7:00 am **Walking Tour of Roma Street Parklands**
(60 mins) [See Flyer for more details and to register](#)

Led by Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser*; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

7:30 am **Movement Meditation (onsite)**
(30 mins)

Led by Paul Monsour, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser*; Anglicare

8:15 am **Registration & mingle**

8:30 am **Welcome & introductions**

Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser*; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service

8:40 am **Connection Session**

8:50 am **Session 8 – Keynote Address | Developments in the Field and Current Challenges**

Rodney Vlasis

9:30 *Presenter Changeover*

9:35 am **Session 9 | Intersectionality and cultural inclusion in family violence work**

Hala Abdelnour, *Institute of Non-Violence*

10:45 am **Morning Tea, Pre-function Area**

Parallel Sessions, Roma Room

Parallel Sessions, Terrace & Wickham Rooms combined

11:10 am **Session 10A Member Presentation | innerBoy – how a mental health app really is about ending violence**

Mia Ristovska & Mark Volling, *DVConnect*

Session 10B Member Presentation | Hearing everyone's side: Working with young people who use violence, along with their family members and intimate partners

Dr Kelsey Adams, Rebekha Melville, and Darcy Robertson, *Brisbane Youth Service*

11:50 pm *Presenter Changeover*

Presenter Changeover

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11:55 am	Session 11A Member Presentation Who are you? Characteristics of DFV offenders who strangle their intimate partner: a document analysis Mark Walters, <i>Queensland Centre for Domestic & Family Violence Research (QCDFVR)</i>	Session 11C Coercive Control and Jealousy: Understanding gendered drivers and dangerous narratives Tori Cooke, <i>Pandora Projects</i> Professor Donna Chung, <i>Curtin University</i>
12:30 am	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
12:35 am	Session 11B Pathways Project: Ensuring practitioner experience and insights on the continuum of responses for people using DFV Max Castle, <i>No To Violence</i>	
1:10 pm	Lunch, Courtyard	
2:00 pm	Session 12 Hot Topics <i>Group activity where attendees workshop a response to a 'Hot Topic' of their choice in the DFV Intervention space, in a facilitated small group.</i>	
2:55 pm	Afternoon Tea, Pre-function Area	
3:10 pm	Session 13 Panel: Working Together - Practitioner Perspectives Facilitated by Dr Brodie Evans, <i>SPEAQ Secretary</i> Panellists: Tess Blundell, <i>Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast</i> Hala Abdelnour, <i>Institute of Non-Violence</i> Max Castle, <i>No To Violence</i> Tori Cooke, <i>Pandora Projects</i> Alex, <i>YFS Ltd</i>	
4:10 pm	Closing session: End of forum reflections Facilitated by Paul Monsour, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Anglicare</i>	
4:30 pm	Close	
4:40 pm – 5:10 pm	Smoking Ceremony Roma Street Parklands Celebration Lawn Plaza Shannon Ruska, <i>Tribal Experiences</i> Map Celebration Lawn Plaza 'Keepers of the Fire' artwork by Lilla Watson	