

# Language of Change Forum Program

**DAY 1**

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

TIME	SESSION
8:00am – 8:50am	Registration
9:00am – 9:10am	Welcome to Country
9:10am – 9:30am	Welcome: QCDFVR, CQUniversity
9:30am – 10:00am	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms Karla McGrady   Senior Policy Advisor, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women & their children   Our Watch Violence Against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women: a new national resource to support primary prevention.
10:00am – 10:30am	Q&A
<b>10:30am – 11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00am – 12:00pm	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Mr Charlie King Mr King has worked in child protection for more than 25 years, volunteering as an independent person supporting children without a parent or guardian in trouble with the law. He established the 'No More' initiative in 2006, which used sport to campaign against family violence in Australia.
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Q & A
<b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30pm – 2:45pm	<b>Yarning Circle 1:</b> (Choose one of four topics)
1.	<b>Victims need practical support</b> In this yarning circle Theresa Mace & Karen Cate from Act for Kids talk about what services need to offer to be truly empowering and supportive, and how this can often start with intensive intervention. They will describe the process of moving forward with the client and the need to go beyond organisational boundaries, leading to supporting women while presenting practical choices and collaborating with other services.
2.	<b>Tiddas Domestic Violence Support Group</b> Enid Surha from CYMH and Florence Onus founder of Healing Waters share their learnings from the Tiddas Domestic Violence Support Group. The method of group work used for women will be the focus in this yarning circle. Enid and Florence will talk about elements of effective group work and engaging with women; which include, when they are ready and safety.
3.	<b>The dynamics of DV and DV interventions in a remote Indigenous community</b> In this yarning circle Nancy Wilson from Junkuri Laka and Farrah Linden from Mission Australia compare the differences between mainstream understandings of DFV and their local community and the use of tools in their everyday practice; for example that Men are victims almost at half to the rate of women and there is a higher acceptance in the rate of physical violence.
4.	<b>Healing our Way</b> Aunty Peggy Tidyman from Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women will speak about the models of practice that have been used in supporting women who have experienced both DFV and sexual violence, leading onto the differences between the two and how partnerships with key service providers link up. She will share examples of how the Dreaming is present in our everyday lives.

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<b>2:45pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:15pm – 4:30pm	<b>Yarning Circle 2:</b> (Choose one of four topics)
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4:30pm – 4:45pm	<b>End of day Two: Feedback Forms</b>
<b>6:30pm – 10:30pm</b>	<b>Forum Dinner: Lakeside Plantation Deck   Mercure Hotel</b>

Please note: *There will be a Twilight Meet & Greet Event on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: 5pm – 7pm at the Mercure Hotel Townsville*

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**DAY 2**

**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018**

TIME	SESSION
8:30am – 8:50am	<b>Registration</b>
8:55am – 9:00am	<b>Welcome:</b> QCDFVR, CQUniversity
9:00am – 10:30am	<b>Workshop 1: Working with Children &amp; Young People</b> <i>Presented by SNAICC</i> This workshop will focus on ways of working with children and young people who experience family violence in their immediate or extended family, and either directly or indirectly. The workshop is designed to provide the opportunity for participants to share their experience in keeping those who are most vulnerable at the centre of our family violence work.
<b>10:30am – 11:00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11:00am – 12:30pm	<b>Workshop 2: Working with Women</b> <i>Presented by SNAICC</i> This workshop will focus on women as those who experience the most family violence and with the most severe or deadly outcomes. We will also explore the struggles and tensions involved when working primarily with the women who experience violence, along with consideration of the additional protective factors required to ensure the safety of her children.
<b>12:30pm – 1:30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<b>Workshop 3: Working with Men</b> <i>Presented by SNAICC</i> This workshop will focus on the critical role of working with men who use violence in the home and ways to change behaviour, while taking their needs into account in regard to building strengths, identity and positive roles. This will involve helping men take responsibility to change their behaviour and being accountable for their use of violence and its impact on themselves, their partners and their children.
<b>3:00pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:30pm – 4:15pm	<b>Self-Care:</b> Jamie Anderson
4:15pm – 4:45pm	<b>Feedback Forms / Closing Remarks:</b> QCDFVR, CQUniversity