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FOSTER AND KINSHIP CARERS ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 2025 – EVENT PROGRAMME

Embracing the Change

Tailrace Convention Centre - Riverside, TAS

DATE: Friday 12 September 9.00am - 5.30pm

DAY ONE			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
9.00am-9.30am	Registrations Open		
9.30am-9.45 am		Rosalie Martin (MC) to welcome The Honourable Jo Palmer - Minister for Children and Youth Services who will open the Conference	Freycinet Room
9.45am-10.00am	Welcome to Country		Freycinet Room

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9.55am-10.00 am		Rosalie Martin (MC) Welcome to Attendees	Freycinet Room
10.00am- 11.00am		Dr Amy Washington- Clinical Psychologist Presentation	Freycinet Room
11.00am-11.20am	Morning Tea		Foyer
11.20am-12.20pm	The Changes with Quality assurance, compliance and the regulatory landscape in child safety and out-of-home-care	Louise Coe - Independent Regulator Office of the Independent Regulator Presentation	Freycinet Room
12.20pm – 1:15pm	Establishing Carers, Children and Families in a supportive community – MOCKINGBRID FAMILY™	Chris Skinner - Manager Practice Advancement & Johanize VanRooyan Life Without Barriers	Freycinet Room
1.15pm-1.45pm	Lunch Break		Foyer
1.45pm-2.45pm	Advocating for the rights, voices and well-being of children and young people in care	Isabelle Crompton – Interim Commissioner for Children and Young People	Freycinet Room
2.45pm- 3.45pm		Tiffany Black - Executive Director & Peter Whitcombe - Deputy, Secretary - Department of Education, Children & Young People and Adoptive families	Freycinet Room

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3.45pm-3.55pm	Afternoon Tea		Foyer
3.55pm-4.45pm	The who, what, why & where of Child Advocacy services for children and young people in care	Sonya Pringle-Jones - Director Child & Youth Empowerment, Anna King & Georgina Tindall Presentation	Freycinet Room
4.45 to 5.30pm	NGO OOHC Providers	Carers to meet OOHC Providers and visit their Trade Tables	
5.30pm	Day concludes		
6.30pm	Conference Dinner		Alpenrose Bistro Off Site

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Tailrace Convention Centre - Riverside, TAS
DATE: Saturday 13 September 8.00am – 3.00pm
(AGM Lunch Presentation from 1pm)

DAY TWO			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	ROOM
9.00am	Tailrace open and staffed		
9.30am-10.00am	An update from Carers on this Panel regarding Uplifting Care	Carer Advisory Panel (Michele, Cheryl and Nina), Kim and Julian	Freycinet Room
10.00am- 11.00am	A Child Safety Practice Update from a legal perspective, with insights into current legislation, case law and implications for carers.	Caroline Graves (Barrister), Michael Kirby (Chambers) Helen Bassett (Solicitor, Walsh Day Mihal Bassett)	
11.00am-11.10am	Morning Tea		Foyer
11.15am-12.10pm		Ebony Griggs - Sexual Assault Support Service Lived Experience by Carers	Freycinet Room
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Transition from department to NGO		

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1.05pm		MC to Close Conference + Chair and Deputy Chair of FKAT	
1.10pm	Sandra is based interstate will provide a short presentation from Services Australia for grandparents, Kinship and Foster Carers over Lunch	AGM Lunch and Presentation	
1.40pm to 2.30pm	AGM Formalities	Separate Agenda	

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