



SPEAQ FORUM 2026

**Making the invisible visible: DFV intervention work
within and beyond complexities**

SPEAQ Forum Thursday 08 and Friday 09 October 2026
Pre-Forum workshops held on Wednesday 07 October 2026
Hotel Grand Chancellor Townsville, QLD



Early bird release of tickets

2-day Forum tickets: SPEAQ Members / Non-Members: \$475 / \$575
Pre-Forum Workshops: SPEAQ Members / Non-Members: \$130 / \$160
SPEAQ Annual Networking Cocktail Dinner, 8 October 2026: \$65

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YOUR WORKPLACE PARTNER TO END
DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

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Strengthening practice. Creating leading.

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Information Sheet

PROGRAMME and REGISTRATION

For current event info and registration visit speaq.org.au/forum2026

VENUE AND TRANSPORT

This year's forum will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Townsville, 334 Flinders St, Townsville City QLD 4810. Located in the heart of the business and shopping districts, it is a 4-star hotel affectionately known as the 'Sugar Shaker' due to its unique shape. As the tallest building in Townsville, the hotel boasts breathtaking views of the city, Castle Hill, and the sea beyond.

Public transport options: Use the Translink website or mobile app to find details for travel to the venue. Parking is limited for hotel guests beside the hotel at Northtown Carpark (fees apply). Speak to reception to obtain a parking pass.

WHERE TO STAY

Travelling locally, flying into Townsville, or driving in, this year's venue is centrally located. If choosing to stay at the forum venue – the Hotel Grand Chancellor Townsville – you will be provided with a discount code after purchasing your registration ticket. You can contact the hotel directly via stay@hgctownsville.com.au

FLIGHTS

If travelling by air, to track flight prices, go to [Skyscanner](https://www.skyscanner.com) or [google.com/travel/flights](https://www.google.com/travel/flights), enter your departure City, dates and select 'track prices' to receive price alerts via email.

MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

SPEAQ members have been invited to submit their abstract to present sessions at the Forum. This is a great opportunity to share your work with others as well as being a valuable professional development opportunity. Submit your abstract [here!](#) Applications will close Sunday 31/05/2026. Successful abstracts will be notified in June 2026.

TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

SPEAQ Forum organisers are keen to make this event accessible and inclusive. We are offering a travel subsidy (up to \$800 each) to support people to attend from right across Queensland, and ensure we have truly state-wide Forum participation. SPEAQ members (including employees of member organisations) are eligible and a limited number of places are available. Submit your application [here!](#) Applications close 30/06/2026. Successful recipients will be notified in July 2026.

THINGS TO DO IN TOWNSVILLE WHILE YOU'RE VISITING

[THE 15 BEST Things to Do in Townsville \(2026\) - Must-See Attractions](#)

[Northern Australian Festival of Arts 25 September – 11 October 2026](#)

Supporting Change and Safety – Ending Domestic and Family Violence through behaviour change practice, leadership and advocacy

Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Queensland (SPEAQ), is the state-wide network of organisations and individuals working with persons using domestic and family violence on the continuum of behaviour change intervention. For over 30 years we have supported each other to strengthen our work in ending domestic and family violence and increase the safety and wellbeing of, primarily, women and children.