# **PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCE & ACCOUNTING** LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**KEY LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR** CAREER ADVANCEMENT

# 7 - 10 **MAY 2019**

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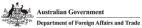


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# **INVEST IN SUCCESS**

Digital advances and demands for agile business practices have triggered the evolution of finance and accounting. Similarly, the public sector is facing increasing pressure to achieve more with less.

As a result, finance professionals are facing new levels of accountability and high expectations. To keep pace with progression, you must have a firm understanding of industry trends and a forward-thinking approach to decision making.

most accomplished finance professionals as they share their expertise and advice. Our lineup of experts will reflect on their journeys and explore the turning points that shaped their careers.

- Key leadership skills for finance professionals
- Transition from ledger to leader
- Strategic tools for budgeting, forecasting and planning
- Advance as a strategic business partner



# WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Management Accountants
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# 8 MAY **CONFERENCE DAY 1**

#### EARN CREDIT AS AN AUTHENTIC LEADER **KEYNOTE**

9.00 - 9.50

Strong leaders manage others in a way that complements the strongest aspects of their personality. Developing a confident leadership style takes time, but feeling comfortable with your ability to communicate will help you lead others effectively.

#### Lisa Usback

Assistant Secretary, Financial Management Branch Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



#### EVOLVE FROM A TECHNICAL EXPERT INTO A CONFIDENT LEADER CASE STUDY 9:50 - 10:40

Transitioning into a leadership position requires you to draw upon your technical knowledge and confidently confront challenges. To achieve this, you will need a combination of technical abilities, commercial acumen and positive influence.

#### Lawrence Hosking

Director Financial Reporting and Grants Policy Attorney-General's Department



EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF PUBLIC FUNDING EXPERT COMMENTARY 10:55 - 11:45

Communicating complex information in a simple way can be a daunting challenge. This session will help you communicate effectively, increase retention and boost engagement.

Sheena Ireland Director Specialists in Communications

#### DRIVE CHANGE AS A STRATEGIC BUSINESS PARTNER CASE STUDY

11:45 - 12:35

The finance function is expected to drive performance within an organisation. To succeed, you must support business priorities by delivering insight and value that stimulates growth.

Thao Le Chief Financial Officer **ACT Government** 

#### ENHANCE DECISION MAKING AND FINANCIAL FORECASTING PANEL

1:35 - 2:25

As a leader, strong decision-making abilities are a powerful way to make your team better. Financial forecasting is an essential element in helping you make decisions confidently and quickly.

#### Lawrence Hosking Director Financial Reporting and Grants Policy Attorney-General's Department

Andrew MacFarlane Director, Sport Financial Advisory Sport Australia

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## Damien Adler

Assistant Secretary, Budget Analysis Branch **Department of Finance** 



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER EXPERT COMMENTARY

A forward focus isn't just a characteristic of the finance function - it's an essential part of being a leader. To reach your goals, you must define your vision and devise a strategy for success.

### Dr Derek J Ambrose Principal Smart Public Leadership

KEY ISSUES FOR EXECUTIVE FINANCE PROFESSIONALS EXPERT COMMENTARY

Senior finance professionals face many challenges with a backdrop of new regulations and developments in technology. Being prepared to confront these issues with a constructive mindset will improve your leadership style.

#### Adam Coonan Principal & Director **Coonan Consulting**

### NETWORKING RECEPTION

Make the most of your experience, join us to network over complimentary canapés and drinks.



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2:25 - 3:15

3.30 - 4.30

4:30 - 5:30

# 9 MAY CONFERENCE DAY 2

## LEAD WITH TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC FINANCE

KEYNOTE

9:00 - 9:50

The availability of timely, relevant and reliable information offers clarity on your government organisation's financial position. With this clarity, you can recognise the cost and benefit of government activities.

#### Jason McGuire

Chief Financial Officer National Archives of Australia



#### ACCOUNTING ASSURANCE AND MANAGING LARGE PROJECTS EXPERT COMMENTARY

9:50 - 10:40

Large public projects can be challenging to manage due to cost, disputes over responsibility, new regulations, and operational requirements. With all of these variables, it's necessary to identify the most pressing issues and communicate effectively.

#### Chris Puschak

Principal Consultant, Governance and Assurance Synergy 360

### ANALYSING THE BIGGER PICTURE AS A FINANCE PROFESSIONAL CASE STUDY 10:55 - 11:45

In the rapidly changing public sector environment, it's essential to look beyond the present and search for the next steps. Looking at the bigger picture allows you and your organisation to achieve your goals with clarity.

#### Pranay Lodhiya

Chief Financial Officer Australian Bureau of Meteorology



#### ENSURE REALISTIC BUDGETING PROCESSES AND MANAGE EXPECTATIONS PANEL 11:45 - 12:35

A comprehensive and efficient budgeting process is critical for management success. Effective budgeting can elevate your organisation and improve team productivity.

### Peter Dunlop

Chief Financial Officer Sport Australia

#### Charles Wann

First Assistant Secretary, Financial Management Division Department of Health

## Nick Hetherington

Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

#### BUILD YOUR VALUE AS A LEADER CASE STUDY

Hard work and measurable output contribute to career progression, but don't make up the full equation. Your ability to build value and visibility will enhance career advancement opportunities.

## Robert Hanlon

Chief Financial Officer
Department of the Environment and Energy

### THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY CASE STUDY

2:25 - 3:15

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Department of Defence

3:30 - 4:30

Accountability strengthens team culture, breeds excellence, and ensures ownership. As a leader in the public sector, it's essential to understand the importance of building relationships with trust and authenticity.

### Lisa Harris

Assistant Secretary Financial Compliance **Department of Defence** 

### INVEST IN YOUR SUCCESS

ROUNDTABLE

In this final interactive discussion we will summarise the takeaways from the event and develop strategies for career progression.

Mark Butz Principal Futures by Design

# <sup>7 MAY</sup> PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

### STRENGTHEN YOUR CAPABILITIES

Discover how to communicate confidently as a strategic leader, improve your leadership skills and maximise your influence.

Develop an authentic leadership style and brand

- Lead with purpose and influence
- Exude executive presence
- Project your leadership style and voice
- Strategic communication and relationship management
- Build rapport and prioritise key relationships
- Strengthen interpersonal communication to influence those around you
- Anticipate different leadership styles and navigate different personalities

Effective career planning and career challenges

- Define the steps to successfully transition into your next role
- Explore a comprehensive tool-kit on how to successfully develop your leadership career
- Identify common leadership challenges

Lead with resilience in challenging times

- Maintain a positive attitude
- Demonstrate resilience
- Focus on strategic action

### Mark Butz Principal Futures by Design

# 10 MAY POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

# FINDING THE BALANCE BETWEEN TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

Strategies to navigate your career and tackle the critical transition from specialist to leader. You'll gain a greater understanding of your leadership strengths and learn how to leverage these for success.

Position yourself for promotion

- Embrace feedback and fast-track your development
   Create opportunities by expanding your professional
- Create opportunities by expanding your professional network
   Create opportunities by expanding your professional
- Strengthen the soft skills necessary for career progression

Prepare for an executive career

- Understand the value that you add to your organisation
  Learn to communicate effectively as a strategic
- business partner
   Identify your strengths and transform them into
- Identify your strengths and transform them into exceptional leadership skills

Cement your skills as an effective decision maker

- Adapt to the importance of accountability
- Transform challenges into opportunities
- Navigate honest and difficult conversations

Find your voice as a leader

- Influence different personality types
  - Develop effective negotiation and persuasion techniques
  - Identify how to utilise your optimal leadership style within the context of your organisation

Kevin Riley Managing Director Capital Training College



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1:35 - 2:25

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