

SPEAQ

Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Queensland
Working with Men and their Families to End Domestic and Family Violence

SPEAQ Forum 2014

6th Annual Networking & Professional Development Event

Dates: Forum Mon 13th October and Training Tues 14th October

Practice Wisdom, Values, Knowledge, Experience, Skill, Passion – Weaving the threads

About the Forum

The annual SPEAQ Forum provides a unique opportunity to strengthen networks with other practitioners and share practice wisdom, experience and knowledge around working for change and creating safety with men who have used abuse and violence in their relationships.

Forum Program, Day 1

1. Explorations into practice (3 parallel sessions)

- **Partner Advocacy** – a session for advocates by advocates about this unique and important role.
- **Power and Control** - Facilitating conversations in the group that assist men to face up to and take responsibility for their controlling behaviours and abuse of power.

- **What kind of man?** – *Dr Clare Murphy*

Since presenting her research to SPEAQ on masculinities 4 years ago, Clare has continued to develop Practice Tools that build personal insight for men about the mask they wear, the man behind the mask and the impact this may have on abusive and controlling behaviours. Clare will facilitate practitioner discussion and share her experiences and wisdom to add to your toolbox.

2. Collaborating for safety

Partner advocates and facilitators hold distinct and complementary perspectives about what is occurring in participants' relationships. In this session we explore the kinds of collaborative work that best support change in the man's attitudes, behaviour and identity, prioritising safety, respect and consideration for women and children.

3. In her shoes – In his shoes

Journey through the experience of a woman as she navigates multiple system agencies that may or may not provide protection for herself and her children – and step into the experience of the man who may or may not be held to account for his actions. Where does 'the system' work and where are the gaps?



4. Panel Discussion – System responses

Building on the insights of the previous session, a panel of people with expertise in the multiple facets of our system response, Police, the Magistrates Court, victim support, Child Protection, Corrections, Mensline and Intervention Programs, will discuss :

- What are the keys to increasing the level and consistency of accountability experienced by those perpetrating DFV?
- How can magistrate courts refer men to programs in ways that lead to good outcomes?

5. Group supervision – Special optional session

To round off a very full day, this special group supervision session with Tracy Castelino is a response to the positive feedback from last year's shared practice discussions. Tracy prioritises creating a safe and respectful space for reflection on practice, and supervisees speak highly of her work.

Who Should Attend?

This Forum is open to all practitioners, co-ordinators, team leaders and others with an interest or involvement in working with men who use abuse and violence in their relationships.



Who is SPEAQ?

Services and Practitioners for the Elimination of Abuse Queensland (SPEAQ), is a state-wide network of member organisations and individuals involved in and with an interest in working with men who have used domestic and family violence.

For over 20 years we have supported each other to strengthen our work in ending men's domestic and family violence and increasing the safety of women and children.

Times:

Day 1 – Forum: 9 am to 4:45 pm
Arrival from 8:30 am

Optional Group Supervision with Tracy Castelino:
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Day 2 – Training: 9 am to 4:30 pm
Arrival from 8:30 am

Registration Fees

Day 1 - Forum (13th Oct):

SPEAQ members - \$80, non-members - \$95
Group Supervision additional fee: \$30 / \$35

Day 2 - Training with Tracy (14th Oct)

SPEAQ members - \$150, non-members - \$165

Delicious morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch are provided.

SPEAQ Training 2014 – (Day 2)

Conversations with Fathers who have Perpetrated Violence -

From good intentions to the daily practice of responsible parenting

A workshop by Dr Tracy Castelino

About this workshop

This practice-focussed workshop explores the how-to of conversations with men around responsible fathering, based on ethics, values and aspirations.

Tracy says: "Through my work with perpetrator programs, and advocacy support work with women and children who are living with men who are abusive I have developed a framework for practice within the context of the family. My work is grounded in narrative therapy and feminist theory and practice."



In this workshop we will explore:

- working with fathers who are perpetrators, naming and detailing their hopes as men, partners and fathers, moving beyond good intentions to daily practices of respect
- considering responsible fathering interventions that appreciate connections between fathers' relationships with their children and men's behaviour towards their children's mothers
- exploring moving from father-centred parenting to child-centred parenting
- developing plans with the man for ethical and responsible actions

Who should attend?

This workshop is suitable for practitioners who have experience in working with men who have perpetrated domestic and family violence, in a group context, or in individual counselling and education work. Registrations will only be accepted from practitioners who have this specialist experience. (N.B. A workshop for workers in other roles who have contact with men who are perpetrating DFV will be held on Wed 15th October, and a separate flyer and registration form are available for that event).

About the presenter

Tracy lives in Melbourne and has been working to challenge and eliminate violence against women for over 20 years. She has a passion for seeking respectful and innovative ways of working with individuals, organisations and communities to respond to the various issues that cause marginalisation and vulnerability. Tracy is interested in building connected and safe communities through education, training and grass roots work, and has worked in many roles including as men's behaviour change program facilitator, victim advocate, and children's counsellor.

Tracy engages in research, consultation and supervision on the complexities of gendered violence prevention, collaborative partnerships and reflective practice. She is currently managing several research projects with community organisations.

Registration

Please use the Registration Form which accompanies this flyer. The closing date for registrations is c.o.b. Tuesday 7th October.

Venue Details

The venue for both events is:

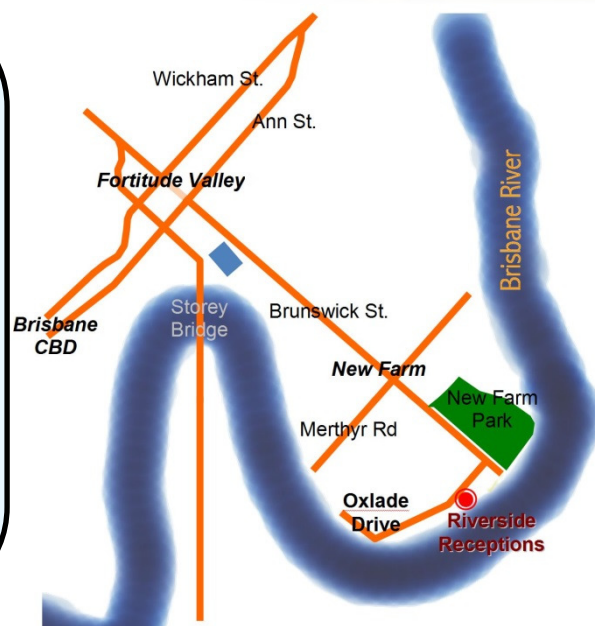
Riverside Receptions, 50 Oxlade Drive, New Farm.

The venue is set beside the Brisbane River and is known for its excellent catering!

The venue is accessible by public transport (call Translink – 13 1230 for details):

- Catch the City Cat down the river from the CBD to New Farm Park jetty
- Catch the "New Farm (Merthyr)" – 196 bus to Oxlade Drive stop 25.

For further queries about this event, please contact the SPEAQ secretary:
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