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	**Holding shame without shaming: Finding affective agency in a men's group** Alan Jenkins *See flyer for more detail* *Chancellor Room 1*	**Working with people using violence at the intersection of AOD, Mental Health and DFSV** Rodney Vlais *See flyer for more detail* *Chancellor Room 2 & 3 Combined*
12:30 pm	Lunch, *Courtyard*	
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshop continued	Workshop continued
4:30 pm	Close	

Forum Day 1 - Thursday 23 October 2025

8:15 am	**Registration & mingle**	
8:45 am	**Welcome to Country** Shannon Ruska, *Tribal Experiences*	
9:00 am	**Secretary Welcome Address** Dr Brodie Evans, *SPEAQ Secretary*	
9:20 am	**Connection Session** Belinda Cox, *Forum Co-organiser, BDVS*	
9:30 am	**Session 1 – Keynote Address |** Professor Donna Chung, *Curtin University*	
10:10 am	Morning Tea, *Pre-function Area*	
10:30 am	**Session 2 | Panel: Working Together – First Nations Perspectives** Facilitated by Karina Hogan Panellists: Sono Leone, *Strong Women Talking* Shana Barney, *REFOCUS* Caeleb Doughty, *REFOCUS* Freya Irons, *Kurbingui*	
11:30 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	
11:35 pm	**Session 3 | Building workforce capacity and clinical supervision as the foundation for effective behaviour change work** Tori Cooke, *Pandora Projects*	
12:35 pm	Lunch, *Courtyard*	
	Parallel Sessions, *Roma Room*	***Parallel Sessions,*** *Terrace & Wickham Rooms combined*
1:25 pm	**Session 4A Member Presentation | Moral Perfectionism in Domestic Violence Work: Cultivating Compassion with Colleagues** Taylah Waters, *Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service*	**Session 4B Member Presentation | START - short term virtual intervention options** Michelle Royes, Jeff Mwanza & Trudy Flemington, *DVConnect*
2:05 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	*Presenter Changeover*

2:10 pm	**Session 5A Member Presentation | Experiences of LGBTIQA+ workers in mainstream domestic violence men's behaviour change programs** Dr Brodie Evans & Billie Stimpson, *QUT Centre for Justice and Queer and Trans Workers Against Violence (QTWAV)*	**Session 5B Member Presentation | Experiences and learnings in the implementation of the FPI approach in the Brief Intervention program** Paul Monsour and Yolande Le Roux, *Anglicare*
2:50 pm	**Afternoon Tea, *Pre-function Area***	
3:15 pm	**Session 6 | Fatherhood as a focus for building empathy and compassion in the journey of behaviour change** Tim Kelly, *Caring Dads*	
3:55 PM	*Presenter Changeover*	
4:00 PM	**Session 7 – Keynote Address | A Passionate Interest in Otherness: Affective Activism as Intervention in Family Abuse** Alan Jenkins	
4:45 pm	**Closing session: End of day reflections** Facilitated by Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service*	
5:00 pm	**Close**	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	**SPEAQ Annual Networking Cocktail Dinner** The Grand Chancellor Hotel Brisbane *See flyer for more detail*	

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Forum Day 2 – Friday 24 October 2025

7:00 am (60 mins)	**Walking Tour of Roma Street Parklands** *See Flyer for more details and to register* Led by Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service*
7:30 am (30 mins)	**Movement Meditation** *(Main Conference Room)* *See Flyer for more details* Led by Paul Monsour, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Anglicare*
8:15 am	**Registration & mingle**
8:30 am	**Welcome & introductions** Belinda Cox, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Micah Projects – Brisbane Domestic Violence Service*
8:40 am	**Connection Session**
8:50 am	**Session 8 – Keynote Address | Developments in the Field and Current Challenges** Rodney Vlais
9:30	*Presenter Changeover*
9:35 am	**Session 9 | Intersectionality and cultural inclusion in family violence work** Hala Abdelnour, *Institute of Non-Violence*

10:45 am	Morning Tea, *Pre-function Area*	
	Parallel Sessions, *Roma Room*	***Parallel Sessions,*** *Terrace & Wickham Rooms combined*
11:10 am	**Session 10A Member Presentation | innerBoy – how a mental health app really is about ending violence** Mia Ristovska & Mark Volling, *DVConnect*	**Session 10B Member Presentation | Hearing everyone's side: Working with young people who use violence, along with their family members and intimate partners** Dr Kelsey Adams and Rebekha Melville, *Brisbane Youth Service*
11:50 pm	*Presenter Changeover*	*Presenter Changeover*

11:55 am	**Session 11A Member Presentation | Who are you? Characteristics of DFV offenders who strangle their intimate partner: a document analysis** Mark Walters, *Queensland Centre for Domestic & Family Violence Research (QCDFVR)*	**Session 11C | Coercive Control and Jealousy: Understanding gendered drivers and dangerous narratives** Tori Cooke, *Pandora Projects* Professor Donna Chung, *Curtin University*
12:30 am	*Presenter Changeover*	
12:35 am	**Session 11B | Pathways Project: Ensuring practitioner experience and insights on the continuum of responses for people using DFV** Max Castle, *No To Violence*	
1:10 pm	**Lunch, *Courtyard***	
2:00 pm	**Session 12 | 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.*	
2:55 pm	**Afternoon Tea, *Pre-function Area***	
3:10 pm	**Session 13 | Panel: Working Together - Practitioner Perspectives** Facilitated by Dr Brodie Evans, *SPEAQ Secretary* Panellists: Tess Blundell, *Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast* Hala Abdelnour, *Institute of Non-Violence* Max Castle, *No To Violence* Tori Cooke, *Pandora Projects* Alex, *YFS Ltd*	
4:10 pm	**Closing session: End of forum reflections** Facilitated by Paul Monsour, *SPEAQ Forum Co-Organiser; Anglicare*	
4:30 pm	**Close**	
4:40 pm – 5:10 pm	**Smoking Ceremony** Roma Street Parklands Celebration Lawn Plaza Shannon Ruska, *Tribal Experiences* *Map* *Celebration Lawn Plaza 'Keepers of the Fire' artwork by Lilla Watson*	

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