

Local Government Finance Professionals Conference 2013



‘THE AMAZING RACE’

Novotel Forest Resort Creswick
27 February – 1 March 2013

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President's Message

The Local Government Finance Professionals Annual Conference will be held this year at the picturesque Novotel Forest Resort Creswick from 27 February – 1 March 2013.

The theme for this year's Conference is "The Amazing Race" and recognises that as finance professionals we are always racing against the clock and balancing demands as a daily part of our job. Hopefully we will provide you with some ideas to help make your job easier.

This year's program once again includes inspirational key note addresses and industry case studies. From start to finish, the Conference promises to be a stimulating and highly engaging event that should not be missed.

We have Former Police Commissioner of the Victorian Police, Christine Nixon as the opening night key note speaker and we close the conference with what we hope will be an inspirational session with Sam Cawthorn. In between we will keep you up to date with some of the key issues at the moment including the fire services levy and the Vision Super defined benefits unfunded liability.

I encourage you all to make the most of this opportunity to learn, network with fellow delegates, take time to meet and talk to our sponsors, and participate in the discussions. Most of all share your valuable experiences with other delegates throughout the conference.

On behalf of the Executive we sincerely hope that you have an enjoyable conference, and we look forward to your company.

Shane Marr
President – FinPro

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: The Amazing Race – more information to follow

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.

Please note that there are 150 rooms available at the Novotel Forest Resort. Accommodation bookings will be allocated to rooms as they are received. Any additional accommodation requirements will be met by the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. Taxi cab vouchers will also be provided for night functions during the conference as required to any delegates staying at this venue to ensure 'safe travelling' to and from the Novotel Forest Resort.

Registration:

A registration table will be located at the entrance to the conference facilities from 4.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 27 February, then again on Thursday morning, 28 February from 8.15am until the commencement of the conference at 9.00am.

Car Parking:

Car Parking is available onsite at the Novotel Forest Resort, Creswick.

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 2013.



Breakfast

Breakfast will be served in the resort's restaurant from 6.30am to 9.00 on both Thursday 28 February and Friday 1 March, 2013. Breakfast is available to all delegates, sponsors and speakers staying at the venue. For those staying at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, breakfast will be provided at that venue.

CPD Points

The number of CPD points that can be claimed for this conference is 13 CPD hours.



 <p>4.30 – 6.30pm</p>	<p>Conference Registration and Room Check-in – Novotel Forest Resort Creswick = Race Commences Free time for lunch and leisure and maybe a round of golf.</p>
<p>6.30 pm</p>	<p>Pre-Dinner Drinks The Ballroom Terrace, Novotel Forest Resort Creswick</p>
<p>7.00 pm – 11.00pm</p>	<p>Conference Opening Dinner Official Opening Dinner including announcement of the 2013 FinPro Vision Super Scholarship winners. Key Note Address to be presented by Ms Christine Nixon, Former Police Commissioner, Victoria Police</p>
<p>Thursday 28 February 2013</p>	
<p>9.00 – 10.00am</p>	<p>Economic Outlook – <i>The race to the new reality</i> Presented by Jonathan Pain, Director JP Consulting NSW Pty Ltd and author of The Pain Report</p>
<p>10.00 – 10.20 am</p>	<p>Presentation of the 2013 FinPro Conference Sponsors</p>
<p>10.20 – 10.30 am</p>	<p>Gold Sponsors Presentation – Commonwealth Bank</p>
<p>10.30 – 11.00 am</p>	<p>Pit Stop with the sponsors</p>
<p>11.00– 12.00 noon</p>	<p>Fire Services Levy Panel Discussion <i>Pre-race briefing – not to be missed!</i> Panel Discussion and Q & A. Graham Brewer - Municipal Group of Valuers, Rod Leith – Rate Managers Association, Daen Dorazio – Department of Treasury and Finance, and Craig Findlay – State Revenue Office</p>
<p>12.00 – 12.30 pm</p>	<p>Superannuation Update Presented by the MAV</p>
<p>12.30 – 1.00 pm</p>	<p>Leading the Race: Using technology to embrace a new generation workforce into the Finance Function Presented by Roger Phare, Operating Officer of the Conference Platinum Sponsor – Technology One</p>
<p>1.00 – 2.00 pm</p>	<p>Lunch – time to refuel your engines</p>
<p>2.00 – 2.30 pm</p>	<p>Fraud and corruption control <i>What happens when pit crews go bad?</i> Presented by Shane MacDonald, Partner, Forensic Consulting at Grant Thornton</p>
<p>2.30 – 3.00 pm</p>	<p>Performance Reporting Framework <i>Performance Reporting – will you be firing on all cylinders?</i> Presented by Mark Davies, Local Government Expert Advisor, Department of Planning and Community Development</p>
<p>3.00 – 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Pit stop with the sponsors</p>
<p>3.30 – 4.00 pm</p>	<p>Division 81 Presented by Adam Mallebone, Partner Tax Consulting Crowe Horwath</p>
<p>4:00 – 4.30 pm</p>	<p>Financial Sustainability Report Presented by Merv Whelan and Rohan Whelan.</p>
<p>4.30 – 5.00 pm</p>	<p>In The Driver's Seat – a CEO's Perspective Presented by Sharon Kelsey, CEO Glenelg Shire Council</p>
<p>5.00 – 7.00 pm</p>	<p>Free Time</p>
<p>7.00pm – late</p>	<p>Theme Night Dinner – “The Amazing Race” <i>This great night commences at 7pm in the bar with Happy Hour then ‘race’ downstairs to the Grand Ballroom for a night Of Competition and Adventure!</i></p>
<p>Friday 1 March 2013</p>	
<p>9.00 – 9:45am</p>	<p>Key Note Address – A chat with the Race Marshall The new Victorian Auditor-General has been invited to present the Key Note Address. At the time of publishing this program the new incumbent has not been announced.</p>
<p>9.45 – 10.15am</p>	<p>Launch of Model Budget 2013/14 and Model Financial Accounts 2013 <i>Get the right GPS for the job!</i> Presented by Bruce Dobson, Chairperson ICAA Model Budget Working Party & Martin Thompson, Partner Crowe Horwath</p>
<p>10.15 - 10:45am</p>	<p>Final pit stop with the sponsors</p>
<p>10:45 – 11.30am</p>	<p>Case Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outsourcing of Compliant areas – Steve Hicks, Strathbogie Shire Council • Procurement – Tony Kerr – City of Greater Geelong • OCR Digital Imaging
<p>11.30 – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Closing Key Note Address – Keep your eye on the prize! The closing Key Note Address will be provided by Sam Cawthorn</p>
<p>12.30 – 1.00pm</p>	<p>Prize Announcements, President's Closing Statements then Lunch will be provided to take away.</p>
<p> 1.00 pm</p>	<p>Conference Close = Race End</p>

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Christine Nixon

Working as a police officer for over three decades, Christine Nixon was the first woman to become a police commissioner in Australia. Her rise to the top and her unique view on women in law enforcement and the workplace makes Christine one of the most inspirational public speakers in the country.

Christine Nixon's career in law enforcement is impressive. She became the 19th Chief Commissioner of the Victoria Police, making her the first woman in Australia to hold that position. She also holds several other impressive titles as a fellow in various organizations, including the Australian Institute of Police Management, the Australian Institute of Management, and the Institute of Public Administration Australia.

Outside of her career in the police department, she also acted as the Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority in 2009, and in 2010, acted as the advisor to the Victorian Government on Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery. In line with her public speaking skills, she is a contributor and lecturer in various leadership forums, including the Australian and New Zealand School of Government and Harvard University's Policing Leadership Dialogue series

Jonathan Pain

Jonathan Pain is a Director of JP Consulting NSW Pty Ltd. He has 29 years of international investment experience having led investment teams in London, Bahrain and Australia. Jonathan holds a joint honours degree in Economics and Politics from Keele University and a Masters degree in Finance from Exeter University.

He is the author and publisher of a widely read investment newsletter, The Pain Report. He is well known for his contrarian views and is a regular speaker at investment conferences and seminars. The Pain Report provides an independent and global perspective of the financial markets and the world economy. Having been born in South Africa and lived in Lesotho, Swaziland, England and Bahrain, Jonathan now calls Australia home.

Daen Dorazio

Daen is the Assistant Director of Tax Policy at the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance, and in this role he is responsible for providing policy advice to the Government on all of the State's taxes. Over the past three years, his team has supported the policy development and consultation process to develop the Fire Services Property Levy.

Craig Findlay

Craig Findlay is the Project Manager of the Fire Services Property Levy at the State Revenue Office (SRO). Craig joined the SRO in 2001, and prior to his current role was Branch Manager for 8 years with responsibility for managing operational teams in Payroll Tax, Land Tax and the First Home Owner Grant. Prior to joining the SRO, Craig worked in Local Government.

Graham Brewer

Graham is the City Valuer – Valuations and Property Management at Manningham City Council. He is the Chairman of the Municipal Group of Valuers Victorian and a divisional Councillor at the Australian Property Institute Victoria.

Owen Harvey-Beavis

Owen is the Manager of Research and Strategy at the MAV, with responsibility for finance and economic policy issues. He is also an adviser to the MAV's Liability Mutual Insurance scheme. He has spent seven years at the MAV, with a break of one year spent at the Productivity Commission, working on health and vocational education performance reporting.

Owen has qualifications in public policy and economics.

Mark Davies

Mark Davies is a Chartered Accountant with over 20 years experience in both the private and public sectors. In 1999 he joined Darebin City Council where he held the positions of Chief Financial Officer and General Manager Corporate Services. In 2008 he was appointed as Chief Executive Officer at the Surf Coast Shire: a position he held until 2012.

Mark is currently providing advice to Local Government Victoria on the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

Sharon Kelsey

Sharon has been the Chief Executive Officer of Glenelg Shire Council since October 2010. Sharon has previously worked in senior roles in local government in South Australia. She currently also holds the position of Company Secretary of the Great South Coast Group.

Sharon's varied career has seen her involved in a wide variety of interesting and diverse roles. She is a barrister and solicitor by profession, has been a police officer in the Australian outback and has run her own national consultancy firm.

Sharon has a law degree, qualifications in adult education and occupational health and safety and post graduate qualifications that include a Masters of Laws attained through studies on a scholarship at the Mannheim University in Germany.

Sam Cawthorn

Sam is a thought leader and expert in not only bouncing back, but bouncing forward. He is the CEO for Empowering Enterprises and has been featured in USA Today and the New York Times. He is also the 2009 Young Australian of the Year for Tasmania.

In October 2006 Sam's life changed forever when he was involved in a major car accident, where he was pronounced DEAD. He was thankfully resuscitated, but left with an amputated right arm and a

permanent disability in his right leg. Sam was hospitalised for over 5 months and was told that he may not survive and best case was that if he was to survive he would never walk again. A year later he defied all odds taking his first steps into a new life, where his story would continue to INSPIRE and change the lives of Australians and people all over the world.

It was Sam's difficult journey that enabled him to develop a mental resilience and strength that gave him the tools to miraculously recover from an accident that could have taken his life. Sam's story is simple, yet his message demonstrates the awesome power and strength found within the human spirit when faced with the choice to continue living as a victim of a tragic accident, or to make a choice to seize the opportunity of 'life'. Forever the opportunist Sam chose LIFE, and is now a hugely successful keynote speaker, reaching thousands of people in Australia and the world.



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The Novotel Forest Resort Creswick is a 4 ½ star luxury, eco friendly hotel that opened on the 26th March 2008. It features beautiful accommodation 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.

Reort facilities:

- Luxury 4½ star hotel
- Par 72, 18-hole championship golf course
- Gymnasium
- Indoor/outdoor heated swimming pool
- Extensive recreational facilities

Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre (alternative venue for overflow of delegates)

- 4 star Hotel located at 613 Main St, Ballarat
- Taxi cab fare offered to all delegates to the Novotel for night functions throughout conference.

We wish to thank our sponsors for 2013

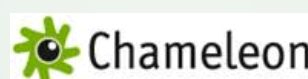
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