

South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group
WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE

THE LABYRINTH



**Thursday & Friday,
29 & 30 November 2018**

Adelaide Oval
War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide

Keynote Speaker: *Craig Reucassel*



SALGFMG
South Australian Local Government
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The Labyrinth

9:30am Registrations

9:50am Introduction

MC: Lisa McAskill

10:00am Welcome

President: Kate George, SA Local Government Financial Management Group

10:05am Long Term Financial Plan Model Update & Demonstration

Presenter:

Kate George, President, SALGFMG
Manuel Schuldt, Manager, LG Solutions

Description:

The SALGFMG has been working together with our Gold Sponsor LG Solutions to develop a new LTFP for SA Councils, which has been made possible through LGR&DS funding from the LGA. The model is termed 'LTFP Lite', and combines the best elements of the current LG Solutions 'LTFP Max' model with a desire to keep things simple. The model provides flexibility at each income and expenditure category, allows global and discrete level indexations, enables new initiatives to be detailed with financial results if they are included, and even converts cash deficits to a Cash Advance Debentures and calculates interest. The model will be demonstrated so that you can walk away with a real appreciation of what is on offer.

10:45am LTFPs and AMPs - What You Can Achieve When Engineers and Accountants Manage to Communicate

Presenters:

Corinne Garrett, Manager Government Consulting, UHY Haines Norton
Ashay Prabhu, Co-Founder, Director, Assetic

Description:

This session will discuss Asset Management Plans and Long Term Financial Plans and how to make the LTFP a 'live' document that helps with decision making. Councils can save considerable amounts of money compared to their previous projections by defining their AMP and LTFP. Council case studies will be included.

11:25am Morning Tea

11:55am Panel Session - Model Financial Statements

Facilitator:

Lisa McAskill, MC

Panelists:

Tim Muhlhausler, Partner, Galpins
Andrew Tickle, Director Audit, BDO
Samantha Creten, Partner, Dean Newbery & Partners

Description:

This session will provide an opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions on the Model Financial Statements and your Council's Audit.

12:45pm Working Examples of New Income Accounting Standard

Presenter:

David Papa, Partner Risk & Assurance Services, Bentleys SA
David Francis, Partner Audit & Assurance, Bentleys SA

Description:

This session will provide a look into the requirements of AASB 15 and AASB 1058 (the new revenue standards), their technical requirements, a practical application for Local Government, application dates and the type of information you will need to collect.

Day 1 – Workshop Thursday 29 November 2018

1:25pm Lunch

2:15pm Contractors vs Employees

Presenter:

Lincoln Smith, Principal, Norman Waterhouse Lawyers

Description:

This session will provide an understanding of employees vs contractors and the consequences of getting it wrong. The correct legal tests and how to apply them will be explored and recent case examples analysed. Various legislation which deem contractors to be employees in certain situations, such as superannuation, PAYG and workcover, will be analysed. Finally some practical tips to ensure compliance will be offered.

2:55pm Don't Waste Your Time,
Do a Risk Assessment

Presenter:

Adrian Hollins, Product Manager, ControlTrack
Lida Cataldi, Principle Risk Management Officer,
City of Unley

Description:

This session will use the ControlTrack application to conduct a Risk Based internal controls self-assessment.

3:35pm Afternoon Tea

4:00pm Use of Debt

Presenter:

Davin Lambert, Manager Treasury, Local Government
Finance Authority

Description:

Why is our sector adverse to the use of debt? This session will discuss how debt supports intergenerational equity and the recently released paper "A guide to the responsible use of debt".

4:45pm Close

5:30pm Sponsor Cocktail Party
and Pre-Dinner Drinks

7:00pm Dinner

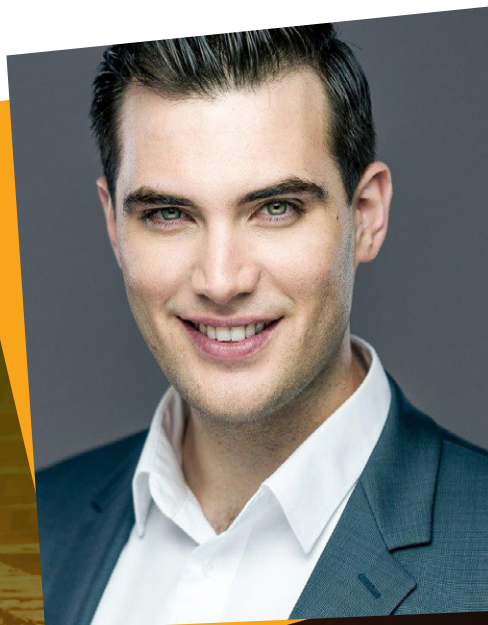
7:30pm Hypnotist

Special Guest Performer:

Isaac Lomman

Description:

Isaac Lomman is a Comedy Stage Hypnotist, a unique entertainer who fuses the power of hypnosis with hilarious routines to create stars out of members of the audience. Providing a clean show for everyone to enjoy, Isaac creates this hilarity from volunteers only that join him on stage to experience this powerful mental state of focus and imagination.



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Day 2 – Conference Friday 30 November 2018

9:00am Registrations

9:30am Introduction

MC: Lisa McAskill

9:40am Welcome

President: Kate George, SA Local Government Financial Management Group

9:50am Shared Resources

Presenters:

Paul Sutton, CEO, City of Charles Sturt
Adrian Skull, CEO, City of Marion

Description:

The cities of Charles Sturt, Marion and Port Adelaide Enfield are working in close partnership on a program seeking out opportunities to work collaboratively and gain efficiencies by eliminating duplication. The three Councils have hired a shared resource for a 3 year period who works with them to compare and contrast the operations and facilitate the identification of opportunities across the three organisations. Highlighting areas where savings for residents can be realised. Paul and Adrian will share with you their experiences, warts and all.

10:20am Empirical Evidence – Rate Capping (The Most Trusted Tier of Government)

Presenter:

Professor Roberta Ryan, University of Technology in Sydney

Description:

State Governments around Australia are increasingly adopting policies pegging increases in the property rates local Councils charge to the annual rate of inflation. These 'rate capping' policies are intended to drive efficiency by forcing Local Government to do 'more with less', deliver value for money services and infrastructure, and meet community expectations of financial prudence. This session looks at why rate capping exists, the theoretical arguments for and against, the limited evidence on its effectiveness, and its implications in the Australian context. A series of alternatives to rate capping are proposed before outlining a research agenda to address uncertainty over the fiscal impacts of rate capping, its effectiveness, and the relationship between community expectations, property rates, and local service and infrastructure delivery.

11:00am Morning Tea

11:25am Through the Looking Glass... where is Local Government heading?

Presenter:

Lisa Teburea, Executive Director of Public Affairs, Local Government Association of SA

Description:

During this session the LGA will provide an update on the Local Government reforms that are currently on the table, what they mean for Councils and how the sector is responding.

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12:05pm The Benefits of Mutuality

Presenter:

Adam Jones, Account Manager, Local Government Risk Services

Description:

The management and mitigation of transferrable risks is something that all South Australian Councils should be focussed on to appropriately protect themselves and the communities they serve. This session will highlight a range of emerging risks that have affected Local Government in recent times, by using case studies and identifying programs available to help Councils work their way through the risk mitigation process.

12:45pm Platinum Sponsor

Presenter:

Davin Lambert, Manager Financial Markets, Local Government Finance Authority



1:00pm Gold Sponsor



Presenter:

John O'Connor, Manager, LG Solutions

1:05pm Lunch

2:30pm Keynote Presenter: Who pays for the War on Waste?

Presenter:

Craig Reucassel

Description:

Councils are at the forefront of dealing with the problems of waste and recycling. But who else needs to get involved if we are to reduce waste and increase recycling? Should producers be taking responsibility for the waste they create? What is the Federal Government's role and who will pay for it?



3:30pm Afternoon Tea

3:55pm Presentation of sponsor business card draws

4:10pm Efficiency, Economy and Effectiveness Audits – What happens if you get the call?

Presenters:

Andrew Richardson, Auditor-General
Andrew Corrigan, Assistant Auditor-General (Specialist Reviews and Analytics), Auditor-General's Department

Description:

What happens if you get the call....don't panic!! This session will focus on the role of the Auditor-General's Department in examining the Local Government sector and what happens if your Council is selected in the department's examination scope. This includes outlining the process relating to the initial engagement, evidence gathering, confidentiality, natural justice of draft findings and Parliamentary reporting.

4:50pm Closure

MC: Lisa McAskill

4:55pm Networking Drinks

Speaker Bios

Adam Jones



Adam Joined Local Government Risk Services in 2012 to assist with the management and support of the South Australian Local Government risk protection program. He is a qualified Insurance Broker who has a comprehensive understanding of risk and risk management including many insurance related product lines. He has tailored risk protection strategies for clients in both the private and public sectors and has assisted clients with negotiation of complex claims and reduction of business exposure via the recommendation of various risk mitigation programs.

Adrian Hollins



Adrian is the Product Manager for ControlTrack, a SAAS Solution for Risk and Control Management. He has worked with several of the fastest 50 growing technology companies in Australia in project and product management Roles. Adrian created and developed cloud based networks back in 2005 and is a pioneer of Cloud Technologies. He is a Certified Program Manager and Microsoft Professional.

Adrian Skull



Adrian has been the CEO at Marion Council since August 2015. Prior to this he was CEO of the District Council of Yankalilla, and before that a Director at Marion Council. Before Local Government, Adrian enjoyed a varied career. He served six years as an Officer in the Australian Army before moving to Switzerland for four years where he was the Academic Dean of the DCT Hotel Management College in Luzerne. On returning to Australia he ran his own training business before joining BAE Systems as a Tender Manager, and then People Development Manager responsible for a Change Program across all the company's sites in Australia. Adrian left BAE to be HR Manager at the City of Charles Sturt and then moved to Adelaide City Council as the Change Program lead before starting his own HR Consultancy business, which he ran for 8 years, working with many private businesses and State/Local Government departments to improve their business functions through business coaching and facilitating workshops.

Andrew Tickle



Andrew is a Director in the BDO Adelaide office. His work experience includes managing the undertaking of audits of a variety of private sector, corporate and non-corporate clients, such as listed companies, trusts, associations and corporations, together with accounting, tax and statutory compliance help as required, and reporting to funding bodies.

Andrew Corrigan



Andrew Corrigan is currently an Assistant Auditor-General within the South Australian Auditor-General's Department, which is part of the executive team. He has worked with the Department for approximately 9 years and is directly responsible for Data Analytics, Information Technology Audit and Local Government examinations.

Andrew has experience in the public and private sector, involving people and team management, the production of reports, data analytics, policy development, security, ICT, audit and risk management. Previous employment has included audit and ICT security roles with major financial institutions and ICT service delivery companies.

Andrew Richardson



Andrew Richardson was appointed as Auditor-General in June 2015. Andrew has 38 years of service in the Auditor-General's Department. Andrew has had a role in corporate governance for the Auditor-General's Department for many years, being a member of the executive including as Deputy Auditor-General. Prior to his appointment, Andrew was involved in most but not all the Auditor-General's audits of South Australian public-sector agencies and a number of investigations. Since taking up the position of Auditor-General, Andrew has introduced strategies aiming to ensure the Department is continually adopting modern audit practices and will remain relevant to the Parliament and the general public. The Auditor-General's Department has tabled several Parliamentary reports related to the Local Government sector. This includes an examination on governance in Local Government and an examination of the Local Government indemnity schemes.

Ashay Prahbhu



Ashay has more than 20 years' experience in strategic asset management. He has led the development of condition algorithms, valuation profiles, and prediction analytics, and is passionate about applying this science to close the global infrastructure renewal gap. He has a directorship at the Asia Pacific Institute of Asset Management and is an adjunct professor of Strategic Asset Management at Bond University. He has a Bachelor of Engineering Degree and is a Chartered Professional Member of the Institution of Engineers Australia.

Corinne Garrett



Corinne has more than 30 years' experience in Local Government finance. As a consultant for the past 6 years she has worked with many Councils on numerous diverse projects. She has a Bachelor of Business, is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Institute of Internal Auditors and is completing a Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing. Corinne is an independent member of 3 Audit Committees acting as Chair of 2 of them. Corinne is Managing Director of UHY Aspire Advisory, a new consulting subsidiary of UHY Haines Norton.

Craig Reucassel



Craig Reucassel is an Australian writer and comedian who is best known for his work with The Chaser. Over the years Craig has written and appeared in a swathe of TV programs including The Election Chaser, CNNNN, The Chaser's War on Everything, Yes We Canberra, The Hamster Wheel, The Unbelievable Truth, Balls of Steel, The Chaser's Media Circus and The Chaser's Election Desk. Most recently he's appeared on ABC in the satirical consumer affairs show The Checkout and as the host of The War on Waste. Craig has also co-hosted the Triple J shows Today Today, Bloody Sunday and The Race Race with fellow Chaser Chris Taylor. He has also performed in David Williamson's Jack of Hearts and Tim Firth's Neville's Island at The Ensemble theatre.

David Francis



David leads a high performing and expanding audit and assurance team to facilitate the compliance and growth of a broad range of enterprises. As a member of Bentleys SA's Executive team and chair of Bentleys' National Audit Group, David is instrumental in designing strategies and services that respond to the changing needs of enterprises across the country. David's expertise includes financial audits and reviews, fraud investigation and forensic audits, special projects for Federal and State Government, risk management analysis, corporate governance advice, due diligence, statutory compliance and trust account audits. David joined Bentleys SA in 1994 after working with a Big Four firm. In 1997, David worked from London with a Bentleys affiliated firm. As an active member of our local community, David holds a number of board and committee positions.

David Papa



David works with a diverse range of organisations to provide assurance services, support their strategic growth and to foster enterprise sustainability. With expertise in conducting external audits, implementing and managing internal audit frameworks and internal audit functions, David has a detailed knowledge of government agencies and Councils, and their risk and assurance needs. David's specialisations include financial audits, operational audits, compliance audits, systems reviews, management accounting, fraud investigation and system improvement. David has worked with over twenty SA Councils in providing assurance services and is an Audit Committee member of 3 Councils/ regional subsidiaries. An active member of the Internal and External Audit community, David is the Chair of the local chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and a member of SALGAG (South Australian Local Government Auditors Group).

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Davin Lambert



Davin is responsible for the Authority's day to day treasury operations and deposit offerings to Councils and he is also a member of the LGFA's Asset and Liability Committee. Davin has a diverse banking background having worked in Asset Management, Financial Markets and Treasury since leaving University in 1999. Davin moved to London in 2004 for a short 2-year stint before returning back to Adelaide where he has worked and lived ever since. During his career, he has worked for some of Australia and New Zealand's largest fund managers, transitioned clients onto new platforms, searched for deposit funds all across Australia and managed the liquidity and liquid asset portfolio of a regional bank. Davin has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Adelaide, is Australian Financial Markets Association accredited and is a member of the Finance and Treasury Association of Australia.

Isaac Lomman



Isaac Lomman is an Australian Stage Hypnotist with a modern approach to this unique form of entertainment. Focusing on the power of our unconscious minds, displaying the wonders of our imaginations and creating true stars out of the audience, Isaac ensures a fun experience for everyone. Having been traditionally trained in Hypnotherapy, Isaac founded a deep respect for what can be achieved under hypnosis for Self Development. Combining his love for the field of hypnosis with a natural flair as a showman he has become one of Australia's most sought after Stage Hypnotists!

Kate George



Kate is the newly appointed President of the SA Local Government Financial Management Group. Kate is a CPA and has also completed her MBA with Adelaide University. She has worked in Local Government for the past 10 years, and previously worked in a range of manufacturing industries including automotive, packaging, and food, and previously was in the mining industry. With this diverse commercial experience she has made significant changes to the City of Salisbury's finance function, and has driven a customer focused and responsive approach.

Lida Cataldi



Lida Cataldi has recently been appointed as the Principal Risk Management Officer at the City of Unley. She has extensive Local Government experience, having been employed in the sector for over two decades and held various roles in Libraries, Finance and Governance. For the last five years she has managed the introduction of the Better Practice Model - Internal Financial Controls and overseen the internal audit, and risk management functions. She has a Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing with the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Lincoln Smith



Lincoln Smith joined Norman Waterhouse in October 2009. He has over 18 years of legal experience across a number of disciplines most notably industrial relations, employment, and media law. Between 2003 - 2004, Lincoln was seconded to General Motors Holden, providing him with invaluable insights into the key stakeholder issues and priorities involved in resolving workplace problems. He draws on this experience to produce solutions which achieve the industrial and commercial needs of his clients. Lincoln has considerable experience representing corporate clients in industrial, employment, occupational health and safety and discrimination proceedings across a range of jurisdictions and Courts, including the Federal Court, Supreme Courts of South Australia and Victoria, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission and its successor, Fair Work Commission.

Lisa McAskil



Lisa is best known for her role as a presenter on Channel 9's Postcards program, a role she enjoyed for 14 years. Lisa also appeared on Postcards Australia which aired nationally on the Win Network and internationally on the Discovery Channel. Lisa has had on camera crash courses in all manner of extreme sports. All in the name of a good story. Her enduring TV career includes more than 70 local, national and international TV commercials and numerous tourism, corporate and training documentaries. In 2011, Lisa established Lisa McAskil Presenting with a focus on the training of presenters and media mentoring. The business has evolved to include a production arm that includes writing, producing and directing online video content for individuals and businesses, social impact video content and TV commercials.

Lisa Teburea



Lisa Teburea has a background in Urban and Regional Planning, and for the past three years has been the Executive Director of Public Affairs with the Local Government Association. Lisa is responsible for the LGA's advocacy functions and leads a dedicated and highly capable team of 20 policy, legal and communications professionals. Lisa lead the development of the LGA's proactive Local Government reform agenda, and her current mission is to work with member Councils and the South Australian Parliament to implement sensible Local Government reforms that will deliver real and lasting benefits to South Australian communities.

Manuel Schuldt



Manuel Schuldt became a Chartered Accountant and also arrived at LG Solutions in 2008 with over 6 years of Local Government experience, having been a manager with Spencer Steer (Chartered Accountants) that specialised in the audit of NSW Local Governments. In this audit work, Manuel played a leading role in the audit of over 25 Councils in NSW, and has been involved in all facets of Local Government accounting, reporting and control. Manuel brings to the LGS team his talent for Excel programming, and plays a major part in the roll out of the "tailored" Local Government solutions for your desktop. For the past 10 years, Manuel has used these talents to "bring alive" the YE Reporting Templates and LTFP products. He is also the LTFP "guru" and looking after all LTFP aspects.

Paul Sutton



Paul has been with the City of Charles Sturt for approximately 10 years, the last three as CEO. With over 20 years of local government experience, Paul has held roles in a range of disciplines including General Management, Governance, Strategy and Policy, Organisational Development, and Program Review. His leadership is focussed on collaboration and bringing both people and agencies together for the betterment of the community. Paul has been a member of a variety of boards and is currently Acting President, Company Secretary and Executive Committee Member of IPAA SA (Institute Public Administration of Australia) as well as a Member of the IPAA National Council. He was awarded fellowship of the National Institute in 2016.

Roberta Ryan



Professor Roberta Ryan is a leading social researcher and policy, program evaluation and stakeholder engagement practitioner with over 30 years' experience in both the public and private sectors. With a strong interest in the relationship between people and places she has worked in areas of community services, strategic planning, land use planning, sustainability, organisational change and development and citizen engagement. Roberta is the Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Governance (UTS IPPG) and the UTS Centre for Local Government (UTS CLG) at the University of Technology Sydney. Roberta has completed over 300 social research and evaluation projects, including major national reviews and evaluations, methodologically complex projects using outcome and process evaluation approaches, program logic and many service reviews and evaluations. Roberta has particular expertise in the development of innovative methodologies that deliver key strategic outcomes for clients.

Samantha Creten



Samantha has over twenty years' statutory audit and commercial taxation experience. Samantha has been a Partner of Dean Newbery & Partners since 2002 and has an extensive knowledge of technical Accounting Standards issues and performing audits in full compliance with the requirements under the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Auditing Standards. Samantha is a Senior Local Government Audit Partner and has broad experience in servicing clients both in audit and taxation services across a wide range of industries which span across Local Government, aged care, automotive, importers and exporters, civil construction and not-for-profit entities.

Tim Muhlhausler



Tim is a Chartered Accountant and Partner with Galpins. He brings over 15 years' experience in the provision of external audit, internal audit and consulting services to a wide range of organisations in the government, not-for-profit and commerce sectors, with particular expertise in Local Government. Tim has primary responsibility for around 20 Local Government audit clients, and also works extensively with the State Government sector and the Auditor General's Department, including delivering the audit of infrastructure, major plant, land and building valuations for SA Health. Tim is Chair of the SA Local Government Auditors' Group, Presiding Member for the City of Mitcham Audit Committee, Independent Audit and Risk Committee Member for East Waste and was Chair of the Institute of Internal Auditor's SA Chapter Council for four years to July 2018.

Registrations

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Non Members

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