ASFA 2026 Conference

22–25 October 2026 · Twin Towns Conference and Function Centre, Tweed Heads

Program Schedule

> Please note all times are NSW time zone (even the dinner at Greenmount, although the venue is officially in QLD)!

Thursday 22 October: Pre-Conference Workshop Day

TIME	SESSION
8.45 – 9.00	Welcome and introduction of speakers
9.00 – 10.30	Dr Allan Wade and Ian Johnsen, part 1: “Active Ingredients”
10.30 – 10.50	Morning tea (included)
10.50 – 12.15	Dr Allan Wade and Ian Johnsen, part 2: “Active Ingredients”
12.15 – 1.00	Lunch (included)
1.00 – 2.30	Guy Shennan, part 1: “Three stages of solution-focused practice”
2.30 – 2.50	Afternoon tea (included)
2.50 – 4.15	Guy Shennan, part 2: “Three stages of solution-focused practice”

Friday 23 October: Conference Day 1

TIME	SESSION
8.00 – 8.30	Arrival and settling in
8.30 – 8.35	Opening address from the board and conference organisers
8.35 – 10.20	Keynote: Dr Allan Wade, “Drops of Longing: Equal Dignity and Resistance in the Colonial Context”
10.20 – 10.40	Morning tea (included)
10.40 – 11.30	Welcome to Country and interview with artist and local Aboriginal elder Mark Cora
11.30 – 12.30	Concurrent sessions 1 Session A: Jason Pascoe, “Leadership is Conversation: What Are Your Conversations Building?” Session B: Andrea Lemm, “Einklang – Mauri Tau: A bicultural supervision model using the Solution Focused Approach”
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch (included)
1.30 – 2.30	Concurrent sessions 2 Session A: Dion Sing, “A Way of Working: The Solution Focused Approach Across Consulting Projects” Session B: Olwen Anderson, “Meeting the challenges and using the opportunities in allied health care with solution focused therapy techniques”
2.30 – 2.50	Afternoon tea (included) Poster presentation: Keren Jones and Zarinah Heinekamp, “The Strength of Solution Focused Conversations in Creating Confidence: The UQ Confidence Chats Program”
2.50 – 3.50	Concurrent sessions 3 Session A: Michelle Orr, “Learnings from the 2026 European Brief Therapy Association Conference and Applied Research in Action” Session B: Keren Jones and Zarinah Heinekamp, “Solution Focused Supervision: Supervision in a brief solution focused university counselling service”
3.50 – 4.00	Short break
4.00 – 5.00	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Saturday 24 October: Conference Day 2

TIME	SESSION
8.30 – 10.15	Keynote: Guy Shennan, “Connection and continuity in solution-focused practice, and...”
10.15 – 10.40	Morning tea (included)
10.45 – 12.00	Special guests Dave and Debbie Hogan, “Ripples of Change: How Solution Focused Practice travels through Individuals, Teams and Organisations”
12.00 – 1.00	Lunch (included)
1.00 – 2.00	Concurrent sessions 4 Session A: Dion Sing and Jason Pascoe, “The Journey Toward Solutions” Session B: David Hains, “Single Session approaches: Is it a tokenistic, cost-cutting, band-aid approach ... or is it actually something useful?”
2.00 – 2.15	Afternoon tea (included) Poster presentation: Jolize Joubert van Appel, “Application of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) in African Contexts: A Scoping Review”
2.15 – 3.15	Concurrent sessions 5 Session A: Debbie and Dave Hogan, “Ripples of Change: How Solution Focused Practice travels through Individuals, Teams and Organisations: Follow-Up Group Interactive Learning Space” Session B: Frances Huber, “What Works?”
3.15 – 3.25	Short break
3.25 – 4.15	Panel with our keynote speakers and special guests: Dave, Debbie, Allan and Guy, moderated by Dion
6.30pm	ASFA 2026 Conference Dinner at Greenmount Surf Club

Sunday 25 October: Conference Day 3

TIME	SESSION
9.00 – 10.30	“The birth and growth of SFBT in Australia and New Zealand”: a conversation between David Hains and SF pioneers Michael Durrant and Kate Kowalski, and New Zealand SF pioneers Judi Miller and Brent Gardiner
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea (included)
11.00 – 12.30	Open Space Session, “What Conversations Are Helping People and Organisations Thrive?”, facilitated by Miriam Korman and Jason Pascoe
12.30 – 1.00	Closing address from the board and conference organisers