

# SPEAQ FORUM 2016

*Working for change and creating safety with men who have used abuse and violence in their relationships*

## 8th Annual SPEAQ Networking and Professional Development Event

**Monday 31st October & Tuesday 1st November**

*A unique opportunity to strengthen connections with practitioners, share practice wisdom, and access specialist professional development and education.*

### DAY 1: Monday 31st October

#### **Integrated responses and risk management: increasing the focus on those who perpetrate**

*An interactive half-day workshop presented by Rodney Vlasis, Consultant*

Rodney will lead an exploration of the continuum of perpetrator interventions and how these contribute to risk management within integrated responses. While integrated responses have focussed strongly on providing support and safety for women and children subject to the abuse, this session will look at increasing the focus on the complementary work with and around those who are perpetrating the abuse, and finding local solutions to reducing risk where it originates.

#### **ANROWS Project Briefing - Queensland Integrated Service Responses to Domestic and Family Violence**

*A briefing presented by Betty Taylor, Consultant*

ANROWS is currently engaged in a key Queensland Government funded project *Queensland Integrated Service Responses to Domestic and Family Violence*. The project is looking at a common Risk Assessment and Management Framework for Qld, a high risk intervention model, information sharing guidelines and education and training needs to support these. Betty is currently working for ANROWS on this project.

#### **CQUniversity's Graduate Certificate in Facilitating Men's Behaviour Change**

*Presented by Dr Andrew Frost, Senior Lecturer, CQUniversity*

CQUniversity's new Graduate Certificate in Facilitating Men's Behaviour Change has been specifically designed for practitioners who work with men who have perpetrated DFV, filling a significant gap in professional education for the sector. Andrew, course developer and coordinator, will explore how to maximise the opportunity for practitioner involvement.

#### **SPEAQ Network Development Session**

*Presented by Paul Monsour, SPEAQ Secretary and Nicci Turschwell, UCC Maroochydore*

The SPEAQ network provides a vehicle for connection, interaction, learning, support and many more aspects of practitioner and sector development. In this session Nicci will facilitate a creative process to explore barriers and solutions to engagement and keeping the network relevant and accessible.

#### **Meet the Speakers**



**Rodney Vlasis** is a leading policy adviser, development consultant, trainer and practice supervisor in family and domestic violence perpetrator intervention systems, and in perpetrator accountability. As a registered psychologist of almost 25 years, over the past 15 years Rodney has gained significant experience in providing community-based men's behaviour change programs. From 2007 until recently, Rodney held managerial and leadership positions with No To Violence (NTV) incorporating the Men's Referral Service. He is widely sought after by state and territory governments for his expertise in this field, and by peak body and other community sector NGOs across Australia. He has frequently provided comment to media sources on perpetrator interventions and related issues, and has made numerous public presentations to community-based audiences on men's responsibilities to act as allies in the struggle to end family and domestic violence.



**Betty Taylor** has over 25 years' experience in the violence against women sector which includes being the founding Director of the Gold Coast Domestic Violence Prevention Centre. She chaired the Queensland Domestic Violence Council for two terms, has been awarded a Centenary Medal for violence prevention work and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to further study Collaborative Responses to Domestic Violence. Betty Taylor Consultancy provides a range of training and related services including clinical supervision, project evaluation, legal submissions and literature reviews.



CQUniversity Senior Lecturer **Dr Andrew Frost** has been involved in the human services field for about 30 years, working and researching in offender rehabilitation since 1993. During this time, Andrew has worked in the provision and supervision of group therapy, and the establishment of a forensic therapeutic community, and these areas remain central to his research interests. Prior to his CQUniversity appointment Andrew was a Senior Lecturer in Human Services and Social Work at the University of Canterbury, the Director of Te Awatea Violence Research Centre and Program Coordinator for the Bachelor of Social Work Program. In 2016 he started teaching in the Domestic and Family Violence Practice Postgraduate Courses at CQUniversity and he looks forward to teaching the innovative Facilitating Men's Behaviour Change Graduate Certificate Course in 2017.

## DAY 2: Tuesday 1st November

### Client Engagement Styles and Implications for Practice

*Presented by Dr Andrew Frost, Senior Lecturer, CQUniversity*

Drawing on his recent research into how child sex offenders engage with programmes, Andrew will explore the application of these findings to working with men who use domestic and family violence in this interactive workshop.

### Advocates' Circle

*Jo Knight and the Advocates*

A face-to-face gathering of partner advocates to discuss current practice issues and continue building the advocates network. This session will run in parallel with the second part of the Client Engagement Styles workshop.

### The ReNew Program for Adolescents

*Presented by Andrea Edwards and Leia Mackie, Domestic Violence Action Centre (DVAC), Ipswich*

Andrea and Leia will provide a brief presentation about this innovative program for adolescent boys who are using violence against their mothers; developed by Carinity Talera in partnership with DVAC.

### Good Practice in Advocacy Partnerships

*This session explores two aspects of the vital collaborative work between advocates and other practitioners.*

#### Collaboration and case conferencing between behaviour change workers and victim advocates

*Facilitated by UnitingCare Community Maroochydore*

#### Effective use of an Integrated Response to manage risk in advocacy work - a case study

*Presented by Jo Knight - DVPC Gold Coast*

### Good Practice Presentations and Practitioner Hot Topics

*This session is an opportunity for more in-depth discussion of practice topics in smaller groups.*

*Incorporating feedback from previous years, the time for each topic has been extended to one hour, with two concurrent sessions. One of these timeslots could also be used for 'Free Time' to follow up on discussions around any additional hot topic emerging from the Forum.*

#### Gold Coast Specialist DV Court Trial - changing the experience for 'aggrieveds' and respondents

*Presented by Centacare Gold Coast with DVPC Gold Coast*

#### Beyond the gender stereotypes in DFV

*Hosted by Dr Deb Walsh, University of Qld, and colleagues*

#### Leveraging collective contributions to Supporting Men to Keep Women and Children Safe

*Presented by Dealonna Bickey and Tania Edwards, Relationships Australia, Rockhampton*

#### Exploring accountability in the work with men who perpetrate DFV

*Hosted by Townsville and Mount Isa NQDVRs staff*

## REGISTRATION

Register and pay online [here](https://speaqforum2016.eventbrite.com.au). Registration options one or both days. Note: Current SPEAQ Members can access discounted fees – if you are unsure of your membership status, please contact the SPEAQ secretary prior to purchasing registrations. Closing date for registrations is 5pm Monday 24th October 2016. For further info, please contact the SPEAQ secretary, Paul Monsour: E: [speaq.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:speaq.secretariat@gmail.com) M: 0434 198 281

## REGISTRATION FEES

Register at <https://speaqforum2016.eventbrite.com.au>

### SPEAQ Members:

One day: \$100.00 pp  
Both days: \$200.00 pp

### Non Members:

One day: \$115.00 pp  
Both days: \$230.00 pp

## EVENT DETAILS

**Venue:** Mercy Place,  
371 Simpsons Road,  
Bardon

**Time:** 9am to 5pm (Registration opens @ 08:30)

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