

Collaboration Forum

Brisbane | Perth | Sydney | Melbourne – March 2026



Program

12.00pm	Social Lunch
1:00pm	Welcome & DEA Updates Peter Bacon MDEA
1.20pm	Local DSS Government Update from DSS representative Current priorities and reforms, local insights and Q&A
1.50pm	Local NDIA Update from NDIA representative Key developments, participant trends, provider implications
2:20pm	Group Session 1: Connecting and identifying collaboration opportunities
3.15pm	Afternoon tea break
3.35pm	Group Session 2: Building a practical collaboration plan
4.20pm	Interview with a sector leader
4.50pm	Key takeaways: What are the next steps forward? Summary of collaboration themes and ideas
5:00pm	Networking Drinks

Sector leader interviewees – by location

Brisbane	Dean Clifford (Motivational speaker & DEA Hall of Famer 2019)
Perth	Simon Rowberry MDEA & Renae Hartmann MDEA (ex-IEA providers and recent additions to the DEA team)
Sydney	Prof Trevor Parmenter AM (DEA Hall of Famer 2010)
Melbourne	Freddie Brincat (DEA Hall of Famer 2023)