



Australian Government

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**Australia's
Disability
Strategy**
2021-2031

Creating
an inclusive
community
together

Australia's Disability Strategy National Forum

Agenda

Day 1

24 February 2026



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Australia's Disability Strategy National Forum goes for **2 days**.

We call it **the Forum** for short.

The Forum will talk about making Australia better for people with disability.

This is the plan for **day 1**.

The times in the agenda are **ACDT**.



This is the time in

- South Australia
- Broken Hill New South Wales

You will need to check what time to join if you live somewhere else.



Jane Spring is the **Master of Ceremonies**.

The Master of Ceremonies is the person who leads the Forum.

This is also called the **MC**.

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The **registration desk** will open.

Registration is the list of people going to the Forum.

Your name will be marked off at this desk.

The desk will be right inside the main doors.

Agenda Item 2



An Aboriginal Elder will do a **cleansing ceremony**.

The cleansing ceremony is a special cultural tradition that

- Welcomes people to the space
- Shows respect.

Agenda Item 3



An Aboriginal Elder will give a **Welcome to Country**.

A Welcome to Country is a special ceremony done at the start of an event to

- Welcome people to their land
- Show respect to the Traditional Owners.

Agenda Item 4



The MC will

- Welcome everyone to the Forum
- Give a keynote speech.

Agenda Item 5



This will be a talk about **independent evaluation** for the Strategy.

Independent means separate to the government.



Evaluation means you look at what

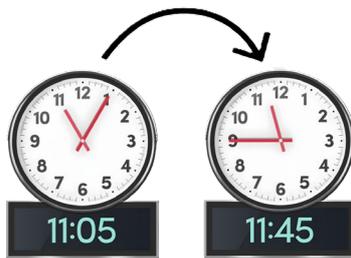
- Went well
- Could be done better.

Break



We will have a break for **30 minutes**.

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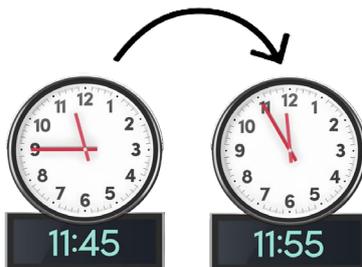


Keynote speakers from the

- **National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health** will talk about **health**.

A keynote speaker is 1 of the main speakers at an event.

Break



We will have a break for **10 minutes**.

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A keynote speaker will talk about the safety of people with disability.

Break



We will have a break for **55 minutes**.

Agenda Item 8



There will be 2 sessions going at the same time about

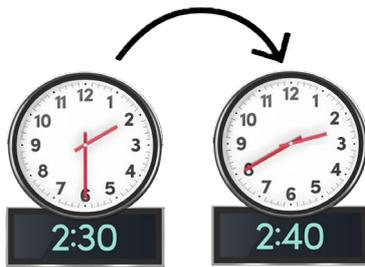
1. Health
2. **Safeguarding.**

Safeguarding means protecting people with disability from **harm**.

Harm means that something bad might happen to you.

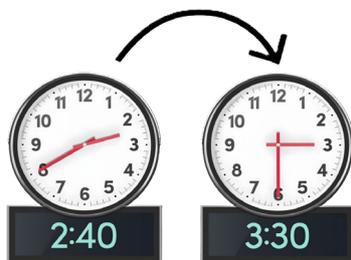
You can choose which 1 you want to go to.

Break



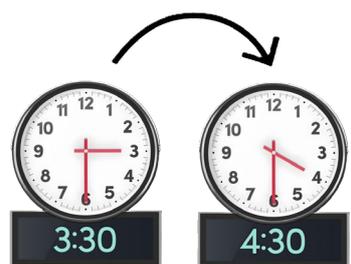
We will have a break for **10 minutes**.

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The panel sessions will keep going after the break.

Agenda Item 10



This is a **poster session**.

A poster session happens in a big room.

In this session you can

- Look at different posters
- Talk to people about their work.
- Have afternoon tea

Agenda Item 11



Day 1 of the Forum will finish at **4.30pm**.

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