

# Public Sector Finance & Accounting Leadership Conference

Excel as a leader, strengthen professional relationships and position finance as a valued partner within the business

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Pranay Lodhiya**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Bureau of Meteorology



**Lisa Harris**  
A/g First Assistant Secretary, Reform and  
Reinvestment Roadmap  
Department of Home Affairs



**Dr Derek J Ambrose**  
Chief Financial Officer  
Smartpublicleadership P/L, Comcare



**Lorna Raine**  
Chief Financial Officer  
George Weston Foods Limited



**Jessica Lambous**  
Chief Finance Officer  
Victorian Department of Economic Development  
Jobs Transport and Resources



**Susan Mitchell**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Mortgage Choice



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



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



**Andrew MacFarlane**  
Director, Sport Financial Advisory  
Australian Sports Commission



**Peter Dunlop**  
Director of Strategic Budgeting  
Australian Sports Commission



**Ariana King**  
Acting Assistant Secretary Financial Business  
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Department of Health



**Susan Fraser**  
Assistant Auditor-General, Technical Audit  
Victorian Auditor General's Office



**Bernadette Thompson**  
Assistant Director, Public Financial Management  
Advisory Services  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



**Joseph Borgese**  
Director  
Department of Finance



Theme: 'Invest in Success'

**Pre-Summit Workshop**

20 November 2018

**Summit**

21 & 22 November 2018

**Post-Summit Workshop**

23 November 2018

Hyatt Hotel, Canberra

Key skills for finance professionals

From ledger to leader

Strategic tools for budgeting, forecasting  
and planning

Step up as a strategic business partner

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# 2018 Theme: 'Invest in Success'

The Public Sector is evolving rapidly, presenting various unprecedented challenges and exciting opportunities. Existing and emerging finance leaders have the opportunity to invest in their success and redefine the future of their leadership careers.

This is your chance to hear from some of Australia's 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.

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## Pre-Summit Workshop

### 20 November 2018

**Progressing from technical roles into leadership positions**

9.00 - 4.30

- Position yourself for promotion
- Prepare for an executive career
- Cement your skills as an effective decision maker
- Find your voice as a leader

**Expert Facilitator:** Kevin Riley Managing Director Capital Training College

## Summit Day One

### 21 November 2018

#### **OPENING KEYNOTE CASE STUDY** 9.00 - 9.50

##### **Taking the next step in your career**

- Practical and personal advice for career progression
- Channel constructive advice into action
- Advice for climbing the corporate ladder

**Dr Derek J Ambrose**  
Chief Financial Officer  
**Smartpublicleadership P/L, Comcare**

#### **CASE STUDY** 9.50 - 10.40

##### **The importance of accountability as a finance leader**

- Reflect on and learn from defining moments
- Improve your delegation skills
- Build teams who feel a positive personal ownership for their work

**Lisa Harris** A/g First Assistant Secretary,  
Reform and Reinvestment Roadmap  
**Department of Home Affairs**



#### **EXPERT COMMENTARY** 10.55 - 11.45

##### **Accounting assurance and managing large public projects**

- Contextualise information effectively
- Relay meaningful insights from data analysis
- Transform your management style

**Chris Puschak**  
Principal Assurance & Governance  
**Synergy 360 Consulting**

#### **CASE STUDY** 11.45 - 12.35

##### **Seize opportunities for leadership development**

- Step up for career building opportunities
- Take advantage of acting roles
- Create a leadership profile for yourself

**Susan Mitchell** Chief Executive Officer  
**Mortgage Choice**



#### **INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION** 1.35 - 2.25

##### **Managing the complexities of public funding**

- Decisive approaches for changing industry demands
- Guidance and advice on key priorities confronting finance leaders
- Diminishing funds vs increasing costs

**Peter Dunlop**  
Director of Strategic Budgeting  
**Australian Sports Commission**



**Bernadette Thompson**  
Assistant Director, Public Financial  
Management Advisory Services  
**Department of Foreign  
Affairs and Trade**



#### **CASE STUDY** 2.25 - 3.15

##### **Driving change as a strategic business partner**

- Drive clear performance outcomes as a leader
- Proactive vs reactionary leadership
- Essential negotiation skills for senior executives in finance roles

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#### **EXPERT COMMENTARY** 3.15 - 4.20

##### **Communication skills for finance professionals**

- Enhance authentic and strategic communication
- Active listening and effective questioning
- Maximise your presentation skills

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#### **NETWORKING RECEPTION** 4.30 - 5.30

# Summit Day Two

22 November 2018

## OPENING CASE STUDY

9.00 - 10.00

### Earning credit as an authentic leader

- Build genuine professional relationships
- Remain authentic when working under pressure
- Establish your personal leadership brand

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



## CASE STUDY

10.00 - 11.00

### Evolving from a technical expert into a confident leader

- Realise and communicate your full potential
- Impact and instil strength in your team
- Develop a strategic and agile leadership identity

**Lorna Raine** Chief Financial Officer  
George Weston Foods Limited



## INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

11.15 - 12.15

### Forecasting the future of finance in the Public Sector

- Emerging issues around new standards
- The evolving role of the finance professional
- Manage changing standards and regulations

#### Lawrence Hosking

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



#### Susan Fraser

Assistant Auditor-General,  
Technical Audit  
Victorian Auditor General's Office



**Ariana King** Acting Assistant Secretary,  
Financial Business Support  
Department of Health



## INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

1.15 - 2.15

### Analysing the bigger picture as a finance professional

- Understand the changing workforce
- Overcome resisters to change
- Ensure that your work is relevant and valuable

**Joseph Borgese** Director  
Department of Finance



#### Andrew MacFarlane

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#### Jessica Lambous

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Victorian Department of Economic  
Development Jobs Transport and  
Resources



#### Pranay Lodhiya

Chief Financial Officer  
Bureau of Meteorology



## EXPERT COMMENTARY

2.25 - 3.15

### Accelerate your presentation skills

- Improve your public speaking skills
- Why preparation is key
- How being more 'present' builds your influence

#### Liz Tilley

Coach  
Liz Tilley Coaching



## INTERACTIVE CLOSING ROUNDTABLE

3.30 - 4.20

### Invest in your success

- Key lessons gained from the summit
- Important skills to help you succeed
- Develop an action plan moving forward

#### Melinda Varley

Director and Principal  
Moxxie Business Services



# Post-Summit Workshop

23 November 2018

## Enhancing Professional Relationships with Essential Presentation and Communication Skills

9.00 - 4.30

- Communication styles and why they're important to understand
- Building your communication toolkit
- Discover your confident leadership presence
- Enhancing your professional relationships

**Expert Facilitator:** Liz Tilley Coach Liz Tilley Coaching

# Who will attend?

Current, aspiring and future leaders across the Australian Public Sector in Finance and Accounting roles including:

- Management Accounting
- Management Reporting
- Business Analytics/Financial Planning
- Group Finance Managers
- Financial Directors
- Finance Managers
- Officers/Coordinators/Executives
- Financial Controllers
- Chief Financial Officers

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