



opening address **9:00–9:30am**

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by community Elder. **30 MIN**
- House rules and event updates by emcee *Dawn Towney*.
- Opening address by *John Leha, Chief Executive Officer*, with AbSec's current projects and updates.

Consultation about the OCG review into Working with Children Check **9:30–10:30am**

Office of Children's Guardian **60 MIN**

Morning tea: 10:30–11:00am

Aboriginal governance framework for Brighter Beginnings **11:00–11:40am**

Maja O'Dell, Joseph Achenza and Haley Walsh – Clarke representing Brighter Beginnings **40 MIN**

Sharing deadly practice: supports related to domestic and family violence and homelessness **11:40am–12:10pm**

Kristy Burge, Founder & Executive Director, Bunmabunmarra **30 MIN**

Sharing deadly practice: program aims to support young people on community-supervised orders, Youth Justice Conference referrals, or transitioning from custody **12:10pm–12:35pm**

Kevin Jones, General Manager, Youth Family and First Nation Languages Service **25 MIN**

Sharing deadly practice in relation to disability support for Aboriginal children and families in Dubbo **12:35pm–1:00pm**

Sheena Olsen, Regional Manager, Oyster Tribe Aboriginal Corporation **25 MIN**

Lunch: 1:00–2:00pm

Know Your Rights: website launch **2:00–2:45pm**

Caitlin Parker, Policy Officer, AbSec **45 MIN**

Know Your Rights: parents perspectives **2:45–3:30pm**

Parents' Panel, Bring Them Home, Keep Them Home parents **45 MIN**

Aboriginal Child and Family Case Planning template **3:30–4:00pm**

Kimberly Chiswell, Child Protection Practice Specialist, AbSec/UNSW **30 MIN**

Networking/cultural performance **4:00pm – 6:00pm**



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Acknowledgement of Country and introduction to day two by emcee *Dawn Towney*

10 MIN

AbSec strategic plan consultation

9:10–10:00am

John Leha, CEO, AbSec

50 MIN

Morning tea: 10:00–10:30am

Data Dashboard Workshop

10:30am–11:30am

Eamon Brodie, Policy Officer, AbSec

60 MIN

Sharing the richness of our culture and responsibilities of custodianship

11:30am–12:00pm

Jackie Wells, Founder and Executive Director, Talbragar Wiradjuri Aboriginal Corporation

30 MIN

Mounty Aboriginal Youth & Community Services work to establish an Aboriginal youth peak body

12:00–12:45pm

Jess Brown, Isaiah Sines, Dillon Saunders, Adam McKellar and Taleigha Glover, Youth & MAYCS Panel

45 MIN

Sector final reflections

12:45–1:00pm

George Selvanera, Director Policy & Advocacy | AbSec

15 MIN

Lunch: 1:00–2:00pm

● Quarterly
AbSec **Sector
Forum**

Wednesday, 25 February
Thursday, 26 February

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- Pre-briefing papers
- Member Satisfaction survey
- Social links



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