

Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum

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**TAKE
THE
LEAD**

2024 Agenda



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Beyond the reset

Today's ever-changing business landscape provides an opportunity for CFOs and CPOs to take the lead and transform your businesses beyond the status quo. Key to that success is learning new skills that enable you to leverage disruptions:

- Re-engineering your workforce of the future
- Understanding carbon accounting and getting nature on the ledger
- Harnessing artificial intelligence (AI) for competitive advantage
- Combatting inflation
- Bolstering value chains

The truth is, these are new versions of classic business challenges. The real test lies in deciphering how we can respond adeptly within and beyond the complexities of the current world.

The good news? Both Finance and Procurement leaders are uniquely positioned and skilled to lead the way forward by working together.

And our 2024 Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum is here to facilitate exactly that.

Take The Lead

This year's Forum is **empowering Australian Finance and Procurement leaders** to drive effective change by firming up existing strategies to **dominate now and in the future**.

The future beckons both CFOs and CPOs to **lead boldly in the present**, armed with the resilience, clarity and purpose to **take on any challenge and opportunity** thrown your way.

It's time to ditch the old playbook and embrace a new era of leadership, one that thrives on collaboration, and that propels you, your team, and your entire organisation to new heights with crystal-clear vision and unstoppable momentum.

"My propensity is to always bring together great minds to solve problems. This event brings together all the key components for a highly productive value exchange. Put yourself in the middle of this Forum and you are bound to come out with the confidence to take the lead on the big issues!"

Tania Seary

Founder, The Faculty, Procurious and The Source



Event Moderator



Rebecca McGrath FAICD

Chairman Investa Property Group

Rebecca McGrath FAICD is a renowned business leader, with decades of experience in senior learnership and board positions – including Chairman of Oz Minerals, Chairman of Investa Property Group, as well as Non-Executive Director roles at Macquarie Group and Melbourne Business School.

Also involved in the not-for-profit sector, she is President of the Victorian Council of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of the ASIC Director Consultative Panel and a volunteer mentor with Kilfinan Australia.

In 2014 Rebecca was recognised as one of the AFR/Westpac “Australian 100 Women of Influence.”

She has led the curation of this year’s impressive line-up of speakers at the Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum, which promises to deliver two days of insights, expertise and connection among our community of finance and procurement leaders.



Day 1 — Thursday 23 May

The Economic Outlook: What happens next?

Despite signs of easing, the current inflationary environment continues to wreak havoc on value chains. For finance and procurement leaders, it is essential to understand the dynamics and economic policy to best prepare their companies for what lies ahead.

In this session, hear from Board Member Ian Harper off the back of the RBA's inflation and growth forecasts released just prior to the Forum.



Emeritus Professor Ian Harper AO
Board Member of the Reserve Bank of Australia | Chair of Australian Statistics Advisory Council

Ian Harper AO is an Australian economist best known for his work in public policy, as well as his role as an RBA board member since 2016.

For five years, Ian was Dean & Director of Melbourne Business School and Co-Dean of the Faculty of Business & Economics at The University of Melbourne. Prior to that, he was a partner at Deloitte Access Economics for seven years.

An award-winning author, Ian was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for service to education in the field of economics.

Unlocking resilience: Navigating economic turbulence and building competitive moats

Against renewed market and wage pressures, and shifting consumer behaviours, it's imperative for business leaders to assess the current economic climate with precision and foresight. Amid the need for cost control, how can businesses maintain necessary capex? And as consumers buy less, how can companies demonstrate value and strengthen their proposition, all while building 'moats' to retain competitive edge.

In this session, Scott Haslem dissects the state of the global economy and navigating productivity challenges. This session aims to provide delegates with strategies and tools to help their businesses navigate turbulent economic forces.



Scott Haslem
Chief Investment Officer and Head of Investment, Product and Services, LGT Crestone

Scott Haslem is the head of Investment, Product, and Services at LGT Crestone Wealth Management, leading the Chief Investment Office. Previously, he served as Managing Director and Chief Economist at UBS for Australia and New Zealand, overseeing a top-rated economics team for over a decade.

With over 25 years in global financial markets and investment banking, he also worked at the Reserve Bank of Australia for seven years.

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Forum Think Tank: Interactive session

From navigating the energy transition to responsible AI, and not to mention Inflation wreaking havoc on value chains – there is no question it's been a challenging 12 months for finance and procurement leaders. So how can we drive change at a time when change is trying to drive us? We need to take the lead.

In this interactive session, delegates will have the opportunity to discuss and problem solve the biggest issues in business right now – together. Led by Roundtable program Director, Melissa Ruberto, this is your chance to gain new perspectives from peers across diverse industries, while building meaningful connections.



Melissa Ruberto *Roundtable Director, The Faculty*

As The Faculty's Roundtable Director, Melissa works closely with our community of Roundtable members to develop learning, training and networking opportunities tailored to their needs.

Prior to joining The Faculty, Melissa spent almost a decade at Telstra working in various procurement and supply chain roles, giving her an intimate understanding of the challenges and opportunities our community faces.

An experienced keynote speaker, Melissa is passionate about championing women in leadership within the procurement profession.



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Governance risk management

Reducing risk and improving balance sheet fitness

Business today is operating in the most complicated geo-political environment most of us have experienced. It's tough for leaders to navigate, but we don't need to go it alone.

As opportunity knocks – are you going to take advantage or complain about the noise? In this session, finance legend and experienced Company Director, Chris Lynch, explores how to mitigate risk and build peak balance sheet fitness.



Chris Lynch

Company Director, former Chief Executive Officer, Transurban and Chief Financial Officer, Rio Tinto and BHP

Chris Lynch is an experienced Company Director and C-Suite executive, having held senior positions across blue-chip corporates including: Rio Tinto, Westpac, Transurban and BHP.

He holds a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Commerce, both from Deakin University, and is a Fellow of CPA Australia.

What is on the Board's mind regarding risk management?

From cyber risk, to mandatory climate reporting to maintaining social licence – there are more issues than ever keeping Board members up at night. How does a national cyber security impact your business? With new greenwashing regulation to be introduced, are you meeting new stringent reporting standards?

In this session, business leader and governance expert Mark Rigotti unpacks what it is that Boards want to know when it comes to risk management, exploring best practice models and offering tangible take home tools.



Mark Rigotti

Managing Director and CEO, Australian Institute of Company Directors

Mark took the helm as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at the Australian Institute of Company Directors as in 2022, following a tenure as Global CEO at Herbert Smith Freehills (HSF).

At HSF, he chaired the Global Executive, led the Global Diversity & Inclusion Group, and served on the Global Partnership Council.

A highly influential figure, Mark's leadership extends beyond the boardroom, where he chairs Redkite Children's Charity and serves as a Non-Executive Director of Smart Group Corporation Limited (ASX: SIQ) and a Board Member of the European Australian Business Council.

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Climate risk management: Navigating the transition to clean energy

The transition to renewable energy is already well underway, and with this monumental shift is coming an entirely new economy. It is not the time for hesitancy – leaders must act now or risk getting left behind. Organisations that take a proactive approach will weather the storm of the clean energy transition, positioning themselves to strengthen reputations and boost the bottom line.

In this panel discussion moderated by Rebecca McGrath, Graeme Hunt and Rod Sims provide practical tips and advice on how your organisation should be thinking about this transition as a business imperative, rather than a tick-box exercise.



Graeme Hunt
*International Chair, NED and CEO across
multiple sectors*

Graeme Hunt is an internationally respected Chair, CEO and Non-Executive Director with a strong track record of shareholder value creation through performance improvement, organic growth and successful M&A.

His professional journey spanning multitude of sectors, from Steel to Mining to renewable energy, he has led renowned organisations including Akora Resources, AGL Australia and BHP.

As Chair of AGL's Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, and a mentor to CEO's demonstrated Graeme's specialties include strategy, strategic risk, performance improvement, shareholder value enhancement, M&A, organic growth, energy transition and CEO mentoring.

“Ambitious targets are no longer enough – true leaders must influence policy, rally public support and foster collaboration to take the energy lead.”

— Graeme Hunt



Professor Rod Sims AO
*Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy
at the Australian National University*

Rod Sims is a distinguished leader in public policy, serving as Professor at Australian National University. He also chairs the Superpower Institute, Opera Australia, and the Competition Research Policy Network at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in Paris. Additionally, he leads Australia's National Data Advisory Committee.

Internationally recognised, Rod advises the UK's Competition and Markets Authority and contributes to key initiatives within the Australian government. He was appointed as an Officer for the Order of Australia for service to economic policy.

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Leading the way in international sport

In January 2008, Anna Meares broke her neck in an injury that almost cost her life, let alone her elite cycling career. Just seven months later, Anna not only fronted up at the Beijing Olympics - but took home the silver medal.

She then went one better in London four years later, besting long-time rival Victoria Pendleton for Gold. Anna credits much of her success to the intense competition between the two women.

In this keynote session, Anna tells a story of resilience, determination and commitment to excellence that will inspire any leader no matter their field.



Anna Meares OAM

Chef de Mission, Australian Olympic Team for Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Anna Meares is Australia's most decorated cycling Olympian, with six medals to her name. The only Australian athlete to have won individual medals at four consecutive Olympic Games, she rounded off her brilliant career with keirin bronze at Rio 2016.

She was twice named Australia's flag bearer - at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and 2016 Rio Olympics. After 22 years involved in the sport, she rounded a brilliant career with 11 world titles under her belt.

In life after competitive cycling, she commentated the Tokyo 2020 with Channel 7, was the General Manger for the Australian Commonwealth Games team in Birmingham 2022 and will lead the Australian Olympic Team to Paris in 2024 as the Chef de Mission.

“Leadership is at the heart of any pivotal transformation. I’m excited to share my experience as a leader in elite sport, and show CFOs & CPOs how they can bring this insight straight into the boardroom.”

— Anna Meares



Day 2 — Friday 24 May

GenAI essentials: Guide to power and prudence

It feels like not that long ago we were only starting to hear about ChatGPT and now, not even a year and a half later, you'd be hard pressed to find a white collar worker who hasn't heard the term 'generative AI.' But with the meteoric rise and rapid adoption of these tools should come caution.

Many organisations that think they're in the box seat with AI may actually be flying by the seat of their pants. Worse still, organisations that have outlawed AI may be unwittingly fostering the use of underground, unauthorised use of 'secret cyborgs.'

In this session, Sami Mäkeläinen will show you how you can harness GenAI ethically and responsibly.



Sami Makelainen

Research Affiliate at Institute for the Future (ITF) and Founder of Transition Level

Technologist, Humanist and Pragmatist, Sami has navigated the intricate labyrinth of technology and how it has shaped our world for over 25 years - from the dotcom boom, to the Internet of Things, to now AI.

Sami Makelainen's work now centres around teaching mindful application of generative AI and other emerging technologies, their societal impact, and role in building resilient systems and facilitating capability uplift for organizations.

With an MSc in Computer Science, Sami also serves as a Senior Industry Fellow at RMIT FORWARD, in the steering committee for University of Melbourne's Centre for AI and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) and holds the Vice President position at the Finland Australia Chamber of Commerce.

"AI's impact on business operations is only beginning - particularly when it comes to generative AI. Let's forecast its evolution and explore how to stay in sync in 2024."

— Sami Makelainen



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Why culture matters: Rebuilding Rio Tinto's reputation from the inside out

The tragic destruction of the rock shelters at Juukan Gorge in 2020 left Rio Tinto fighting to re-earn its social license to operate.

In this fireside chat, Kellie Parker explains the role of internal culture, pointing to the release of the pioneering 'Everyday Respect' report and ongoing commitment to building a safe and inclusive environment as landmark moments in the company's reputation rebuild.



Kellie Parker *Chief Executive, Australia, Rio Tinto*

Kellie was appointed Chief Executive, Australia in 2021, after a 20-year career at Rio Tinto. With a people-centric approach, her number one priority at Rio Tinto is to make sure the business listens, responds to the interests of diverse stakeholders and the broader Australian community.

Kellie also has responsibility for Health, Safety, Environment & Security (HSES), Communities & Social Performance (CSP) and Closure.

She has a people-centric approach, with a strong commercial background and is an advocate for Indigenous Australians.



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Crossing the divide: A leader's journey from corporate CFO to NFP CEO

After spending two decades in corporate finance roles, culminating in the role of CFO at Reliance Petroleum, Vicki Sutton was ready to shape her career around her personal values for greater impact.

In this fireside chat, Melbourne City Mission CEO Vicki Sutton will speak about her unique career journey that saw her make the transition from not only the corporate sector to a mission-led NFP, but also from CFO to a coveted CEO role.



Vicki Sutton

Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne City Mission (MCM)

Vicki Sutton was appointed Melbourne City Mission Chief Executive Officer in 2016 after a two-decade career in financial leadership positions across the oil and gas sector.

An experienced board director, she leveraged her breadth of skills and experience across operations and finance to deliver transformational change to adapt to funding reforms across community aged care and disability.

Vicki is passionate about ensuring young people have access to the housing, education and employment experiences and support services they need to achieve a positive future of their imagining.

Ditch the kid gloves: Gen Z need a dose of reality to unlock full potential

In the words of Daniel Cash's grandfather – Gen Zs are soft, weak and self-indulged. And while this may draw ire from a Gen Z crowd, Daniel has been left questioning whether there may be something to it. While the next gen of talent is vaccinated against everything under the sun, are they unvaccinated against real life?

So how can leaders get the best out of bright young employees? Should they ditch the kid gloves reserved for the 'snowflake generation' in favour of a baptism of fire? Daniel Cash implores leaders to give Gen Z a dose of reality to inspire and unlock their full potential.



Daniel Cash

The Age contributor, ANU law student and former Captain of Melbourne Grammar School.

An emerging voice of his generation, Daniel Cash is a law student and regular contributor to The Age newspaper. Former Captain of Melbourne Grammar school, Daniel first grabbed headlines when he led the voice to pushback on the Presbyterian Church's proposal to ban gay students from leadership roles in its schools.

Networking Opportunities Like No Other

The Forum is the place to be if you're looking to connect with top Finance and Procurement executives from Australian and global companies. Pick between two networking activities on the stunning Mornington Peninsula.

Golf Course Challenge

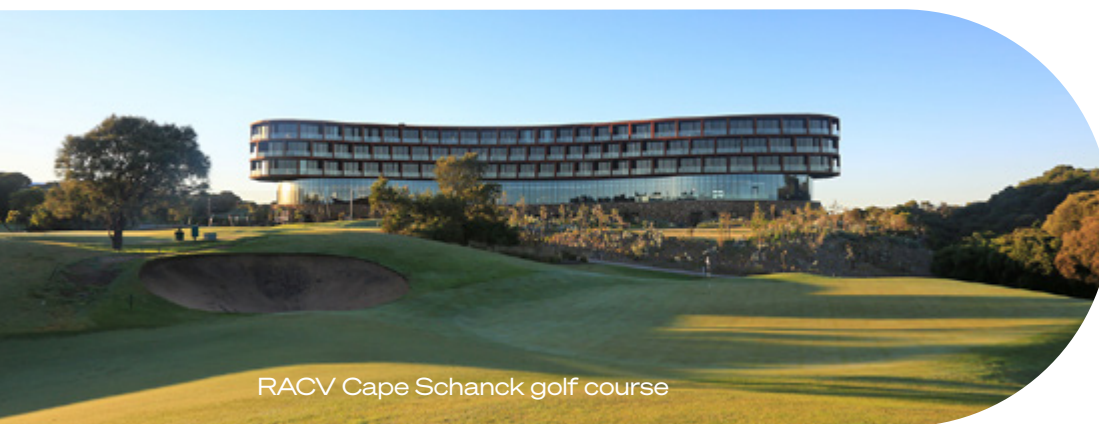
Take on the RACV Cape Schanck golf course while connecting with other Finance and Procurement experts.

Winery and Sculpture Park Visit

Explore one of the Mornington Peninsula's finest wineries and sculpture park alongside like-minded leaders.



Pt. Leo Estate Winery and sculpture park.



RACV Cape Schanck golf course



Unlock Your Full Potential

In this two-day program you will:

Decode the current

Facilitated by the highly respected Company Director, Rebecca McGrath, this two-day program will dissect the hottest topics and trends impacting today's business, and leave you equipped with a new *modus operandi* to address and overcome challenges.

Hear from fellow visionaries

In a forum curated to include the most creative and successful minds in business, science, culture, and politics, you will gain invaluable lessons and practical wisdom drawn from lived experience and real business scenarios.

Get future fit

This forum transcends rhetoric, providing practical advice, tools, and skills needed to elevate your thinking and capabilities as a contemporary leader and propel your business forward.

Go beyond business

Connecting with influential C-level executives. Establish connections that last a lifetime, providing exclusive access to unparalleled opportunities for growth, both professionally and personally.

Take The Lead and secure your place now

Event Details

When

Thursday 23- Friday 24 May 2024

Where

RACV Cape Schanck, Trent Jones Drive, Cape Schanck VIC 3939

Ticket price

Delegate — \$4,400

Faculty Roundtable Member — \$3,300

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