




Professional Development Seminar
Friday 21 February 2020
Clarendon Auditorium (Clarendon St end of Exhibition Centre)
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Program	
9:15 am to 9.45 am	Registration and Morning Tea
9.45 am to 9:50 am	Delegates to be seated
9:50 am to 10:00 am	Welcome by FinPro President – Bradley Thomas
10:00 am to 10:45 am	Local Government Sector Update There is plenty happening in Local Government: Natural disasters, rating review, timeframes for budgets and much more. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESC Update – presented by Angelina Garces, Senior Regulatory manager, Local Government • VAGO Update – presented by Sanchu Chummar, Acting Sector Director, Local Government • General Update – presented by Danny Wain (FinPro) and John Brockway (FinPro)
10:45 am to 11:45 am	Climate Risk through a finance & liability lens Presented by Charlotte Turner (MinterEllison) and David Meiklejohn (NAGA) Credit rating agencies, finance markets and insurers are all beginning to account for climate-related financial risks. Australia's summer has brought into sharp focus some of the risks which may lie ahead. Local Government faces a challenge in supporting investment, where needed, to assess and manage new risks – whilst continuing to renew assets and deliver services in changed conditions. This session follows from a number of sessions held in regional Victoria late last year that our members felt were very interesting and would be beneficial for our wider membership base to hear.
11:45 am to 12:00 pm	Sponsor session – Outlook for rates and the future of investment management through YieldHub. Presented by Andrew Murray and Jason Marsham, Curve Securities  <small>Elevating performance for 10 Years</small>

12:00 pm to 12:30 pm	Using data to ‘read’ the wellbeing of our municipality - Neighbourlytics – Presented by Jessica Christiansen-Franks Jess will discuss how rich and powerful data can be collated and used in identifying information to improve the health and wellbeing of ratepayers. She will also discuss how Council's with less resources, whether that be dollars or people, can use data to their advantage.
12.30 pm to 1:20 pm	LUNCH
1.20 pm to 2.00 pm	Key Note Address Presented by Justin Hanney, CEO Melbourne City Council ‘Citizenship’- what this means in today’s society and what are the implications for Local Government as the body being most closely connected at the grass roots to public opinion and civic activism.
2:00 pm to 2.15 pm	Launch of the Model Budget and Model Financial Statements Representatives of LGV and our working group will launch the 2020/21 Model Budget and 2019/20 Model Financial Statements. Both documents are used extensively by our sector.
2:15 pm to 3:00 pm	Proposed Local Government Act 2020 and beyond Presented by a Local Government Victoria (LGV) Representative FinPro continues to work with Local Government Victoria (LGV) on the implementation plan for the proposed Local Government Act 2020 in anticipation of its passage through Parliament in February 2020. Our objective is to ensure that you are provided with clear guidance regarding the pending new legislative requirements, ensuring you have access to up to date information. This final session of the day will provide members with an update on the progress of the Local Government Bill 2019 and the proposed implementation plan for the Local Government Act 2020.
3:00pm	Seminar close
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Networking event (optional)

Speaker profiles



David Meiklejohn is the Executive Officer of the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA), a network of nine local governments in metropolitan Melbourne working together on climate change. David leads the organisations work in developing and delivering mitigation and adaptation projects, advocating on behalf of members, supporting information sharing and networking and overseeing a research program. He has previously worked as a sustainability behaviour change consultant in the UK and Australia, and currently teaches climate change responses as a Masters course at RMIT University.



Charlotte Turner is an Associate in Minter Ellison's Climate Risk Governance Team, focusing on change risks (and opportunities) through a financial, corporate governance and liability lens. Charlotte is also experienced in a range of litigation matters including class actions and has recent Royal Commission experience. Charlotte is currently studying for a masters in environmental science at Melbourne.



Jessica Christiansen-Franks is an urban designer and social entrepreneur who has dedicated her career to understanding the social dynamics of urbanisation. Passionate about creating neighbourhoods people love and feel connected to, Jessica is a thought leader in innovative citizen participation, and particularly the value of 'placemaking' as a tool for collaboration and inspiring active citizenship. With experience across Australia, as well as the UK, Canada, India, Vietnam and the Philippines, Jessica has been fortunate enough to advise the public and private sectors, along with major international aid agencies.

As Co-founder and CEO of Neighbourlytics, Jessica has side stepped into the world of big data to develop a social analytics platform for neighbourhood development. Neighbourlytics harnesses social data feeds to provide real time insights into local neighbourhood identity, place attachment and social connectedness.

A champion for the citizen voice, Jessica is Vice Chair of the Smart Cities Council's (AusNZ) Centre for Civic Innovation.



Justin Hanney started in the role of CEO of the City of Melbourne in January 2019. Prior to this, Justin worked as the Head of the Employment, Investment and Trade Group within the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

His portfolio encompassed economy-wide work to attract and facilitate international and domestic investment,

grow employment and expand Victoria's offshore trade. Justin had responsibility for development of Victoria's key sectors and oversight of key entities as well as the delivery of Victorian Government nominated major projects.

Justin was previously CEO at the City of Yarra and the City of Wangaratta. As City of Melbourne CEO, Justin has made it his priority that Melbourne continues to be a leading organisation for a leading city for all people, whether they come here to live, work or visit.