

● Quarterly

AbSec

Sector Forum

Wednesday, 25 February – Open for all

9:00Am – 4:15pm

Registration begins at 8:30am



opening address

9:00–9:30am

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

30 MIN

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

30 MIN

Sharing deadly practice: supports related to domestic and family violence and homelessness

11:40am–12:10pm

30 MIN

Kristy Burge, Founder & Executive Director, Bunmabunmarra

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

25 MIN

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

Sharing deadly practice in relation to disability support for Aboriginal children and families in Dubbo

12:35pm–1:00pm

25 MIN

Sheena Olsen, Regional Manager, Oyster Tribe Aboriginal Corporation

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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Thursday, 26 February – ACCO Only
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Opening address 9:00–9:10am

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

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



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