



**Professional Development Seminar  
Friday 23 February 2018  
CPA Australia, 28 Freshwater Place, Southbank**

| Program              |  |
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| 9:15 am to 9.50 am   | <b>Registration and Reception</b><br><b>Optional tour of CPA Australia facilities available to attendees (Approx 20 minutes)</b>   |
| 9.50 am to 10:00 am  | <b>Welcome by FinPro President – Ange Marshall</b>   |
| 10:00 am to 10:45 am | <b>Economic Outlook – Presented by Janu Chan, Economist, Bank of Melbourne</b><br>The current state of our economy has an enormous impact on the preparation of our Annual Budgets. Janu will present on the current state of our local, state and national economy. We are in a historic period of low interest rates. Can this last? The signals are confused, but an increase will dramatically affect council (and personal) finances.   |
| 10:45 am to 11:30 am | <b>Changing Accounting Standards plus the launch of the 2018/19 Model Budget and the 2017/18 Model Financial Report</b><br><b>Presented by Martin Thompson, Senior Partner, Crowe Horwath</b><br>Martin will give an update on the current status of accounting standards. He will also launch both the 2018/19 Model Budget and the 2017/18 Model Financial Report on behalf of their respective taskforces and Local Government Victoria. Further to the launch, a webinar will be conducted on 8 March 2018 to discuss the models in further detail. Details are on the FinPro website events page. |
| 11:30 am to 11:45 pm | <b>Short Break and stretch</b>   |
| 11:45 pm to 12:15 pm | <b>Update from Local Government Victoria</b><br><b>Presented by Gerry Smith, Director, Sector Innovation, Performance and Resilience, Local Government Victoria</b><br>Gerry will provide an update on the work currently being undertaken by Local Government Victoria, including changes proposed in the new Local Government Act.   |
| 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm  | <b>LUNCH</b>   |
| 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm   | <b>“Innovative Business opportunities within Local Government: Creating and Capturing value”</b><br><b>Presented by Kate Roffey, Director City Economy, Innovation and Livability, Wyndham City Council</b>  |
| 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm   | <b>Update from the Valuer-General Victoria</b><br><b>Presented by Rob Marsh, Valuer-General, Victoria</b><br>With the passing of the State Taxation Acts in December 2017, the Valuer-General will take on responsibility for Council general valuations, on an annual basis. Hear from Mr. Rob Marsh on how the VG’s office is preparing for this significant change.   |
| 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm   | <b>VAGO Update – Presented by Tim Loughnan, Director LG Audit, VAGO</b><br>Tim will provide an update from the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office as it relates to Local Government. He will present a wrap up of the 2016/17 external audits including details from the recently tabled report to Parliament.   |
| 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm   | <b>Optional tour of CPA Australia (approx. 20 minutes)</b>   |
| 3:30pm               | <b>Seminar close</b>   |

## **A little about some of our speakers:**

### **Janu Chan**

Janu Chan is a Senior Economist for the Bank of Melbourne and has been working for the Westpac Group for five years. Prior to working with Bank of Melbourne she was an Economist at Nomura Australia and has several years of experience in financial markets.

In her role, Janu provides in depth analysis on the Australian economy. She writes regular economic reports on developments and the outlook, and assists in developing forecasts on the economy, interest rates and currencies for the group. She appears frequently in the media, including TV, radio and print.

Janu has a Business Degree in Finance and Economics from the University of Technology, Sydney and a Masters of Economics at the University of Sydney.

### **Martin Thompson**

Martin is a CPA with 25 years' experience in the provision of assurance and related services to a wide range of clients. Much of this experience has been gained in the public sector. Martin's initial experience was with the Australian National Audit Office where he rose from a Graduate to the level of Audit Manager. In addition to the conduct of external audits Martin is also involved in technical development and training activities both within Crowe Horwath and on behalf of clients.

Martin commenced with Crowe Horwath as an Audit Manager in 1999. Martin gained exposure to a range of public and private sector agencies, undertaking both internal and external audit assignments. In addition to audit responsibilities Martin was also involved in the development of the firms audit methodology and training activities. Martin was appointed as a Director, Financial Audit with the Victorian Auditor-General's Office in March 2003. This appointment enabled Martin to gain a detailed understanding of the conduct of audits in the public sector. Martin's responsibilities crossed a number of government portfolios, including a number of Departments.

In February 2007, Martin re-joined the Crowe Horwath team as a Partner in the audit division. Martin's current responsibilities involve a range of assurance services, including internal and external audit activities predominately in the public sector.

### **Kate Roffey**

Kate has extensive experience as a CEO and Senior Executive within the commercial, government and not-for-profit sectors.

Kate is currently the Director of Economy, Innovation and Liveability at Wyndham City and is responsible for the oversight of strategy and development in the areas of transport, urban planning, sustainability and environment, economic development and city centres.

Prior to this role, Kate was the CEO of the Committee for Melbourne from 2012 to 2016. As CEO, Kate successfully led a broad cross-section of Melbourne's most influential companies and institutions to develop initiatives and deliver outcomes that ensure Melbourne continues to grow as a prosperous globally connected city, while at the same time retaining its mantle as the 'World's most liveable city'. As an industry leader in this role, Kate led influential policy discussions around the key issues of infrastructure development, economic growth, urban optimisation and liveability.

Prior to joining the Committee, Kate held an executive position at Tennis Australia as Manager of the Melbourne Park Redevelopment, where she played a leadership role in developing the Masterplan vision of, and secured almost \$1 billion in government funding for, the substantial upgrading of facilities for the Australian Open Tennis Championship.

In addition to her Executive roles, Kate is also an experienced non-executive director and is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Kate is currently Chair of the Victorian Regional Channels Authority, is a Director on the Melbourne Football Club, Berry Street and Melbourne University Sport Boards, and is a member of the Ministerial Freight Advisory Council, Metro Trains Advisory Group and the Ministerial Golf Taskforce. Kate also works as an expert commentator in the media and is a regular guest on QandA and ABC News Breakfast television.

### **Rob Marsh**

Robert Marsh was born in Melbourne and grew up in Park Orchards. After completing his secondary education at Yarra Valley School in Croydon, he commenced tertiary Valuations studies at RMIT. In 1982 he joined the City of Melbourne as an Assistant Valuer. In December 1986, following qualifying as a Valuer, he transferred on exchange to Auckland City Council as a District Valuer. Upon his return to Australia in 1988, Robert left to work in Property Finance and then in 1989 went to Arthur Anderson as a Senior Valuer. In 1991, Robert returned to the City of Melbourne where he held a variety of Valuation roles, finally as Manager Property Services with responsibility for Rates, Valuations, GIS, Property Services and Facilities Management.

In October 2007 he was appointed as the Valuer General for Victoria with responsibility for Victorian Government statutory valuation requirements. In this role he has made significant changes to valuation policy and practice; including the introduction and implementation of the Victorian fire services property levy and most recently by providing the policy and legislation for the introduction of annual centralised valuations for rating and taxation purposes.



**General Information:**

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| <b>Venue:</b>              | <b>CPA Australia, 28 Freshwater Place, Southbank</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>               | <b>Friday 23 February 2018</b>   |
| <b>Time:</b>               | <b>9.15am – 3.30pm</b>   |
| <b>Seminar Investment:</b> | <b>Members \$165.00 (includes \$15.00 GST)</b><br><b>Non-members \$220.00 (includes \$20.00 GST)</b> |
| <b>CPD hours:</b>          | <b>5.5 CPD hours</b>   |
| <b>Dress:</b>              | <b>Business</b>  |
| <b>Registrations:</b>      | <b>Accepted up to Wednesday 14 February 2018 (limited to 250 registrations)</b>                      |

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**To register:**

There are 2 ways to register depending upon how you wish to pay. These are as follows:

1. **Payment online via credit card - [BOOK NOW via TRYBOOKING \(Credit Card Payment Required\)](#)**
2. **Payment via EFT**

If you wish to pay via an invoice and accounts payable please send the registration details (Name, Organisation, Job Title, Email and Special Dietary requirements) via email to [gabrielle@finpro.org.au](mailto:gabrielle@finpro.org.au) and a tax invoice will be sent via email back to the person placing the registration/s, along with confirmation of the registration.

**Cancellations:**

Cancellations can be made up to Wednesday 15 February 2018 without incurring any cost.

No refunds will be made for cancellations after Wednesday 15 February 2018, however a substitute delegate may attend at no additional cost.

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