

CONNECT & EMPOWER

Building capacity together

PROGRAM

**NSW TEACHERS FEDERATION
GADIGAL / SYDNEY
SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2026**



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our 2026 Conference is held on the stolen and unceded lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation.

Domestic Violence NSW acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the true custodians and caretakers of the lands on which we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and we humbly thank them for their knowledge, strength and resilience.

We acknowledge that domestic and family violence is not part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and assert that the responsibilities of Aboriginal families and kinship systems are not recognised or reflected in current government policies.



HONOURING VICTIM-SURVIVORS

Domestic Violence NSW honours the strength and resilience of adults, children and young people who have experienced domestic and family violence. We believe that responding to domestic and family violence must be informed by their voices and expert knowledge.

We pay our respect to those who are no longer with us, and to the families and communities that remember, honour and love them.

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WELCOME

Welcome to Connect and Empower, our 2026 Conference.

We're honoured to have you join us as we spend the next two days connecting, learning and sharing knowledge, experiences and ideas. This conference has been designed to strengthen our collective practice, with practical insights, evidence and conversations you can take back to your organisations, communities and the people you support.

Our conference is also about truth-telling. It's about creating space for honest conversations that challenge assumptions, embrace new perspectives and inspire action. Together, we'll explore the opportunities and responsibilities we share in strengthening the specialist domestic and family violence sector and building a safer, more just future for victim-survivors.

Thank you for being part of this community. We hope you leave feeling connected, empowered and inspired to continue the vital work you do every day.

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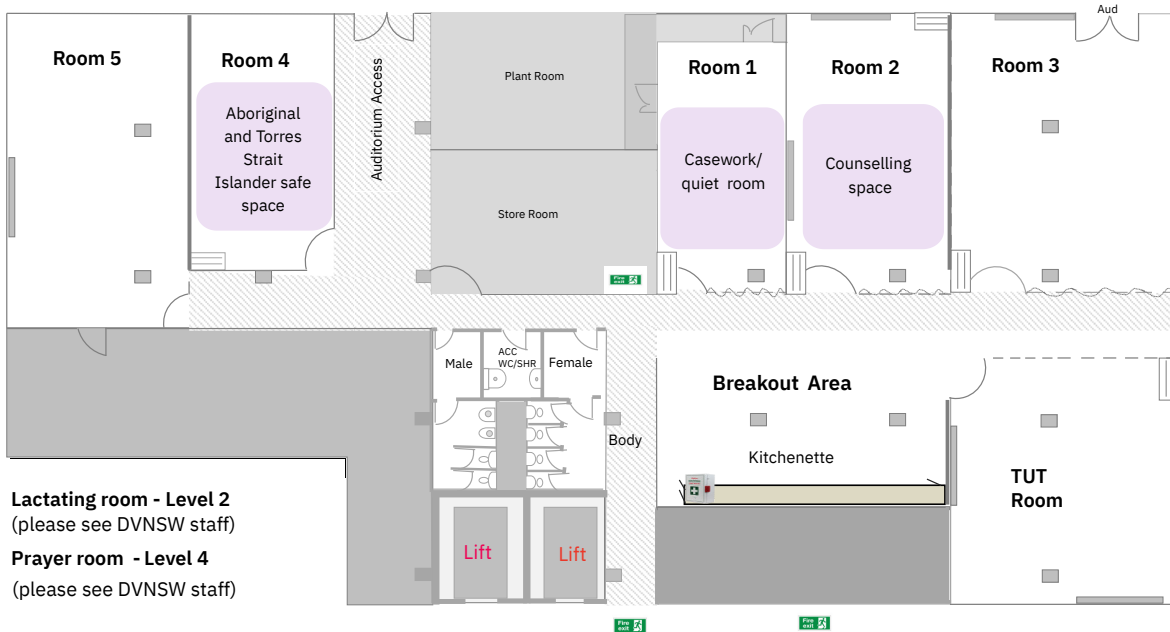
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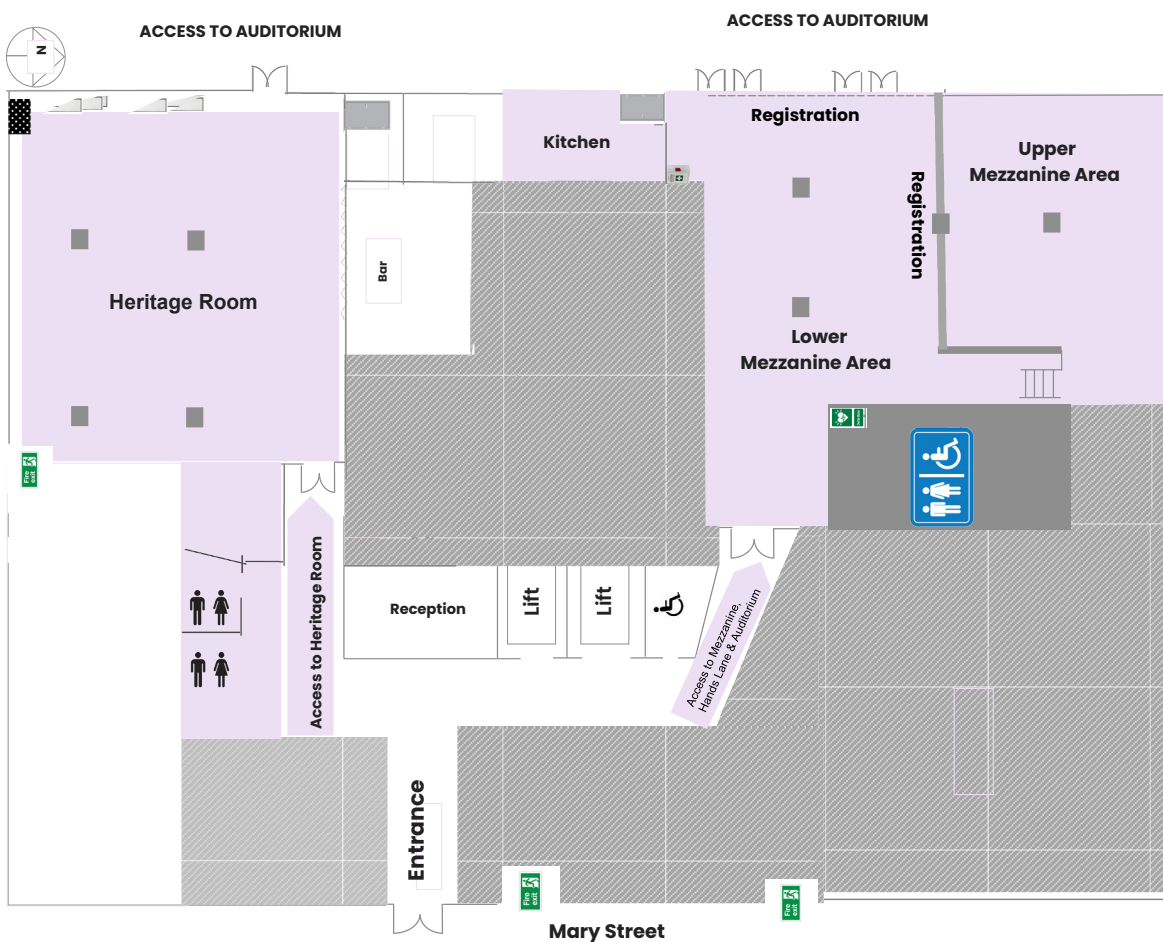
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KEY VENUE INFORMATION

LEVEL 1



GROUND FLOOR



PROGRAM: DAY ONE

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Full speaker bios are available here (link to website: <https://www.dvnsw.org.au/events/>)

Time	Session			
9 - 9:10am	Welcome to Country – Nadeena Dixon			Auditorium
9:10 - 9:25am	Opening address – Stan Grant			Auditorium
9:25 - 9:30am	CEO Welcome			Auditorium
9:30 - 10:15am	Opening panel – First Nations prevention is the future			Auditorium
10:15 - 11:00am	Unpacking Our Ways Strong Ways Our Voices			Auditorium
11-11:20am	Morning Tea - Heritage Room			
11:20 -11:40am	Keynote presentation – Rosie Batty OAM			Auditorium
11:40 - 1pm	Panel one – The value of lived expertise in the workforce			Auditorium
1-2pm	Lunch - Heritage Room			
2 - 3:30pm	In practice learning sessions Co-current sessions			
	OPTION A <i>Auditorium</i>	OPTION B <i>TUT Room</i>	OPTION C <i>Room 3</i>	OPTION D <i>Room 5</i>
	Coercive control: supporting clients in gathering and presenting evidence	Wellbeing and vicarious trauma	How to connect and engage with your local aboriginal community (Pearls Plan)	From frontline to systemic advocacy
3:30-3:50pm	Afternoon Tea - Heritage Room			
3:50 - 5:20pm	In practice learning sessions Co-current sessions			
	OPTION A <i>Auditorium</i>	OPTION B <i>Room 3</i>	OPTION C <i>TUT Room</i>	OPTION D <i>Room 5</i>
	AI through a gendered lens	Making the invisible work count: a collaborative workshop	Supervision training	Disability: a practitioner's guide to accessibility and specialist workers service delivery
5:30-7pm	Networking and drinks (ticketed event) - Heritage Room			

PROGRAM: DAY TWO

Time	Session			
7:30 - 8:50am	Regional Breakfast – ticketed event			Heritage Room
9 - 9:10am	Welcome to day two			Auditorium
9:10 - 9:20am	Minister’s address			Auditorium
9:20 - 9:30am	Shadow Minister’s address			Auditorium
9:30 - 11am	Panel one – Understanding best practice when supporting children and young people impacted by domestic and family violence			Auditorium
11-11:30am	Morning Tea - Heritage Room			
11:30 - 1pm	In practice learning sessions Co-current sessions			
	OPTION A Auditorium	OPTION B TUT Room	OPTION C Room 5	OPTION D Room 3
	Migrant and refugee women and intersectionality	Grounded in community: delivering DFV services in regional NSW	Strengthening the DFV workforce: investing in the people who support victim-survivors – now and into the future	Leading prevention from the frontline
1-2pm	Lunch - Heritage Room			
2 - 3:20pm	Panel two – DFV specialism in the workforce and the move from Good Practice to Quality Standards			Auditorium
3:20 - 3:30pm	Refreshments and entertainment			Auditorium
3:30 - 4pm	Closing address – Stan Grant			Auditorium

FULL PROGRAM INFORMATION: DAY ONE

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

9:00 – 9:10am

Auditorium

Speaker: Nadeena Dixon

Nadeena is a Gadigal, Dharawal, Yuin, Wiradjuri, NSW First Nations multidisciplinary artist, Adjunct Professor at UTS, Researcher and Master weaver working across expanded media, conceptual systems, and Indigenous temporal frameworks.

OPENING ADDRESS

9:10 – 9:25am

Auditorium

Speaker: Stan Grant

Stan Grant is one of Australia's most respected and awarded journalists, with a groundbreaking four-decade career spanning television, radio, and print. A Wiradjuri, Kamilaroi and Dharawal man, he has been a trailblazer for First Nations journalists.

In a career of firsts he was the first Indigenous Political Correspondent, the first Indigenous Foreign Correspondent, he was the first Indigenous person to present a prime time commercial television news and current affairs program.

Stan is committed to questions of justice and demands we do better. He has been a passionate and courageous advocate for the rights of First Nations communities – seeking to bring people together, rather than creating division. He believes the language of politics fails us and increases hostility and is dedicated to finding new words and new ways for us to meet each other beyond our differences

He is a best-selling author of seven critically hailed and award-winning books and has received numerous awards for his work. He is a three-time winner of Australia's highest journalism honour, the Walkley Award, and a four-time winner of the prestigious Asia TV award.

CEO WELCOME

9:25 – 9:30am

Auditorium

Speaker: Delia Donovan

Delia Donovan is the CEO at Domestic Violence NSW. She brings with her extensive experience in non-government and social services settings across Australia and the United Kingdom.

She has over 25 years' experience in social work and social care settings spending the last 15 years in the domestic and family violence sector.

Delia has led three domestic violence charities covering a range of work including crisis response, prevention and policy and advocacy.

Delia has been recognised and awarded for her work in both the UK and Australia receiving several awards for her work to innovate and effect change, more recently winning the 2022 Impact 25 Award.

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

OPENING PANEL

9:30 – 10:15am

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Regan Mitchell, Our Watch and DVNSW
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Steering Committee member

Speakers:

Kowana Walsh, WAGEC and DVNSW
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Steering Committee Member

Maryanne Brown, DVNSW Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Steering Committee
Member

Kuyan Mitchell, Impact Policy

Kobie Duncan, Singer, songwriter, rapper

FIRST NATIONS PREVENTION IS THE FUTURE

What does prevention look like when it is grounded in culture,
connection and community?

This panel will explore what effective prevention looks like for
Aboriginal communities, the role of culture in shaping respectful
ways of being, and how we can work together to create a future
where every woman has the same opportunity to live safely, thrive
and reach her full potential.

PANEL TWO

10:15 – 11:00am

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Cecilia McKenzie, DVNSW Aboriginal Policy,
Engagement and Advocacy Manager

Speakers:

Sam Alderton Johnson, Impact Policy

Dale Towns, Mission Australia

Tahlia-Rose Vanissum, First Nations
Advocates Against Violence

Hayley Longbottom, Waminda

Lisa Wellington, Waminda

UNPACKING OUR WAYS STRONG WAYS OUR VOICES

2026 marked the launch of Our Ways, Strong Ways, Our Voices
the National Plan to End Violence against Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Women and Children.

This ten-year plan sets the foundation for long-term change, but
what does this look like for service delivery? This panel will explore
the development of the plan, and what it means in practice for
services and communities.

11:00 – 11:20AM MORNING TEA, HERITAGE ROOM

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

11:20 – 11:40am

Auditorium

Speaker:

Rosie Batty, OAM

When her 11-year-old son Luke tragically lost his life at the hands of his father, Rosie Batty was catapulted into the media spotlight. But from the very start, she made sure her story was never just about her own horrific tragedy. With fierce determination and incredible courage, Rosie channelled her grief into a tireless and inspirational crusade against domestic violence, becoming a beacon of hope and a powerful catalyst for systemic change.

From the day Rosie so bravely fronted the media after her son's death, she has given voice to thousands of domestic violence victims – and her impact has been extraordinary.

Appointed as the inaugural Chair of the Victorian Government's Victim Survivor's Advisory Council, set up in response to the country's first Royal Commission into Family Violence, Rosie was determined to put victims at the centre of policy decisions.

From being named Australian of the Year to receiving the Pride of Australia National Courage Medal and the prestigious Order of Australia, Rosie's accolades speak volumes about the indelible mark she has made on our world. Her relentless dedication has also seen her inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women, named by Fortune Magazine as one of the world's top 50 greatest leaders, and voted as the most influential person in the not-for-profit sector on Pro Bono Australia's Impact 25 list... twice.

Rosie has also received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Sunshine Coast for her contribution to raising national awareness and action concerning Family Violence.

But perhaps Rosie's most enduring legacy lies in her innate ability to inspire others. By sharing her own journey of healing and resilience, she has empowered countless others to find hope in the face of adversity. To not only find the strength to confront darkness, but also the courage to find a way forward.

Rosie Batty is not just a survivor; she is a leader, a champion and a symbol of hope for a safer, more compassionate future.

PANEL THREE

11:40 – 1:00pm

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Angie Gehle, DVNSW Policy and Advocacy Manager

Speakers:

Talie Starr, Member of DVNSW Lived Experience Policy Advisory Committee (LEPAC)

Lisa Smith, DVNSW LEPAC member

Lili Greer, DVNSW LEPAC member

Skye Cannon, Lived experience advocate

THE VALUE OF LIVED EXPERTISE IN THE WORKFORCE

This session explores the vital contribution of workers with lived expertise of domestic and family violence in the specialist sector.

Panellists will discuss how lived expertise strengthens service responses, builds trust, informs safety planning, and shapes policy and systems change.

The session will also examine how organisations can meaningfully embed and support lived expertise through safe, inclusive, and sustainable workforce practices to improve outcomes for victim-survivors.

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

1:00 – 2:00PM LUNCH, HERITAGE ROOM

In practice learning sessions

2:00 – 3:30pm

Co-current sessions

OPTION A 2:00 – 3:30pm

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Dr Vincent Hurley, Lecturer in Criminology,
Macquarie University

Speakers:

Liz Snell, Women's Legal Service NSW

Rachael Martin, Wirringa Baiya

Pravati Panigrahi, SydWest Multicultural
Services

Kate Hopkins, Carrie's Place

Dr Bridget Mottram, DFV Command, NSW
Police Force

Detective Inspector Jane Prior, DFV
Command, NSW Police Force

COERCIVE CONTROL – SUPPORTING CLIENTS IN GATHERING AND PRESENTING EVIDENCE

Just over two years ago, coercive control became a criminal offence in NSW, marking a significant shift in how domestic and family violence is recognised and responded to. Moving from an incident-based approach to identifying patterns of coercive and controlling behaviour has required change across policing, the legal system, specialist services and the broader community.

Fourteen months into implementation, what have we learned?

This panel brings together legal, practice and cultural perspectives to reflect on the challenges, successes and unintended consequences of the reforms. Panellists will explore what has worked, where gaps remain, and what is needed to ensure the legislation delivers safer outcomes for victim-survivors.

OPTION B 2:00 – 3:30pm

TUT Room

Facilitator:

Tara Hunter, Full Stop

WELLBEING AND VICARIOUS TRAUMA

Join Tara Hunter, Deputy CEO of Full Stop Australia, to explore the realities of vicarious trauma in the workforce.

Learn easy to implement wellbeing practices that can be embedded into everyday organisational culture and help strengthen processes and safety.

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

OPTION C **2:00 – 3:30pm**

Room 3

Facilitator:
Anny Druett

HOW TO CONNECT AND ENGAGE WITH YOUR LOCAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY (PEARL'S PLAN)

Pearl's Plan is an Aboriginal-led initiative, designed, developed, and delivered by Anny Druett – Aboriginal worker and granddaughter of Pearl Gibbs (1901–1983), one of Australia's most significant Aboriginal activists and advocates.

Pearl's Plan is not cultural awareness training. It's not a compliance exercise. It's not a checklist of things to know about Aboriginal people and communities. It is a cross-cultural compass – a structured way of understanding where your organisation is in relation to your local Aboriginal community, and a practical path toward becoming genuinely known, liked and trusted by the Aboriginal women and families your service exists to support.

Pearl's Plan asks the question every board and staff member should already be asking: Is our organisation genuinely known, liked, and trusted by the Aboriginal community we exist to serve? And if not – what is our plan?

OPTION D **2:00 – 3:30pm**

Room 5

Facilitators:

Shelley Booth, Principal Policy and Advocacy Officer, DVNSW

Livia Stanton, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, DVNSW

Speakers:

Kate Fylan, Salvation Army

Jade Parker, ACON

Monique Dam, Lucy's Project

Kristie Burge, Bunmabunmarra

FROM FRONTLINE TO SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY

Transitioning from frontline service delivery to systemic advocacy involves leveraging direct, hands-on experience with individuals to identify, highlight, and change the underlying laws, policies, and structures that create inequality or injustice.

While frontline work addresses immediate problems, systemic advocacy seeks to fix the root causes for a broader group of people. How can our frontline services support systemic advocacy to affect positive change for victim-survivors of domestic and family violence?

3:30 – 3:50PM AFTERNOON TEA, HERITAGE ROOM

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

In practice learning sessions

3:50 – 5:20pm

Co-current sessions

OPTION A

3:50 – 5:20pm

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Lubna Alam, Associate Professor Sydney University

Speakers:

Courtney Artridge, Women's Health NSW

Andrew Collins, Nansen Forensics

Sparrow Katekar, Carrie's Place

Hannah Louise, Women's Legal Service NSW

AI THROUGH A GENDERED LENS

Artificial intelligence is an increasingly inevitable part of service delivery, governance and everyday work practices.

This session will unpack key considerations for the domestic and family violence sector when engaging with AI, including implications for policy, practice, ethics and organisational compliance, through a feminist lens.

The session will combine a presentation with a panel discussion exploring how services are currently using AI, the risks and opportunities this presents, and critical considerations for future adoption.

OPTION B

3:50 – 5:20pm

Room 3

Facilitators:

Leila Botham, DVNSW Good Practice Guidelines Manager

Dr Lea Nunn, DVNSW Primary Prevention Officer

MAKING THE INVISIBLE WORK COUNT: A COLLABORATIVE WORKSHOP

We organise this sector into categories: response, prevention, early intervention, recovery and healing.

But the work itself rarely stays inside them. A refuge case manager co-delivers a healthy relationships school program. A trauma counsellor coordinates a local interagency network. A practice leader advises a multinational company on DFSV regulatory changes impacting their business.

Through collaborative table work, participants will surface real examples of work that crosses funded boundaries and unpack what it actually takes to do it well: the skills, the judgement, and where that capability came from.

The results will help shape DVNSW's workforce development priorities, the Primary Prevention Strategy and the next Good Practice Guidelines.

OPTION C

3:50 – 5:20pm

TUT Room

Speaker:

Dr Mary-Jo McVeigh, Cara Consultancy

SUPERVISION TRAINING

Join Dr Mary-Jo McVeigh for an engaging session on the foundations of professional supervision.

This session will explore the purpose and value of effective supervision, while equipping participants with practical tools and approaches to strengthen reflective practice, professional growth and workforce wellbeing.

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

OPTION D 3:50 – 5:20pm

Room 5

Facilitator:

Carly Clarke, DVNSW Sector
Development Manager

Speakers:

Alexandra Craig, Justice Advocacy Service

Simone Tunbridge, People With Disability
Australia

Natasha Nelson

DISABILITY: A PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO ACCESSIBILITY AND SPECIALIST WORKERS SERVICE DELIVERY

This session explores accessibility beyond the physical environment, examining what genuinely accessible domestic and family violence and trauma-informed practice looks like.

Together, we'll consider how services can identify and remove barriers, foster inclusion, and deliver safer, more responsive support for all victim-survivors.

5:30 – 7:00PM NETWORKING AND DRINKS, HERITAGE ROOM

Performance by Dyagula, a multi-disciplinary First Nations artist, whose career spans more than three decades. Dyagula will be accompanied by the Yowie and Wiradjuri dancer, Paityn Klare-Smith.

FULL PROGRAM INFORMATION: DAY TWO

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

REGIONAL BREAKFAST

7:30 – 8:50am

Heritage Room (Ticketed event)

Facilitator: Stan Grant

Speakers:

The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP, NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Hon. Natasha McLaren-Jones MLC, NSW Shadow Minister for Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Hon. Abigail Boyd MLC, the Greens Party

The Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC, NSW Shadow Minister for Health, Regional Health and Mental Health

Join Stan Grant and NSW Ministers, in a discussion about regional needs. This is a rare opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and ensure regional perspectives help inform future policy, funding and reform.

This breakfast is exclusively for our regional, rural and/or remote members.

WELCOME TO DAY TWO

9:00 – 9:10am

Auditorium

Speaker: Stan Grant

As we begin Day Two of the conference, join Stan Grant as he sets the tone for another day of learning, reflection and connection.

MINISTER'S ADDRESS

9:10 – 9:20am

Auditorium

Speaker:

The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP, NSW Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Hon. Jodie Harrison MP is the Member for Charlestown and was first elected in 2014.

Jodie was appointed Minister for Women, Seniors and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on April 5 following the 2023 NSW State Election.

Prior to her election to Parliament, Jodie served her community in Local Government. She was first elected as a Councillor for Lake Macquarie Council in 2008 and went on to become the first popularly elected female Mayor of the City.

Jodie's life experience as a member of the Salvation Army in her early years and union delegate helped to shape her passion for social justice.

Jodie is a Charlestown local and proud mother of two adult children – India and Phillip.

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

SHADOW MINISTER'S ADDRESS

9:20 – 9:30am

Auditorium

Speaker:

The Hon. Natasha McLaren-Jones MLC,
NSW Shadow Minister for Prevention of
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Hon. Natasha McLaren-Jones was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in 2011 and currently serves as Shadow Minister for Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion, Homelessness, Youth, and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

She has previously held ministerial office as Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Services, introducing key reforms in child protection and out-of-home care. Natasha has extensive committee experience and has led multiple parliamentary inquiries.

Before entering Parliament, she worked as a Registered Nurse and then a policy and government affairs consultant to multinational companies. A long-standing Liberal Party member, she has also served as State President for the NSW Liberal Party.

PANEL ONE

9:30 – 11am

Auditorium

Presenters:

Cat Gander, DV West
Terrienne Hughes, DV West

Facilitator:

Jo Campbell, DV West

Speakers:

Fatima Abou-Abdallah, Muslim Women
Australia
Dr Kate Alexander, Barnardos
Grace Jennings, Relationships Australia
Mallory Siemsen, Youth Off the Streets
Joy Akl, SSI
Alyssa Jeffries, Domestic and family
violence advocate

UNDERSTANDING BEST PRACTICE WHEN SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

This session begins with a presentation exploring how the Child & Young Person's Framework for DFV Practitioners (Gander, 2015) builds on the Safe & Together™ approach to strengthen safety, healing and recovery for children and young people impacted by domestic and family violence.

The second half of the session brings together frontline practitioners for a candid discussion on the realities of supporting children and young people. Panellists will share practical insights, emerging challenges and what is needed to deliver responses that are child-centred, trauma-informed and grounded in lived experience.

11:00 – 11:30AM MORNING TEA, HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

In practice learning sessions

11:30 – 1:00pm

Co-current sessions

OPTION A

11:30 – 1:00pm

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Dr Sabrin Farooqui OAM, Cultural Diversity Network Inc

Speakers:

Nemat Kharboutli, Muslim Women Australia

Maryam Soleymanpour, Plus Community

An Le, Bonnie Support Services

Yang Yang, Lived expert

Nina Shahi, Metro Assist Ltd

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WOMEN AND INTERSECTIONALITY

This panel explores the unique experiences and needs of migrant and refugee communities affected by domestic and family violence.

Through an intersectional lens, panellists will discuss the barriers to safety and support, and the approaches needed to deliver culturally responsive, inclusive and equitable services.

OPTION B

11:30 – 1:00pm

TUT Room

Facilitator:

Livia Stanton, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, DVNSW

Speakers:

Sarah Sands, Central Tablelands and Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre

Julie Perkins, Gurehlgam Corporation

Nikki Reece, CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning

Kellie Maxwell, Mission Australia

GROUNDING IN COMMUNITY: DELIVERING DFV SERVICES IN REGIONAL NSW

Specialist services embedded in their local communities have a deep understanding of local needs, trusted relationships, and strong partnerships that enable coordinated support for victim-survivors.

This session brings together regional specialist DFV services to explore the unique strengths, challenges, and innovations of delivering domestic and family violence services across regional NSW, and why place-based responses matter.

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

OPTION C

11:30 – 1:00pm

Room 5

Facilitator:

Carly Clarke, Sector Development Manager,
DVNSW

Speakers:

Dr Kate Seymour, Flinders University

Nichole Lewis, Resilience Health and Safety

Penny Dordoy, SASSI

STRENGTHENING THE DFV WORKFORCE: INVESTING IN THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT VICTIM-SURVIVORS – NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

This session will explore how changes in the DFV sector and beyond are shaping the workforce and what this means for organisations.

Leaders from frontline services, and research will share ideas, experiences and practical strategies for supporting staff wellbeing, managing workplace stress, and planning for a sustainable, skilled and resilient workforce.

Attendees will gain evidence-informed insights and real-world approaches to strengthen investment in the people who support victim-survivors.

OPTION D

11:30 – 1:00pm

Room 3

Facilitator:

Dr Lea Nunn, DVNSW Primary Prevention
Officer

Speakers:

Nirvana Chetty, Women and Girls'
Emergency Centre

Dannielle Miller OAM, Women's
Community Shelters

Brooke Maggs, Liberty DFV Specialist
Services

Samantha Monck, Southern Women's
Group

LEADING PREVENTION FROM THE FRONTLINE

NSW has invested in its first ever primary prevention strategy- Pathways to Prevention. While this commitment is great- how do you start a primary prevention project? How do you make it sustainable?

In this session, four frontline services discuss how they have successfully started and maintained primary prevention projects in their communities and across the state.

Hear their inspiring stories and learn how you can make it happen.

1:00 – 2:00PM LUNCH, HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

PANEL TWO 2:00 – 3:20pm

Auditorium

Facilitator:

Leila Botham, DVNSW Good Practice
Guidelines Manager

Speakers:

Dee Kinney, Lithgow Community Projects

Maria Losurdo, The Women's Cottage

Julie Perkins, Gurehlgam Corporation

Renata Field, ACON

DFV SPECIALISM IN THE WORKFORCE AND THE MOVE FROM GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO QUALITY STANDARDS

This panel explores the development of NSW's first Quality Standards for the specialist domestic and family violence sector.

Hear from those who helped shape the Standards as they reflect on the co-design process, the principles underpinning specialist practice, and the opportunities and challenges of implementing a consistent, high-quality approach across the sector.

Join the discussion as panellists explore what the Quality Standards mean for practitioners, services and, most importantly, improved outcomes for victim-survivors.

3:20 – 3:30PM REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, AUDITORIUM

CLOSING ADDRESS 3:30 – 4:00pm

Auditorium

Speaker: Stan Grant

The conference will conclude with a closing address from Stan Grant.

Reflecting on the conversations, insights and shared commitment that have shaped the past two days, Stan will explore the leadership, courage and hope needed to create a safer, more just future.

We hope you'll leave inspired to carry the conversations, connections and momentum from the conference into your work and communities.

Thank you for being part of the 2026 Conference. We hope the past two days have provided opportunities to connect, learn, reflect, and be inspired.

Most importantly, we hope you leave feeling energised to continue the vital work you do every day to support victim-survivors and strengthen our communities.

Safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

