SERVICES AND PRACTITIONERS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ABUSE QUEENSLAND

SPEAQ Forum 2026 - Programme Schedule

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

Pre-forum Workshops - Wednesday 07 October 2026

`8:30 am – 12 pm	**Queering Practice - Foundations of working for and with LGBTIQA+ people in violence prevention and responses** **Billie Stimpson** (they/them) and **Dr Brodie Evans** (they/he), *Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence* *Link to flyer* *Castle Hill Room*
12:00 pm	Lunch, *Restaurant*
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	**First Nations perspectives on behaviour change and what that means for our people** **James Bacon** (he/him) and **Cara-Lee Doolan** (she/her), *Relationships Australia* *Link to flyer* *Castle Hill Room*
4:30 pm	Close

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Forum Day 1 - Thursday 08 October 2026

8:15 am	**Registration & mingle**	
8:45 am	**Welcome to Country** Ashley Saltner Jnr, *Wulgurukaba Walkabouts*	
9:00 am	**Official Welcome, Secretary Address & Connecting** Dr Brodie Evans, *SPEAQ Secretary*	
9:30 am	**Session 1 – Opening Keynote Address | Identity and relational wellbeing** Hala Abdelnour, *Institute of Non-Violence*	
10:30 am	**Morning Tea, *Pandora Room***	
10:50 am	**Session 2 | Interactive Session – A Psychodynamic approach to working with men who have used family violence** Tony Johannsen, *Family Life*	
12:20 pm	**Lunch, *Restaurant***	
	Parallel Sessions, *Pandora Room*	***Parallel Sessions,*** *Castle Hill Room*
1:20 pm	**Session 3A Member Presentation | Electronic Monitoring Pilot: Updates and Early Learnings** Monique Lindeman, *DVNQ;* Marc Gregory, *UnitingCare Moreton Bay*	**Session 3B Member Presentation | Engaging adolescent boys in DFV intervention: Insights from the Break the Cycle trial** Dr Liane McDermott & Elizabeth Boardman, *QCDFVR;* Shane Worral & Dr Sarah Lantz, *Domestic Violence Action Centre*
2:05 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	*Presenter Changeover*

2:15 pm	**Session 4A Member Presentation | Two Services, No Blind Spots** Vivien Bull, *UnitingCare;* Sarah Richards, *Centre Against Domestic Abuse*	**Session 4B Member Presentation | Same Program, Different Every Time: Tailoring Practice for Diverse Young People who use Violence** Dr Kelsey Adams & Rebekha Melville, *Brisbane Youth Service*
3:00 pm	**Afternoon Tea, *Pandora Room***	
3:20 pm	**Session 5 | What place does spirituality have in Men's DFV Intervention work?** Paul Monsour, *Anglicare Southern QLD Brisbane* Lyn Anderson, *Helem Yumba* Dr Ron Frey, *University of Tasmania*	
4:20 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	
4:30 pm	**Closing Address | Radical listening and fearless speech** Dr Ron Frey, *University of Tasmania*	
5:00 pm	**Close**	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	**SPEAQ Annual Networking Cocktail Dinner** *Rooftop Bar* Hotel Grand Chancellor Townville	

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Forum Day 2 – Friday 09 October 2026

7:30 am (30 mins)	**Extra curricula activity: Mindful Movement,** *Victoria Bridge Room* *Link to Flyer* Paul Monsour, *Anglicare; SPEAQ Steering Committee Member*	
8:15 am	**Registration & mingle**	
8:30 am	**Official Welcome & Introductions** Belinda Cox, *Brisbane Domestic Violence Service – Micah Projects*	
9:00 am	**Session 7 – Opening Keynote Address | Therapeutic Alliance & what boundaried empathy looks like in practice** Tony Johannsen, *Family Life*	
10:00 am	**Morning Tea,** *Pandora Room*	
10:25 am	**Session 8 | Interactive Session: Working with role development to assist progressive ways of relating in the world** Hala Abdelnour, *Institute of Non-Violence*	
11:55 am	**Lunch,** *Restaurant*	
	Parallel Sessions, *Pandora Room*	***Parallel Sessions,*** *Castle Hill Room*
12:55 am	**Session 9A Member Presentation | Pilot Update – Working with Women using Violence** Monique Lindeman & Hayley Ebsworth, *DVNQ*	**Session 9B Member Presentation | Findings from interviews of LGBTIQA+ workers in mainstream MBCPs** Dr Brodie Evans & Billie Stimpson, *QUT Centre for Justice* and *Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence*

1:40 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	*Presenter Changeover*
1:50 pm	**Session 10A Member Presentation | The Child in the Room: Using Mmara to invite reflection on the invisible impacts of domestic and family violence in behaviour change spaces** Lynda Rushton, *Bespoke Supervision and Counselling*; Amelia Golsby-Smith, *Little Wing Nest*; Angus Wieden, *DVNQ*	**Session 10B Member Presentation | How to be the 'Perfect Practitioner'** Taylah Waters, *Brisbane Domestic Violence Service – Micah Projects*
2:35 pm	**Afternoon Tea, *Pandora Room***	
2:50 pm	**Session 11 | 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.*	
3:30 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	
3:40 pm	**Closing address: End of forum reflections** Belinda Cox & Dr Brodie Evans, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organisers 2026*	
4:00 pm	**Close**	

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