



# 2024 Program

## Welcoming Australia Symposium

### What Brings us Together?

Boulevard Room | Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre

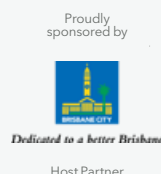
Wednesday 01 May | MC – Janice Petersen, Presenter SBS

am 8:30	Event Registration Opens
9:30	Welcome to Country   DJ Sandy
9:45	Event Opening   Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs
10:00	Table discussion (introductions)
10:15	<b>First Nations Perspectives Keynote and Q&amp;A</b> Reframing the Relationship After the Referendum Mundanara Bayles, Managing Director/Co-Founder, Blackcard
11:15	<b>Stories of Welcome   Embedding Welcoming in Daily Practice</b> Raisera McCulloch, Founder, Indigenous Giving Circle   Orode Cyndi Eke-Okoro, President, African Professionals Association (Queensland chapter)   Mohit Trivedi, Head of Student Success and Wellbeing, Experience Gold Coast   Dr Bahareh Dibadin, Hub Leader, Community Hubs Australia
pm 12:15	Table discussion
12:30	Lunch
1:30	<b>Global Perspectives Keynote &amp; Q&amp;A</b> Facts and Other Lies; How to Navigate and Combat Mis and Dis information Ed Coper, Author, Facts and Other Lies
2:30	Table discussion
2:45	Afternoon Tea
3:00	<b>Living a Dual Culture</b> Akol Mager, Settlement Coordinator, CatholicCare Social Services Toowoomba
3:15	<b>Think Global, Support Local   Responding to Geopolitical Challenges at a Community Level</b> Mark Yettica Paulson, Chief Director, Super Native Unlimited & Indigenous Queensland leader   Te Raukura O'Connell, Director of The Pod: Centre for Healing Justice   Dr Nora Amath, Adjunct Research Fellow, Griffith University   Ara Rasuli, Women Life Freedom
4:05	<b>Launch of Welcoming Universities Standard</b> Fatima-Zahra Blila, Member, Welcoming Universities Advisory Committee
4:15	Day wrap up   What Divides Us Can Also Unite Us   Reflections on "What Brings Us Together?" Aleem Ali, CEO, Welcoming Australia
pm 4:30	Day 1 Close

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am 8:30	Registration Opens
9:00	Opening Provocation   <b>Dr Faiza El-Higzi OAM</b> , Chair, Welcoming Cities Advisory Committee
9:15	<b>National Perspectives Keynote and Q&amp;A</b> What if Today Wasn't a Struggle? <b>A/Prof Kathomi Gatwiri</b> , ARC DECRA Fellow and President of Australian Women & Gender Studies Association   <b>Akec Makur Chuot</b> , Role model and a former Australian rules footballer
10:15	Table discussion
10:30	Morning Tea
10:50	<b>Reframing Volunteering   What Gets Noticed, What Gets Rewarded?</b> <b>Amar Singh JP</b> , Founder and President, Turbans 4 Australia   <b>Ravin Nair</b> , Community Liaison Officer, Department of Home Affairs   <b>Maranda Buchanan</b> , Volunteer, SES   <b>Andy Parkinson</b> , Sector Engagement Manager, Volunteering QLD   <b>Tuifaasisina Tapenaga Junior Polataivao-Reupena</b> , former President of the UQ South Pacific Islander Association
11:35	<b>Leveraging Major Events for Community Outcomes   Lessons Learned, Lasting Legacy, and Local Empowerment</b> <b>Tim Klar</b> , CEO QSport   <b>Dr Adele Pavlidis</b> , Associate Professor, Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research   <b>Courtney Fewquandie</b> , General Manager, Indigenous Football, Football Federation Australia   <b>Dr Stephen O'Grady</b> , QLD Coordinator, Welcoming Clubs
pm 12:20	<b>Launch of Inclusion Guidelines for Public Aquatic Facilities   How do we Make Facilities Work for Everyone?</b>
12:30	Table discussion
12:40	Lunch
1:30	<b>Short-term Welcome   Navigating Temporary Visa Status in Australia</b> <b>Palani O Thevar</b> , Tamil Community Leader   <b>Joseph Youhana</b> , co-founder, AACSAN and refugee advocate   <b>Dr Kaya Barry</b> , Senior Lecturer and DECRA Fellow, Griffith University   <b>Edwin Adrianta</b> , Member, Third Queer Culture
2:20	<b>Bloody Big Survey   Rochelle Courtney</b> , Founder and Managing Director, Share the Dignity
2:20	Afternoon Tea
2:55	<b>More Than Jobs   Supporting Newcomers Beyond Employment</b> <b>Julia Spicer OAM</b> , Queensland Chief Entrepreneur   <b>Paul Nunnari</b> , Paralympic medallist, performer and disability advocate   <b>Elizabeth Harris</b> , JBS Foods Riverina   <b>Violet Roumeliotis</b> , CEO, SSI
3:50	<b>Closing Address   Anisa Nandaula</b> , Poet, playwright, educator and published author
pm 4:00	Symposium Close

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