

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP CONFERENCE



Friday, 15 March 2019

Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Keynote Speaker: *Dr Fiona Kerr*



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8:35am Registrations

9:00am Introduction

MC: Lisa McAskill

9:05am Welcome

President: Kate George, SALGFMG

9:10am What Makes An Effective Audit Committee?

Presenter:

David Powell, Managing Director, Powell & Co

Description:

Local Government is required to have an Audit Committee but what makes them effective? David is an experienced Presiding Member of Local Government Audit Committees, and during this session David will discuss the characteristics of an Audit Committee that not only meets its Terms of Reference, but actually adds value to the Council.

9:50am GST & FBT – Are you getting it right?

Presenter:

Pat McCarthy, Director, Genesis Accounting

Description:

GST and FBT legislation and rulings can change and it is important to keep up to date to avoid associated risks, and be confident that you are getting it right. This session will provide insights about GST and FBT changes, with a focus on tips, tricks and traps for Local Government finance staff.

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Presenter:

Davin Lambert, Senior Manager Treasury, Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia

10:45am Morning Tea

11:10am Gold Sponsor

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Presenter:

John O'Connor, Manager, LG Solutions

11:15am Insights from the FY18 LG Performance Excellence Program

Presenter:

Sarah Gibson, PwC Director, Data Assurance

Description:

In this session, Sarah will profile key findings from the latest Australasian LG Performance Excellence Program. Find out more about workforce analytics, finance function effectiveness, operations and service delivery based on the aggregated results from the participating SA Councils. Understand the key themes and how SA Councils compare to Councils from WA, NSW and NZ.

The session will allow you to better understand how collection and transformation of data can be used to tell an insightful story about your Council when it comes to operational effectiveness. It will highlight how participating Councils now have the ability to monitor and manage their internal business performance over time, as well as improve the prioritisation of change based on data-driven decision making.

11:55am How Hackers Think

Presenter:

Matthew Strahan, Security Strategist, Content Security

Description:

In a decade long career in penetration testing, Matthew was tasked with hacking Australia's banks, financial institutions, law firms, retail organisations, and government agencies. In this session, he will show how a hacker will target Councils, with the tools and techniques they might use, and what they could do if they succeed.

12:35pm Lunch

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1:55pm *Keynote Presenter: The Neuroscience of Leading a Resilient Organisation*

Presenter:

Dr Fiona Kerr, Industry Professor, Neural and Systems Complexity at Adelaide University

Description:

True leaders have different brains. They differ in the way they identify and process relevant information, make complex decisions and deal with ambiguity and complexity. It shapes their level of optimism, empathy and open mindedness as well as their use of intuition and discernment. It allows a greater capacity to interact with others and inspire trust, faith and a shared understanding of purpose. There are different levels of physical synchronisation and resonance between such leaders and others. All of this shapes not only their own cognitive and behavioural landscape (their brain) but that of those they lead, whether for better or worse, because we shape our brains constantly, so what does that mean for leading?

2:55pm *Australian Economic Outlook*

Presenter:

Felicity Emmett, Senior Economist, ANZ Research

Description:

After a strong first half of 2018 the Australian economy is set to face a number of challenges in 2019. This session will focus on the outlook for employment, weak wage growth, Australia's high household debt and falling house prices. With the RBA recently acknowledging the increased downside risks to the economy, what scenarios would see them considering lower interest rates?

3:35pm *Afternoon Tea*

4:00pm *Prize Draws*

4:15pm *Councils Communicating Through The Media*

Presenter:

Lisa McAskill

Description:

This session will give insights into how the media works and look at ways that Councils can use the media to better manage public perceptions and to educate and inform previously unengaged residents about the role of Councils and topical issues like rate capping. It will also include some presenting tips to help Finance Managers communicate their budgets more effectively.

4:55pm *Closure*

MC: Lisa McAskill

5:00pm *Networking Drinks*

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Speaker Bios

David Powell



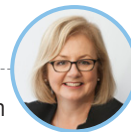
David has over 35 years experience as a Chartered Accountant including 25 years in Big 4 accounting firms, including 10 years as a partner. He consults to clients in a range of industries on IT audit, risk management, internal audit, probity and corporate governance. David is currently the Presiding Member of the Audit Committee for City of Adelaide, City of Burnside, City of Onkaparinga, Roxby Downs Council and a member of the Audit Committee for Southern Region Waste Resource Authority.

Dr Fiona Kerr



Dr Fiona Kerr has over 30 years' experience in the areas of complex organisational strategy and transformation across the public, private and tertiary sectors and within various industries including power generation, automotive, manufacture, defence, pharmaceuticals, and higher education. She has held positions at all organisational levels, including executive and board roles and specially created senior appointments, contributing to her depth of experience. Fiona combines her role of Industry Professor, Neural and Systems Complexity at Adelaide University with speaking engagements and international consulting to industries and governments on a number of topics. These include the use of Artificial Intelligence and how technology shapes us (the impacts on business and society of humans interfacing and partnering with technologies); systems thinking; how leaders build better brains and flourishing businesses, neurogenesis (building new brain) and the amazing neurophysiological effects of human interaction. Fiona has over 30 years of business experience in a number of sectors and has held positions at all organisational and board levels. She has spent time with fascinating organisations such as Cirque du Soleil, appears regularly in the media to delight people with accessible science, and is currently writing a book on human -technology interaction.

Felicity Emmett



Felicity is Senior Economist in the Australian Economics team at ANZ. She is responsible for analysis and forecasting of key Australian macroeconomic indicators, as well as thematic research on the Australian economy. She also provides specialist analysis on topical issues, including the policy outlook. Felicity publishes regular and ad-hoc reports and presents to internal and external, domestic and international clients. She also provides regular media commentary on key local economic issues. Felicity has more than twenty years' experience as an economist in financial markets. Prior to joining ANZ, Felicity worked as a Senior Economist for the Royal Bank of Scotland, a Senior Economist at ABN AMRO Australia, and as an Economist for BZW Australia.

Lisa McAskill



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 McAskill 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.

Matthew Strahan



Matthew has been working in information security for over a decade, including working in penetration testing as an ethical hacker for Content Security. He can provide insights about both hacking tools and techniques as well as how to help an organisation defend against them.

Pat McCarthy



Pat is a Chartered Accountant specialising in Local Government taxation since 1999. For around 250 Local Government clients Pat has provided extensive advice, and obtained hundreds of ATO rulings on a wide variety of FBT and GST topics. He has presented papers at many Local Government finance professionals conferences.

Sarah Gibson



Sarah is a Director in PwC's Data Assurance team and is passionate about transforming data into meaningful business insights. Sarah is the leader and business owner of PwC's digital data collection and interactive data explorer platform, Datapoint, and she has been instrumental in the development of the Local Government Performance Excellence program now in its 6th year, working closely with Councils and LG Professionals Australia to enable around 150 Councils from Australia and New Zealand to better prioritise change and celebrate success by making use of the comparative insights and trend reporting. In her spare time, Sarah enjoys travelling and spending time with her family including taking their much-loved Labrador for long walks at Manly beach.

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