

CHILDREN BY CHOICE

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS & ABORTION CONFERENCE

3-5 September, 2026



PROGRAM

BEYOND AGGRESSES

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

8:30AM

REGISTRATIONS

8:50AM

Welcome to Country: Refiti Tovi

9:00AM

Conference Opening: Anjulee Singh CEO, Children by Choice and
Sen. Larissa Waters, MP

9:15AM

Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: What does effective advocacy look like when money can buy popular opinion? (45 min)

- Panellists: Tayla-Jane, Caila, Belle, Amy Barrett
- Moderator: Kari Vallury

10:00AM

Keynote: Yumi Styne (40 min)

10:40AM

MORNING TEA

11:10AM

Breakout Session 1 (1hr 10min)**Breakout room A (P9)**

How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse?

Breakout room B (P10)

What sustains abortion rights beyond the law?

Breakout room C (P11)

What happens when we shift MToP beyond traditional models?

12:20PM

LUNCH | OPTIONAL WORKSHOP 1 PART 1*

1:10PM

Breakout Session 2 (1hr 10min)**Breakout Room A (P9)**

How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse? (Cont.)

When intentional obstruction exists, what is the solution?

Breakout Room B (P10)

Panel: What does reproductive justice look like beyond abortion?

Breakout Room C (P11)

How can we build a sustainable future for 2nd and 3rd trimester abortion services?

Are we designing rural abortion services for rural realities?

2:20PM

AFTERNOON TEA

2:50PM

Poster Session 1 (P8) (40min)

3:30PM

Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: What harm are we trained not to see? (45min)

- Panellists: Dr Laura Tarzia, Dr Elizabeth Miller, Dr Nicola Sheeran, Naomi Windahl
- Moderator: Alana Guthrie

4:30PM

DAY ONE FORMALLY CLOSES

4:30PM

Optional Workshop 2 (P9-11) Optional Workshop 3 (P8)* (1hr)

*Registration required for workshops

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

7:30AM Optional Workshop 4 (P9-11) (1hr)

8:30AM REGISTRATIONS

8:50AM Acknowledgement of Country: Waveney Yasso

9:00AM Conference Address: Anjulee Singh, CEO Children by Choice

9:10AM Keynote: Carly Findlay (40min)

9:50AM Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: Second Trimester Surgical Abortion Care at the SA Health Pregnancy Advisory Centre (45min)

- Dr Lottie Pritchard, Ms Tracey Greaves, Ms Tahlee Stevenson, Dr Tessa Moody

10:40AM MORNING TEA

11:10AM Breakout Session 3 (1hr 10min)

Breakout Room A (P9)

How are nurses
pioneering increased
access to abortion care?

Breakout Room B (P10)

Are we centering lived
experience in abortion
narratives?

Breakout Room C (P11)

When the system
wasn't built for you,
what then?

12.20PM LUNCH | OPTIONAL WORKSHOP 1 PART 2*

1:10PM Breakout Session 4 (1hr 10min)

Breakout Room A (P9)

What role does primary
healthcare play in
expanding access to
reproductive healthcare?

Breakout Room B (P10)

What does local access
actually look like in the
future?

Breakout Room C (P11)

When the system
wasn't built for you,
what then? (Cont.)

How is misinformation
shaping abortion
narratives in Australia?

2:20PM AFTERNOON TEA

2:50PM Poster Session 2 (P8) (40min)

3:30PM Plenary Session & Panel Discussion: Can we design systems where conscientious objection doesn't delay care? (45 min)

- Panellists: Dr Catriona Melville, Dr Shelly Makleff, Dr Mitch Krosch, Bronwen Merner
- Moderator: Erica Millar

4.15PM Conference Address: Anjulee Singh, CEO Children by Choice

4:30PM CONFERENCE FORMALITIES CLOSE PROCEED TO NETWORKING EVENING

4.30PM NETWORKING EVENING AND AWARDS (1hr - Plaza Terrace)

*Registration required for workshops

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER (MEDICAL DAY)

8:30AM

REGISTRATIONS

8:50AM

Acknowledgement of Country: Waveney Yasso

9:00AM

Conference Address: Dr Claire Mohr – President, Children by Choice

9:10AM

Interactive Workshop: re-imagining a future of abortion care beyond our current limitations

- Anna Noonan

10:00AM

Abortion Care Overview

- MToP – Presented by Dr Mitch Krosch
- MVA – Presented by Dr Natalie Drever
- STOP – Presented by Dr Lottie Pritchard
- Inpatient medical – Presented by Dr Claire Fotheringham

11:00AM

MORNING TEA

11:30AM

Breakout Session 5

Breakout Room A | P10

101 on MToP Provision

- Dr Claire Mohr

Breakout Room B | P11

101 on MVA Provision

- Dr Natalie Drever

12.20PM

LUNCH

1:15PM

Interactive Workshop: Building confidence without the scan: a practical selective scan EMA workshop

- Ms Catherine Bateman
- Dr Paul Brougham
- Dr Lydia Mainey
- Dr Jacki Mein
- Linda Kirby NP

2:15PM

Panel Discussion: Complex care & system challenges

3:00PM

CONFERENCE CLOSES

OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS DAY 1 & 2

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATIONS ARE REQUIRED*

- 12:30PM** Optional workshop 1
- 1:00PM** Part 1 – Thursday 3 September | Part 2 – Friday 4 September
- (THURS & FRI)** **Location: Plaza North Terrace**
- Crafting Confidence: Using Vulva Soap-Making to Build Sexual Health Literacy amongst the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce
- Mrs. Laura Berry
- 4:30PM – 5.30PM** Optional workshop 2 – Thursday 3 September
- Location: Plenary space P9–P11**
- (THURS)** Reproductive Rights for All (Re)Imagining Feminist Inclusive Futures Together
- Dr. Anna Noonan
 - Ms. Delaram Ansari
 - Ms. Carolyn Mogharbel
 - G, Robbie
 - Dr. Mridula Shankar
- 4:30PM – 5.30PM** Optional workshop 3 – Thursday 3 September
- Location: P8**
- (THURS)** Post-abortion Support in a Group Setting
- Ms. Mariyah Shahrin
 - Ms. Kellie Glab
- 7:30AM – 8.30AM** Optional workshop 4 – Friday 4 September
- Location: Plenary Space P9–P11**
- (FRI)** Reproductive coercion and abuse: the road ahead for research, practice, and policy in Australia
- Dr. Susan Saldanha

**Registration required for workshops*

A

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room A | P9

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)**How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse?**

- 11:10am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse in Australia: New data to inform policy and practice
 - Prof. Laura Tarzia
- 11:25am
 - Expanding the Conversation on Reproductive Coercion: Men's Experiences, Contraceptive Responsibility, and Reproductive Justice
 - Ms. Georgia Breakey
- 11:40am
 - A qualitative exploration of lived experiences of reproductive coercion on Reddit
 - Mr. Sanish Rajbhandari
- 11:55am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse among female general practice patients in Australia: a cross-sectional study
 - Dr. Susan Saldanha
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**How can we expand the conversation around reproductive coercion and abuse? (Cont.)**

- 1:10pm
 - Development of a comprehensive, self-reported measure of reproductive coercion and abuse for global use
 - Ms. Desire LaGrappe
- When intentional obstruction exists, what is the solution?**
- 1:25pm
 - How widespread is abortion obstruction in Victoria? A one-month pilot of a tool to capture obstructive behaviours in the health system
 - Dr. Shelly Makleff
- 1:40pm
 - How does abortion Values Clarification and Attitude Transformation (VCAT) reduce stigmatising behaviours in healthcare providers? Proposing a conceptual model
 - Dr. Shelly Makleff
- 1:55pm
 - How are healthcare providers conscientiously objecting to abortion care in Australia? A qualitative study
 - Dr. Bronwen Merner
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

B

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room B | P10

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)**What sustains abortion rights beyond the law?**

- 11:10am
 - Advocacy influencing international access to abortion
 - Ms. Daile Kelleher
- 11:25am
 - Systemic Failures, Individualised Blame: Law, Healthcare, and the Politics of Later Abortion in Australia
 - Dr. Erica Millar
- 11:40am
 - Countering regression: what LGBTIQ+ and women's rights movements have in common
 - Ms. Heather Corkhill
- 11:55am
 - Is abortion health care? The politics in Australia in 2026
 - Dr. Amanda Cohn
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**1:10pm Panel: What does reproductive justice look like beyond abortion?**

Panellists:

- Debbie Kilroy
- Dr Barbara Baird
- Tegan Jeffreys
- Natasha Chong
- Morgan Dempsey
- Alyce Nelligan

Moderator:

- Charlie Krauser

C

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room C | P11

11:10am Breakout Session 1 (11:10am– 12:20pm)**What happens when we shift MToP beyond traditional models?**

- 11:10am
 - Changes in MS2–Step (mifepristone–misoprostol) access through pharmacies following the 2023 removal of prescribing and dispensing restrictions for medication abortion in Australia
 - Prof. Kristina Edvardsson
- 11:25am
 - Mapping Global Evidence on Advance Provision of Medical Abortion: A Scoping Review
 - Miss. Freya Moore
- 11:40am
 - Medication abortion self–management as health system innovation: a qualitative study of abortion service users' perspectives
 - Dr. Mridula Shankar
- 11:55am
 - Improving Access to Early Medical Abortion Through a Selective Scan Pathway: A Quality Assurance Evaluation from Far North Queensland
 - Dr. Lydia Mainey
 - Dr. Jacki Mein

12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 2 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**How can we build a sustainable future for 2nd and 3rd trimester abortion services?**

- 1:10pm
 - Travel time from every home: visualising access to surgical abortion services across Australia
 - Ms. Sarah Wood
- 1:25pm
 - Pioneering Access: Metro South's First Public Surgical Abortion Service
 - Dr. Catriona Melville

Are we designing rural abortion services for rural realities?

- 1:40pm
 - Beyond Access: How Centring Patient Preferences Has Led to New Approaches to Language and Pregnancy Tissue Management in a Rural Public Abortion Service
 - Mrs. Lillian Castor
 - Ms. Maddison Spencer
- 1:55pm
 - The unique access challenges when working remotely whilst maintaining culturally inclusive care.
 - Ms. Emily Hapea

2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

A

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room A | P9

11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)**How are nurses pioneering increased access to abortion care?**

- 11:10am
 - Innovation in nurse–midwife led rural abortion care – The Western NSW Local Health District Pregnancy Options Care and Support Service
 - Mrs. Lillian Castor
 - Dr. Alyssa-rose Bertolin
- 11:25am
 - Embedding Nurse–Led Termination of Pregnancy Care in Regional Queensland: A Duoethnographic Examination of Organisational Culture Change
 - Dr. Lydia Mainey
 - Dr. Jacki Mein
- 11:40am
 - Experiences of nurses and midwives in the provision of medical termination of pregnancy care beyond the first trimester: a scoping review.
 - Dr. Neha Ramesh
- 11:55am
 - Effectiveness of a nurse–led model of care in increasing access to long–acting reversible contraception and medical abortion in rural and regional Australian general practice
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**What role does primary healthcare play in expanding access to reproductive healthcare?**

- 1:10pm
 - General practitioners' perspectives on providing medical abortion in rural and remote Australia: Findings from the How Far is Too Far study
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 1:25pm
 - Adolescents' experiences accessing emergency contraception in Australian community pharmacy: a qualitative study
 - Dr. Anisa Assifi
- 1:40pm
 - Expanding community pharmacists' scope of practice for contraceptive counselling and referral: preliminary findings from the ALLIANCE stepped–wedge cluster randomised trial
 - Dr. Anisa Assifi
 - Prof. Danielle Mazza
- 1:55pm
 - Strengthening the medication abortion provider workforce in Victoria: a cross–sectional analysis of 1800 My Options providers
 - Dr. Jessica Moulton
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

B

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room B | P10**11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)****Are we centring lived experience in abortion narratives?**

- 11:10am • Imagining person-centred contraceptive counselling at the time of abortion provision from the perspectives of young abortion seekers in Australia
 - Ms. Carrie Van Rensburg
- 11:25am • The power of storytelling: Peer support and co-design in practice
 - Ms. Hannah Bamba
- 11:40am • The role of abortion peer support in resisting reproductive injustice: a Theory of Change
 - Ms. Hannah Bamba
- 11:55am • Centring Abortion Seekers' Experiences: Developing a Consumer Reporting Tool for Poor Abortion Care
 - Dr. Bronwen Merner
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**What does local access actually look like in the future?**

- 1:10pm • Improving abortion access in New South Wales
 - Ms. Sarah Lambert
- 1:25pm • QVEMTOPS One year on: care provided and lessons learnt
 - Dr. Claire Fotheringham
 - Ms. Emma Turner
- 1:40pm • The use of an Artificial Intelligence driven Digital Front Door to increase abortion equity in Victoria
 - Ms. Carolyn Mogharbel
- 1:55pm • Going the Distance: A Comparison of Abortion Provision Approaches in Rural Australia and Canada
 - Dr. Anna Noonan
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

C

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Breakout Room C | P11

11:10am Breakout Session 3 (11:10am– 12:20pm)**When the system wasn't built for you, what then?**

- 11:10am
 - Bridging the Gap: Strengthening Culturally Responsive Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare in Queensland
 - Mrs. Jana Ventura
- 11:25am
 - Pregnancy Options and Culture– the next chapter for Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Safe People, their allies and the people they support.
 - Natasha Chong
 - Morgan Dempsey
 - Katherine Townson
 - Sven Blair
 - Erin McBride
- 11:40am
 - Reproductive coercion and abuse among trans and gender diverse people: A case series analysis and rapid review to identify recommendations for clinical practice and future research
 - Dr. Pip Buckingham
- 11:55am
 - Changing Attitudes: Relationships, Sexuality and Reproductive Health for People with Disability
 - Ms. Natasha Milner
- 12:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

1:10pm Breakout Session 4 (1:10pm– 2:20pm)**When the system wasn't built for you, what then? (Cont.)**

- 1:10pm
 - Reproductive Coercion in Sexual and Gender Diverse Populations
 - Dr. Nicola Sheeran

How is misinformation shaping abortion narratives in Australia?

- 1:25pm
 - Challenging the importation of US anti-abortion discourses in Australia
 - Dr. Tania Penovic
- 1:40pm
 - Abortion politics in Australia, the influence and impact of misrepresentation within the media.
 - Dr. Kate Toone
 - Mrs. Tahlee Stevenson
- 1:55pm
 - When algorithms silence sexual health
 - Ms. Rebecca Atkinson
- 2:10pm Q&A for all breakout session presenters

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Poster Session 1 | P8

Poster Presentations (2:50pm– 3:30pm)

- **Anisa Assifi** — Young people's knowledge and experiences with medication abortion in primary healthcare: a scoping review
- **Catherine Bateman** — Does ultrasound place an unnecessary risk on patients seeking early medical abortion?
- **Kayla Chrisp** — Medical Abortion Access in Rural Australia: How Can We Do Better?
- **Keersten Fitzgerald** — Abortion care and medical abortion prescribing by general practice registrars: a cross-sectional analysis
- **Alison Lima** — Beyond the clinic: establishing Australia's first nurse and midwifery led private teleabortion service
- **Carolyn Mogharbel** — Navigating access to abortion in Victoria: insights into regional barriers and service provision 2018–2025
- **Paavi Davidson** — What will I see: a visual tool for early medical abortion consults
- **Rebecca Drygala** — Understanding GP perspectives on abortion provision and referral in New South Wales: a mixed methods survey
- **Imogen Summers** — Digital Interventions to Support Women Accessing Medical Abortion: A Scoping Review
- **Tahlee Stevenson** — Abortion care in South Australia: a retrospective review of service provision and trends from 2003 to 2023
- **Sara Whitburn** — Improving Post-Abortion Contraception Delivery in Primary Care: A Quality Improvement Audit of LARC Provision and Follow-Up Outcomes
- **Louise Ridley** — A Nurse Led Telehealth Intake Model Supporting Early Medical Abortion (EMA), Very Early Medical Abortion (VEMA) and No Ultrasound EMA in Sexual and Reproductive Primary Care
- **Rhea Schulte** — Improving Access to Public Abortion Care: Patient Experience from a New Service

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Poster Session 2 | P8

Poster Presentations (2:50pm– 3:30pm)

- **Eibhlinn Cassidy** — Risk factors for rapid repeat pregnancy in an outer metropolitan abortion service
- **Kate Chaouki** — Partnering with the community to co-design abortion care in Melbourne's north
- **Sarah Collette** — Placement at the Pregnancy Advisory Centre Enhancing the Midwifery Student Experience
- **Anum Khan** — Expanding access to Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives in Australia: Insights from a national collaboration
- **Lyra Hackett** — Survivor perspectives and experiences of healthcare responses for reproductive coercion and abuse: a qualitative evidence synthesis
- **Fiona Watson** — Breaking down barriers to health care access
- **Danielle Mazza** — Abortion Prevalence and Associated Factors Among Australian Women: A Cross-Sectional National Women's Health Survey
- **Anna Noonan** — From Liberalised Control to Liberated Care: Reimagining Abortion Freedom in Australia
- **Wendy Pickup** — Women's experiences when attending an early pregnancy assessment service for a miscarriage: Integrative review
- **Lucinda Shannon** — Taking on stigma: A community approach to abortion advocacy
- **Tahlee Stevenson** — Preparing the Workforce: Nursing, Midwifery, and Medical Students' Perspectives on Abortion Education in South Australia
- **Susan Saldanha** — A mapping review of Australian online consumer information resources on postpartum contraception
- **Carrie Van Rensburg** — Person-centred abortion care from the perspectives of abortion seekers: findings from a scoping review and implications for Australian health services and providers