Open Arms Symposium Program

Master of Ceremonies: Kahlil Fegan DSC, AM: Repatriation Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs

Time	Presentation	Presenters and Panellists
08:30 – 08:45	**Welcome** **Welcome to Country** **Acknowledgement of Service**	Andrew Kefford PSM: Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans' Affairs Roslyn Naden, Department of Veterans' Affairs Kahlil Fegan DSC, AM: Repatriation Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs
08:45 – 09:00	**Symposium opening address**	
	Launch of refreshed Open Arms' Model of Care	Minister for Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Matt Keogh MP Introduced by Acting Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Andrew Kefford PSM
09:05 – 09:35	**Keynote Address**	
	The Canadian Military Sexual Trauma Community of Practice: A practical framework for working together to address Military Sexual Trauma	Dr Margaret McKinnon, PhD, C Psych: Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University, Ottawa Canada and Research Chair in Mental Health and Trauma, Homewood Research Institute, Canada
09:40 – 10:25	**Honouring the Past, Shaping the Future**	
	How the legacy of Vietnam veterans continues to guide the evolution of Open Arms and its Model of Care.	**Presentation** Rob Goulden: Assistant Director Lived Experience WA, Open Arms **Veteran Panel** **Chair:** Rob Goulden: Assistant Director Lived Experience WA, Open Arms **Panellists:** Brenton Philp: Chief Operating Officer, DVA Max Ball: President Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Leonie Nowland: First Assistant Secretary, Open Arms
10:25 – 10:55	Morning tea	
11:00 – 11:50	**Lived Experience - Why it Matters to Open Arms**	
	Veterans and families of veterans help shape care that feels safe, relevant and connected through lived experience and lived expertise.	**Presentation** Kristy Davis: Peer Team Leader ACT/SNSW, Open Arms **Lived and Living Experience Panel** **Chair:** Kahlil Fegan DSC AM: Repatriation Commissioner, DVA **Panellists:** David Lauw: Assistant Director Lived Experience SQLD North, Open Arms Kristy Davis: Peer Team Leader ACT/SNSW, Open Arms Kyle Moyle: Assistant Director Lived Experience & Groups Tasmania, Open Arms Hugh Allen: Senior Program Officer, Lived Experience, Open Arms
11:55 – 12:45	**Impact for the Next Generation**	
		Presentation Annabelle Wilson: Veteran Family Commissioner, DVA **Children, Young People and Families Panel** **Chair:** Leonie Nowland: First Assistant Secretary, Open Arms **Panellists:** Annabelle Wilson: Veteran Family Commissioner, DVA Chloe Couzens: Veteran Family Member Kathleen Robinson: Central and Northern NSW delegate, Defence Families of Australia
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:35 – 14:25	**Enhancing our Model of Care through Partnerships**	
	Supporting Veterans and their Families through the Courts. Multi-agency Collaboration - Federal/State/Judiciary Beyond the Referral: Building Partnerships for Veteran Wellbeing	**Presentations** Michael Burvill: Assistant Secretary Chief Psychiatrist Division, DVA Professor Ben Wadham: Director Open Door, Flinders University **Partnerships Panel** **Chair:** Leonie Nowland: First Assistant Secretary, Open Arms **Panellists:** Karen Green: Regional Director NQLD, Open Arms Michael Burvill: Assistant Secretary Chief Psychiatrist Division, DVA Professor Ben Wadham: Director Open Door, Flinders University Tim Dawe: Detective Inspector, Australian Federal Police Shana Eusebio: Regional Director Western Australia, Open Arms LTCOL Diana McKay: SO1 Psychiatry in Garrison Health, Joint Health Command
14:30 – 15:00	**Emerging Needs, Evolving Care: Shaping our Model of Care (Moral Injury)**	
	Moral Injury: Definition, Determination and Delivery The impact of moral injury on members, veterans and families, and how Open Arms plans to deliver support in our services.	**Presentations** Chaplain (WGCDR) Lindsay B. Carey, CSM, RAAFSR: Senior Research Chaplain, Department of Defence Archdeacon Andrew Nixon: Director Veterans' Chaplaincy, DVA
15:00 – 15:20	**Emerging Needs, Evolving Care: Shaping our Model of Care (Military Sexual Trauma)**	
	Building an understanding of Military Sexual Trauma from stakeholder engagement to strengthening support, practice and pathways to care in Open Arms	**Presentations** Dr Margaret McKinnon, PhD, C Psych: Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University Alexandra Rawson: Assistant Director Lived Experience, Open Arms
15:30 – 15:40	Stand and stretch	
15:45 – 16:15	**Plenary Session: Tomorrow's Impact: Future Opportunities for our Model of Care**	
	Exploring opportunities in digital mental health, access to services, mental health pathways and innovation as we look to the future of Open Arms	**Plenary Session** **Chair:** Brook Shearer: Assistant Secretary Clinical Operations, Open Arms **Panellists:** Dr Margaret McKinnon, PhD, C Psych: Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University Associate Professor Jonathan Lane: Chief Psychiatrist, DVA Leonie Nowland: First Assistant Secretary, Open Arms Kahlil Fegan DSC, AM: Repatriation Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs Melinda Benson: Director Programs Assurance and Capability, Open Arms Kacie Austin: Regional Director Northern Territory, Open Arms
16:15 – 16:30	**Closing Address**	