



SERVICES AND PRACTITIONERS  
FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ABUSE  
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	<b>Working with people using violence at the intersection of AOD, Mental Health and DFSV</b>  Rodney Vlasis <a href="#">See flyer for more detail</a>	<b>Holding shame without shaming: Finding affective agency in a men's group</b>  Alan Jenkins <a href="#">See flyer for more detail</a>
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>Workshop continued</b>	<b>Workshop continued</b>
4:30 pm	<b>Close</b>	

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# Forum Day 1 - Thursday 23 October 2025

8:15 am	<b>Registration &amp; mingle</b>	
8:45 am	<b>Welcome to Country</b>	
9:00 am	<b>Secretary Welcome Address</b>	
	Dr Brodie Evans, <i>SPEAQ Secretary</i>	
9:20 am	<b>Connection Session</b>	
9:30 am	<b>Session 1 – Keynote Address  </b>	
	Professor Donna Chung, <i>Curtin University</i>	
10:10 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
10:30 am	<b>Session 2   Panel: Working Together – First Nations Perspectives</b>	
	Facilitated by Karina Hogan	
	Panellists: Sono Leone, <i>Strong Women Talking</i> More panellists to come	
11:30 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
11:35 pm	<b>Session 3   Building workforce capacity and clinical supervision as the foundation for effective behaviour change work</b>	
	Tori Cooke, <i>Pandora Projects</i>	
12:35 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:25 pm	<b>Session 4A Member Presentation   Moral Perfectionism in Domestic Violence Work: Cultivating Compassion with Colleagues</b>	<b>Session 4B Member Presentation   START - short term virtual intervention options</b>
	Taylah Waters, <i>Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service</i>	Michelle Royes, <i>DVConnect</i>
2:05 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>
2:10 pm	<b>Session 5A Member Presentation   Experiences of LGBTIQ+ workers in mainstream domestic violence men's behaviour change programs</b>	<b>Session 5B Member Presentation   Experiences and learnings in the implementation the FPI approach in the Brief Intervention program</b>
	Dr Brodie Evans & Billie Stimpson, <i>QUT Centre for Justice and Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence (QTWAV)</i>	Paul Monsour and Yolande Le Roux, <i>Anglicare</i>
2:50 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	

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3:10 pm **Session 6 | Fatherhood as a focus for building empathy and compassion in the journey of behaviour change**

*Presenters to be announced*

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3:55 PM **Session 7 – Keynote Address | A Passionate Interest in Otherness : Affective Activism as Intervention in Family Abuse**

Alan Jenkins

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4:40 pm **Closing session: End of day reflections**

Facilitated by Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Crescent Consulting & Development*

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5:00 pm **Close**

**SPEAQ Annual Networking Cocktail Dinner**

6:00 pm -  
9:00 pm The Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane

[\*See flyer for more detail\*](#)

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## Forum Day 2 – Friday 24 October 2025

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7:00 am (60 mins)	<b>Walking Tour of Roma Street Parklands</b>	
	Led by Belinda Cox, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Crescent Consulting &amp; Development</i>	
7:30 am (30 mins)	<b>Mindful Movement (onsite)</b>	
	Facilitated by Paul Monsour, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Anglicare</i>	
8:15 am	<b>Registration &amp; mingle</b>	
8:30 am	<b>Welcome &amp; introductions</b>	
	Belinda Cox, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Crescent Consulting &amp; Development</i>	
8:40 am	<b>Connection Session</b>	
8:50 am	<b>Session 8 – Keynote Address   Developments in the Field and Current Challenges</b>	
	Rodney Vlasis	
9:30	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	
9:35 am	<b>Session 9   Intersectionality and cultural inclusion in family violence work</b>	
	Hala Abdelnour, <i>Institute of Non-Violence</i>	
10:45 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
11:00 am	<b>Session 10A Member Presentation   Working with First Nations Men in Remote communities</b>	<b>Session 10B Member Presentation   Hearing everyone's side: Working with young people who use violence, along with their family members and intimate partners</b>
	Reuben Dwyer, <i>54 Reasons Mt Isa</i>	Dr Kelsey Adams, Rebekha Melville, and Darcy Robertson, <i>Brisbane Youth Service</i>
11:40 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>
11:45 am	<b>Session 11A   Coercive Control and Jealousy: Understanding gendered drivers and dangerous narratives</b>	<b>Session 11B Member Presentation   Who are you? Characteristics of DFV offenders who strangle their intimate partner: a document analysis</b>
	Tori Cooke, <i>Pandora Projects</i> Professor Donna Chung, <i>Curtin University</i>	Mark Walters, <i>Queensland Centre for Domestic &amp; Family Violence Research (QCDFVR)</i>
12:20 am		<i>Presenter Changeover</i>

12:25 am	<b>Session 11C   Pathways Project: Ensuring practitioner experience and insights on the continuum of responses for people using DFV</b>  Max Castle, <i>No To Violence</i>
12:55 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:45 pm	<b>Session 12   Hot Topics</b> <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>
2:45 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:00 pm	<b>Session 13   Panel: Working Together - Practitioner Perspectives</b> 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>
4:00 pm	<i>Presenter Changeover</i>
4:05 pm	<b>Closing session: End of forum reflections</b>  Facilitated by Paul Monsour, <i>SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Anglicare</i>
4:30 pm	<b>Close</b>