

**Queensland
Disability Conference
2025**

**Unlocking Potential:
Reforms, Innovation and Inclusion**

Agenda

Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Merivale Street Entrance, South Brisbane
Plaza Terrace Room

Friday 29 August 2025

Time	Activity
9:30am	Acknowledgement of Country: Uncle Willie Prince
9:40am	Conference opening: MCs Paul O'Dea and Elisha Matthews
9:45am	Minister address: The Honourable Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
10:00am	Keynote Speaker: Rosemary Kayess, Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission (digital presentation)
10:30am	Panel 1: Employment and Social Impact • Dominique Lamb – Queensland Small Business Commissioner • Adele Laughton – Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Queensland Social Enterprise Council • Shahram Jazan – President, AMPARO Advocacy • Katherine Hayes – CEO, Youth Advocacy Centre Facilitator: Nigel Webb, Board Member, Queenslanders with Disability Network (QDN)
11:30am	Morning tea
12:00pm	Innovation hub: Join us for a high-energy innovation session focused on building the future — tackling system reforms, envisioning Brisbane 2032, boosting employment opportunities for people with disability, and sparking solutions with real social value.
1:00pm	Speaker: Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, Doctor, Lawyer, Disability Advocate, in conversation with Michelle Moss, CEO, QDN
1:30pm	Lunch

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2:15pm	Panel 2: Disability Reforms • Helen Missen – Acting Deputy Director-General, Strategy, Policy and Legislation, Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety • Natalie Lewis – Commissioner, Queensland Family and Child Commission • Aaron Verlin – Acting Deputy CEO, Service Design and Improvement, National Disability Insurance Agency • Hope Peisley – First Assistant Secretary, Disability and Carer Programs Division, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Facilitator: Dr Sharon Boyce, Chair, Queensland Disability Advisory Council and Chair, QDN
3:15pm	Comfort break
3:25pm	Panel 3: Olympic and Paralympic Games • Jen Williams – CEO, Committee for Brisbane • Anthony Ryan – CEO, Brisbane Economic Development Association • Michael Dobbie-Bridges – Director, Create Advisory, Board Member, Stadiums Queensland and Paralympian Facilitator: Alison Barber, Board Member, QDN
4:15pm	Summary remarks: Michelle Moss, CEO, QDN
4:20pm	Conclusion
4:30pm	Networking event: Plaza Terrace Jazz duo: Dr Jeff Usher and Ella Doneman
5:30pm	Finish

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