

Local Government Finance Professionals Conference 2011



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Novotel Forest Resort Creswick
2 – 4 March 2011

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Conference Information



Conference Dress Code:

Opening Dinner – Wednesday night – Business Suit or equivalent

Thursday / Friday conference – casual

Thursday night dinner – Dress in line with the theme: A Splash of Red! – everyone to wear a little or a lot of RED!

The Conference Venue:

All conference functions, including meals, will be located at Novotel Forest Resort. All delegates, sponsors and speakers are able to make use of any of the facilities within the resort for the duration of the conference. Check-out time on Friday by 10.00am. Please ensure that all luggage has been removed from rooms by this time, that keys have been returned to the Front Desk and that any additional costs (ie mini-bar) have been settled.

Registration:

A registration table will be located at the entrance to the conference facilities. This table will be manned by members of the Executive of FinPro from 4.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 2nd March, then again on Thursday morning, 3rd March from 8.15am until the commencement of the conference at 9.00am.

Name Badges:

Name Badges have been colour coded in order to differentiate between speakers, sponsors and delegates in the following way:

Speakers:	Blue
Sponsors:	Red
Delegates:	Black

Car Parking:

Car Parking is available at Novotel Forest Resort, Creswick.

Timing:

As a courtesy to others, please be seated in the conference room as soon as possible before each session. If you arrive late for a session it may be polite to wait for an appropriate time before you go to your seat. If entering or leaving during a session, please do so in a way that causes the least disruption to speakers and delegates.

Mobile Phones

Audible ringing tones MUST be turned OFF at all times within the conference room.

Non-Authorised Materials

Literature or any other form of merchandise is not permitted to be distributed or offered for sale at this conference by organisations other than the official sponsors of this FinPro Conference 2011.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the resort's restaurant from 7.00am to 9.00 both Thursday 3rd March and Friday 4th March, 2011. Breakfast is available to all delegates, sponsors and speakers staying at the venue.

CPD Points

The number of CPD Points that can be claimed for this conference is 12 CPD Hours

SPONSORS

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WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2011

4.30 – 6.30pm	Conference Registration – free time for lunch and leisure
6.30pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks
7.00 – 11.00pm	Conference Opening Dinner including entertainment you won't forget!

THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2011

9.00am	Proposed: Opening Key Note Address Ms Margaret Reynolds – Chairperson Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, Former Minister for Local Government
9.30am	Procurement Chris Newman – Manager Councils Reforming Business, DPCD - Current issues in Local Government Procurement Practices
10.00am	Model Budget 2011/12 Presented by Bruce Dobson, Chairperson ICAA Model Budget Taskforce
10.15 – 10.30am	Presentation of Sponsors by FinPro President Linda MacRae
10.30 – 11.00	Morning tea with the sponsors
11.00 – 11.45	Economic Outlook Presented by Terry McCrann
11.45 – 12.45	Financial and Performance Management Reporting Presented by a panel of experienced practitioners and users – a Victorian CEO, a Victorian Councillor and two Finance Practitioners will present and discuss best practice in finance and performance reporting
12.45 – 2.00	Lunch with a difference – Greek style! Sponsored by the Bank of Cyprus
2.00 – 3.00pm	Shaping Up! Presented by Craig Harper
3.00 – 3.45pm	Concurrent sessions – session 1 Contact and Procurement Management Mick Ross, Manager Strategic Procurement, Monash City Council – Mick will address centralised v's de-centralised contract and procurement management practices and discuss the organisational linkages required together with the challenges of procurement in the provision of services in the diverse Local Government arena Concurrent sessions – session 2 Social Media Fergal Coleman, principal consultant at Symphony3. He helps clients to create successful online businesses.
3.45 – 4.15	Afternoon Tea
4.15 – 5.00pm	Business Excellence in a Local Government Environment Phil Pearce – CEO Greater Shepparton City Council. The Shepparton City Council has embarked on a 'Business Excellence' Program. Phil will take us through the program by discussing the organizational benefits of such a program and how it relates to you and your team.
5.00 – 7.00pm	Free Time
7.00 – 12.00	Theme Night Dinner – "A splash of Red" commencing with pre-dinner drinks in the bar at 7.00pm

Friday 4th March 2011

9.00 – 9.15am	Model Accounts 2010/11 Launch of the Model Accounts
9.15 – 9.45am	Presentation by the Major Sponsor – Commonwealth Bank
9.45 – 10.30am	Creating an Even Stronger Performance Culture – RADAR Change Management Project Marianne Di Giallonardo is the Director of Corporate Services in Maroondah City Council.
10.30 – 11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00 – 11.45am	Key Performance Indicators in the UK – the 'WOMBAT' theory (Waste of Money, Brains and Time !) Presented by Paul Squires, CEO Lake Mountain Resort
11.45 – 12.30pm	Closing Key Note Address Presentation by Rachael Robertson, Antarctic Expedition Leader
12.30 – 12.45pm	Sponsors draw and President's Closing Comments
12.45pm	Conference close. Lunch provided to take away

NOTOVEL FOREST RESORT CRESWICK

The Novotel Forest Resort Creswick is a brand new, 4 ½ star luxury, eco friendly hotel that opened on the 26th march 2008. It features 144 beautiful accommodation rooms and is situated on 150 acres of bushland and surrounded by an 18 hole golf course that was designed by a professional golfer.

It is located just 80 minutes from Melbourne CBD in the heart of spa country Victoria, only 10 minutes from the historic city of Ballarat and 20 minutes from Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

Luxury features of the Resort include an A la carte restaurant, lobby bar, conference and function facilities, boutique day spa and numerous recreational facilities.

Quick facts:

Distance from Ballarat	10 minutes
Distance from Melbourne	80 minutes
Distance from airports	65 minutes
No of rooms	144
Check-in from	2.00 pm
Check-out	10.00am

Resort facilities:

- Luxury 4½ star hotel
- Par 72, 18-hole championship golf course
- Gymnasium
- Indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool
- Boutique Day Spa407
- Harvest 383 Restaurant, Springs Bar & Terrace and 24 hour room service
- Extensive recreational facilities
- Conference and function facilities
- Wireless technology and broadband internet
- Complimentary outdoor parking
- Large foyer with spiral staircase and open fireplace
- Environmentally friendly and drought free resort
- Land use agreement with the Dja Dja Wurrung people - the indigenous land



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Terry McCrann - The Herald Sun Financial Columnist and Business Associate Editor. Joining Business Sunday as a regular commentator in 1987, Terry McCrann is well known for his hard-hitting commentaries on business, the economy, rampaging entrepreneurs, and politicians.

Will interest rates be cut? Will the dollar fall? Which companies are headed for troubled times? For more than 20 years Terry has provided critical analysis on these issues and a wide range of events and personalities that have shaped the nation. He's also been at the centre of many of the great controversies and debates that erupted during the Hawke-Keating years. A graduate of Melbourne Grammar School, Terry gained an Honours degree in Economics from Monash University. In 1975 he became Finance Editor for The Sun and the following year Finance Editor of The National Times. Two years later in 1978, Terry was appointed Business Editor for The Age. Joining News Limited in 1987, Terry is currently Associate Editor of Business for Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper, The Daily Telegraph in Sydney, and Courier Mail in Brisbane.

Terry McCrann is a winner of the Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year Award, Finance Journalist of the Year and the Melbourne Press Club's 1996 Golden Quill Award for his reporting and commentary of the Coles Myer affair.

Craig Harper - Self Help Motivator, educator, ex-fat kid, radio personality, precocious only child, author, international presenter, TV fitness bloke, high-performance coach, realist, philosopher, teller of crappy jokes, entrepreneur, innovator, business owner, exercise scientist, cheesecake-aholic, wanna-be alpha-male warrior and possibly the world's worst singer; Craig Harper is all of it and more.

In a world where coaches, educators and motivators are hell-bent on convincing you that creating your best life is all about buying into their philosophy, their program and their products, Craig Harper is an anomaly. Craig's not about convincing people that he's the answer to their problems; in fact, he knows he's not.

He teaches that you're the solution (and the problem). He teaches that forever change is a process which works from the inside out... and that too many people try and fix the internal stuff with external solutions...He's kind of blunt, challenging, honest, silly, amusing and confronting (periodically offensive) but he knows what works and if you're genuinely ready to change then perhaps you will connect with him.

A little more about our speakers:

Paul Squires - Paul is the CEO of the Lake Mountain Resort. He has just returned from the UK where he worked for 6 years in Senior positions for 2 large Local Government Authorities. His experience with the UK's Key Performance Indicator culture will make you think again about the usefulness of such Indicators.

Paul has a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Economics and an MBA. He held Senior Positions in NSW and Victoria Local Government and associated Organisations prior to leaving for the UK.

Phil Pearce - Phil Pearce has more than 12 years of senior management experience in local government. Before beginning his role as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Greater Shepparton City Council in June 2009, he was CEO at the Rural City of Mildura for six years. Prior to working in Mildura, he was the CEO at the Shire of Campaspe and was also employed at the Shire of Ararat for three years.

Mr Pearce was born and raised in the western suburbs of Sydney where after leaving school he completed a carpentry and joinery apprenticeship, before joining the army as a 22-year-old. He spent more than 20 years in the Australian Army enjoying service throughout Australia and overseas. His qualifications include a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Public Policy and Management. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College.

Marianne Di Giallonardo - Currently the Director of Corporate Services at Maroondah City Council, has an extensive 30 year Victorian local and state government career spanning Corporate, Community and Infrastructure Services portfolios. In her current role she is responsible for and Governance, Information Technology, Human Resources, Resident Services (Local Laws, Waste, Risk Management and Council Planning and Performance) and Property, Rates and Valuations and Customer Service.

She holds a range of educational qualifications including Masters qualifications in Business Administration.

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