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Keynote Speaker: *Anthony Hart*





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DAY 1 – Workshop 4 February 2021

TIME	SESSION
9:30am	Registrations
9:50am	<p>Introduction</p> <p>MC: Lisa McAskill</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> 
10:00am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>President: Elizabeth Williams, SA Local Government Financial Management Group</p>
10:05am	<p>Model Financial Statements in Review</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>This session will review the major updates to the model financial statements in the prior year and discuss potential changes for the current year. It will also touch on things to consider in the coming year as the new standards move into business as usual.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Alison Dobbie, Senior Manager IFRS Professional Practice, Ernst & Young</p> <p><i>Alison has over 25 years' experience in finance covering accounting advisory and other corporate roles including accounting policy, financial control and treasury. At EY, Alison has worked with a wide range of clients on technical accounting and transaction structuring advice and also on assisting with the implementation of new accounting standards. Prior to joining EY, Alison worked for BP in London for 9 years as the Global Head of Accounting Policy for their supply and trading organisation, providing accounting solutions for complex transactions, and establishing group policies. Other roles include senior finance positions with Newmont Mining, HSBC, and Barclays Bank covering financial control, business planning and treasury operations functions.</i></p> 





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10:45am	<p>eInvoicing</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>The Morrison Government is continuing to invest in e-invoicing and is mandating e-invoicing for federal agencies to encourage greater adoption among suppliers and supply chains, helping to lower the cost of doing business. The Government will also consult with state and local government on mandating options and on impact of mandating e-invoicing for businesses.</p> <p>The ATO is driving Government adoption and working across all levels of Government to raise awareness, encourage adoption and support early adopter. This session will provide e-invoicing fundamentals and outline key steps for councils to get e-invoicing ready.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Mark Stockwell, E-invoicing Project Manager, Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>Anita Hutchings, Financial Services and Systems Team Leader, Commonwealth Treasury</p> <p>Mark Stockwell</p> <p><i>Mark is leading delivery of the trans-Tasman e-invoicing initiative in partnership with the New Zealand Government. E invoicing is estimated to result in economy-wide benefits of up to \$28 billion over 10 years. Mark was previously a program manager for the government's SuperStream initiative, delivering significant benefits to Employers and Superannuation funds.</i></p>   <p>Anita Hutchings</p> <p><i>Anita Hutchings is a long term public servant who has worked as a SAP or TechnologyOne system administrator in a variety of federal government agencies. She is currently working with the Department of Treasury who have used TechnologyOne for the last 4½ years.</i></p>
11:25am	Morning Tea
11:55am	<p>Panel Session - Model Financial Statements</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>This session will provide an opportunity to provide feedback or ask questions on the Model Financial Statements and your Council's Audit.</p> <p><u>Facilitator:</u></p> <p>Alison Dobbie, Senior Manager IFRS Professional Practice, Ernst & Young</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <p>Tim Muhlhausler, Partner, Galpins</p> <p>Corinne Garrett, Director, UHY Haines Norton</p> <p>David Francis, Partner Audit & Assurance, Bentleys SA/NT</p>



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	<div data-bbox="256 398 469 430"> <p>Tim Muhlhausler</p> </div> <div data-bbox="256 436 1098 860"> <p><i>Tim is a Chartered Accountant and Partner with Galpins. He brings nearly 20 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 well over a dozen Local Government external audit and internal audit clients of all sizes across regional and metro SA, as well as providing consulting and financial statement preparation services. Tim is founding Chair of the SA Local Government Auditors' Group, and Presiding Member for five Local Government Audit Committees. Tim's many and varied roles in Local Government provide him with a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the sector. Tim also works extensively with the State Government sector and the Auditor General's Department.</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1134 356 1482 698"> </div> <div data-bbox="256 913 601 1256"> </div> <div data-bbox="619 909 798 940"> <p>David Francis:</p> </div> <div data-bbox="619 945 1455 1227"> <p><i>David is a Chartered Accountant; Registered Company Auditor and audit partner with Bentleys SA, as well as chairing the Bentleys National Audit Group. David joined Bentleys SA in 1994 after working with a Big Four firm and in 2006 became Partner. David's expertise includes financial audits and reviews, special projects for federal and state government, fraud investigation and forensic audits, risk management analysis, corporate governance advice, due diligence, internal audits, statutory compliance and trust account</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="256 1256 341 1288"> <p><i>audits.</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="256 1328 461 1359"> <p>Corinne Garrett:</p> </div> <div data-bbox="256 1361 1211 1646"> <p><i>Corinne has more than 30 years' experience in Local Government finance. As a consultant for the past 8 years she has worked with many Councils on numerous diverse projects. She has a Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing, a Bachelor of Business, is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors course and is a Professional member of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Corinne is a current independent member of 3 Local Government Audit Committees acting as Chair of 1 of them and past member of 2 additional Audit Committees. Corinne is a Managing Director at UHY Haines Norton.</i></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1235 1258 1473 1610"> </div>





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12:45pm	<p>Ratepayer Reconnect: How to re-engage with ratepayers at risk of Section 184 proceedings</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>When ratepayers are uncertain about their short term financial security, communication is key. Never is this more important than when arrears have gone beyond 24 months and there is no payment arrangement in place or financial hardship application made. Sometimes the only option to recover the debt is through the Sale of Land under Section 184 of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>But choosing to go down this path is not always easy, particularly in the current environment. Section 184 proceedings can be a complex, costly and a highly stressful time for all parties involved. The RECONNECT program has been designed to assist Councils through this difficult period by reducing the number of ratepayers that get themselves into a position where Section 184 proceedings are imminent. The objectives of the program are to keep ratepayers engaged, guide them on where to find information about what support they're entitled to and help those who want to be helped.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Brenton Glaister, Chief Executive Officer, Credit Solutions Gail Crowder, Director Client Services, Credit Solutions</p> <p><i>Brenton Glaister</i></p> <p><i>Formerly the founder and Managing Director of Kemps Credit Solutions and National Credit Management Limited (now part of Credit Corp), Brenton has more than 35 years' experience in the credit management industry. During this time, he has personally overseen the successful implementation and performance of debt recovery contracts for more than half of South Australia's local councils.</i></p>   <p><i>Gail Crowder</i></p> <p><i>Gail has worked in the credit management industry for more than 25 years. One of the most recognisable representatives of the credit management industry for South Australia's local government sector, Gail is currently a Director on the Board of the Australian Institute of Credit Management, and manages our Gold Sponsorship of the SALGFMG.</i></p>
1:25pm	Lunch
2:15pm	<p>AASB Update</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>Staff of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) will provide an overview of its recent publications developed to support entities prepare their financial reports during and as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. This session will also provide an update on some major AASB projects relevant to the public sector, including Conceptual Framework for Not-for-Profit Entities and Fair Value Measurement for Not-for-Profit Entities projects.</p>




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	<p><u>Presenter:</u> Fridrich Housa, Deputy Technical Director, Australian Accounting Standards Board</p> <p><i>Fridrich is a Not-for-Profit sector lead at the Australian Accounting Standards Board bringing his experience across financial control & reporting, accounting policy, audit, advisory, and due diligence services with a range of organisations in both Australia and overseas. Some of his prior roles include Head of Treasury Financial Control at major Australian bank and Account Director at a Big 4 accounting firm advising clients on various aspects of financial reporting. Fridrich also served as the Treasurer at a local not-for-profit environmental organisation (TreeProject), and was the co-founder of a fledgling fintech start-up.</i></p> 
2:55pm	<p>Rate Reviews – Lessons Learned</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Corinne Garrett, Director, UHY Haines Norton</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Many Councils are considering undertaking rate reviews. Corinne has been undertaking Rating Reviews for Councils for the past 10 years. Today she will share with us the lessons she has learned over this time which might help us to understand the process of rating reviews and some of the unexpected gains and challenges that can be encountered during the process.</p>
3:35pm	Afternoon Tea
4:00pm	<p>Determining Who Controls Assets</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Tim Muhlhausler, Partner, Galpins</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This session will run through a number of real-life case studies to determine the control, for accounting purposes, of assets used and / or owned by Council under complex or non-traditional arrangements.</p>
4:45pm	Close
6:30pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks
7:00pm	Dinner





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7:45pm	<p>Dinner Entertainment</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Matt Tarrant</p> <p><i>Matt is one of the most highly sought after and successful magicians in Australia. For the past twelve years Matt has been performing both in Australia and overseas, and most recently appearing on Channel 10's hit show Australian Survivor. Matt has been awarded the prestigious Adelaide Fringe Festival Best of the Fringe Award no less than 4 times and in 2017 was the highest selling solo artist in the history of the festival.</i></p> 
9:00pm-11:30pm	<p>Dinner Entertainment</p> <p><u>Music by 'All About Her'</u></p> <p><i>All About Her is one of Adelaide's leading cover bands with strong local ties in the Adelaide music scene, and a trustworthy name around town.</i></p> 





DAY 2 – Conference 5 February 2021

TIME	SESSION
9:00am	Registrations
9:30am	Introduction MC: Lisa McAskill
9:40am	Welcome President: Elizabeth Williams, SA Local Government Financial Management Group
9:45am	<p>Local Government Reform</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This session will discuss the current state of play with the proposed Amendment Bill and what the LGA is doing to assist Councils with the proposed changes to the Local Government Act.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Mayor Angela Evans, President, Local Government Association of SA</p> <p><i>Angela Evans was elected as the Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt in November 2014, and President of the Local Government Association in October 2020. As Mayor she has overseen major projects including the award winning \$8.4m Henley Square Precinct, the \$110m Port Road Drainage Project and the \$26.5m St Clair Recreation Precinct. Angela is a passionate driver behind Charles Sturt's placemaking initiatives aimed at supporting grassroots communities to be innovative and collaborative. Her key areas of interest include developing effective governance structures for Council, implementing long term financial stability, facilitating economic development, contributing to planning reform to position council as a leader, conducting effective community engagement and creating partnerships with other levels of government, the community and the private sector to better serve the Charles Sturt community.</i></p> 




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10:25am	<p>Economic Update</p> <p><u>Description:</u> This session will provide a global and domestic snapshot of the financial markets.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Kaixin Owyong, Senior Economist, Research, National Australia Bank</p> <p><i>Kaixin is a senior economist at NAB Group Economics where she focuses on the Australian macroeconomy, producing economic insights to support NAB customers. She is an experienced communicator of economic analysis and speaks to a range of audiences, including small business, institutional clients, government and the media.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to joining the NAB, Kaixin worked as an economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia and tutored economics at the University of Melbourne. Kaixin holds a Bachelor of Commerce with first class Honours in Economics and a Diploma of Global Issues from the University of Melbourne.</i></p> 
11:00am	Morning Tea
11:25am	<p>From a Mayor to CEO ... Working with Finance Professionals in Both Arenas</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Sam Johnson is a former Mayor of Port Augusta who, in July of this year, made the transition to the 'other side' as the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council of Mount Remarkable. Sam will discuss his experience going from Mayor to CEO, his finance industry background, and how finance professionals can help when dealing with destructive Elected Members.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Sam Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Mount Remarkable</p> <p><i>Sam has enjoyed a varied career in the finance sector, commencing in a financial services role in 2006 before beginning a decade long career with ANZ in 2010. In June 2020 Sam joined the District Council of Mount Remarkable as the Acting Chief Executive Officer, before securing the role in July.</i></p> <p><i>Local Government is not new to Sam. In 2006 he was elected to the Port Augusta City Council, and was involved in a variety of Council committees, before successfully running for Mayor in a bi-election in 2013 and being re-elected in 2014. Through his Mayoral role Sam was also a board member of the Local Government Association of SA, and was Chair of the Spencer Gulf Cities Association and the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group. Sam is currently a board member of Regional Development Australia Far North, the Bungala Aboriginal Corporation and Pika Wiya Health Service.</i></p> 




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12:05pm	<p>Platinum Sponsor</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Davin Lambert, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Finance Authority of South Australia</p>
12:20pm	<p>Gold Sponsor</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> John O'Connor, Manager, LG Solutions</p>
12:25pm	<p>Cloud Year End..... worth the wait!</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Year End reporting for June 2020 was quite a bit different for councils this year. LG Solutions released the much-anticipated Cloud platform for SA YE Reporting, and 20 councils made the jump to the Cloud. In this session, two SA Councils share their experience of their push to the Cloud for their 19/20 YE reporting.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> John O'Connor, Manager, LG Solutions Leta Northcott, Senior Accountant and CPA, City of Mitcham Joe Scordo, Senior Management Accountant, City of Salisbury</p> <p>John O'Connor</p> <p><i>John O'Connor is based on the Sunshine Coast and is the liaison point for the fastest ever-growing product at LG Solutions... 'Cloud' Fees & Charges. John previously worked in Local Government auditing for 3 years in NSW & commercial auditing in Queensland (with BDO). Beyond his auditing background, John has held senior accounting & reporting posts with Virgin and Maersk (London) - the world's largest shipping company, and even found the time to get his Chartered Accountancy qualifications along the way. Now in his 11th year with LG Solutions, John's role has expanded from leading the development & implementation of the 'Cloud' Fees & Charges application to rolling out the new 'Cloud' YE Financial Reporting application to South Australia, Victoria and Queensland.</i></p>  <p>Leta Northcott</p> <p><i>Leta Northcott is a Senior Accountant and CPA with over 15 years hands on experience within Local Government. Employed by the City of Mitcham, Leta is currently involved in producing the end of financial year statements, monthly reporting for the Executive Team and Council, coordinating the external audits and any other financial accounting function required. Further to all the fun of accounting in Local Government, Leta is also an active member of her local tennis club and was fortunate to be</i></p> 




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	<p><i>awarded a Life Membership.</i></p> <p>Joe Scordo</p> <p><i>Joe Scordo is currently engaged as the Senior Management Accountant with the City of Salisbury. Joe's career in Local Government began with the role of Finance Manager with the Light Regional Council, followed by a brief engagement with the City of Adelaide before his recent engagement with the City of Salisbury.</i></p> <p><i>Joe developed his leadership, management and accounting expertise through senior finance and management roles in diverse enterprises across a variety of business types and structures, holding senior management roles with Business SA (the South Australian Chamber of Commerce) and in the not-for-profit fundraising sector, where he successfully led national fundraising and direct marketing initiatives.</i></p> <p><i>Along the journey, Joe completed a Master of Business Administration and being committed to life-long learning continues to explore new learning opportunities.</i></p> 
1:05pm	<p>Gold Sponsor</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Gail Crowder, Director Client Services, Credit Solutions</p>
1:10pm	<p>Gold Sponsor</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Paul Paterson, General Manager, RecWise Pty Ltd</p>
1:15pm	<p>Lunch & Door Prize</p>



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2:15pm	<p>Keynote Presentation: Learn How to Spot the Signs of Poor Mind Health</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>Audiences will walk away from this presentation inspired by Anthony's personal journey from pain to purpose and how to spot the early signs of poor mind health. They will also gain unique insights into how to better manage early signs of stress and anxiety. We can learn how to be proactive through living purposefully and embracing change as a catalyst for personal growth. Examine mind health challenges, spot the early signs and learn how to be proactive.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p>Anthony Hart</p> <p><i>Anthony is a passionate social entrepreneur, an advocate for mental health and a man on a mission to shift the narrative around mental health in Australia. At the heart of his message 'Mates who wear Masks' is a desire to empower others with simple tools to inspire and activate better conversations, connections and to build positive communities designed to remove the many masks of mental health.</i></p>  <p><i>It was an ironic 'fall to freedom' in 2003 that forever altered Anthony's destiny. As a 28-year-old wearing all of the masks of a highflying corporate job not even Anthony himself could have predicted that he would actively choose to walk off a 21st story building in the heart of Sydney city yet that is exactly what happened. Depression had silently yet cunningly led him to death's door. In a twist of fate, Anthony's life was saved when he landed on a balcony eleven floors down and while there is no denying the grueling journey that lay ahead of him in order to find health again it was in this moment that Anthony's life purpose emerged and his masks finally melted. There was hope and a new life began.</i></p> <p><i>In an act of true resilience, Anthony transformed crises into a new opportunity. Harnessing a natural entrepreneurial flair he decoded the basic steps he was using to recover from depression, and devised strategies to actively measure his healing journey. As a result, he founded what is today known as the Lifeback Tracker program. This award-winning mental health support program is designed to empower anyone confronted with a mental health challenge with a powerful four-step framework to assist them better confront and overcome early stages of anxiety and depression.</i></p> <p><i>Today, along with Anthony's work as a social entrepreneur and a mental health ambassador he is also a success in business, has been part of building an 8-store PETstock franchise group, with his brother Nick and father Jeff within Australia's leading pet retailer PETstock. This experience has given him valuable insights into what it takes to drive a profitable business that is built upon a foundation of high performance as a result of nurturing a mentally healthy organisational culture. Your business is a brain, and removing the masks of mental health matters to the health of that business.</i></p>
3:15pm	Afternoon Tea
3:40pm	Presentation of sponsor business card draws



TIME	SESSION
3:50pm	<p>Risk Management: Are You Ready for the Next Once in a Lifetime Event?</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>Over the last 10 months, risk practitioners throughout the world have had the opportunity to display the true value they can bring to an organisation through preparing for uncertainty and displaying a resilience that has never been needed before. Now as the world tries to identify what the new normal is, risk management is now being seen in a whole new light and with greater respect than ever before, to help organisations prepare for uncertainty. What is the next once in a lifetime event? How can we be ready next time? The question of resilience is being asked continually in the boardroom and the executive table. The question is what does this sector need to do to prepare and be ready for the next unknown 'once in a lifetime' event?</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>David Papa, Partner, Bentleys SA/NT</p> <p><i>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).</i></p> 
4:30pm	<p>Close & Networking Drinks</p> <p>MC: Lisa McAskill</p>



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