Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum

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## A Forum Like No Other

## **Drive The Change**

With change at every turn, business leaders are not just keeping up with the competition – they're driving the change. Much like a professional driver on a race track, success requires precision, agility, and the ability to anticipate the road ahead.

At the 2025 Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum, you'll learn how to fine-tune your business engine, navigate challenges and accelerate performance.

With around 50% of last year's Forum attendees believing it's going to be harder to do business over the next five years, it's time to take the wheel and steer your way to success.

The good news? Finance and procurement leaders are uniquely placed to lead the way by working together.

Our 2025 Annual Asia-Pacific CFO & CPO Forum is designed to facilitate exactly that.

Just as a winning race team depends on expert pit crews, business success hinges on collaboration, innovation, and strategic decisions. Whether you're manoeuvring around obstacles or putting the pedal to the metal to hit new goals, you'll get the tools, insights, and strategies at the 2025 Forum to take the lead. Buckle up for a dynamic journey that will shift your function into high gear and position you at the front of the pack.

Join us to steer your organisation toward growth, efficiency, and a future where you are in control of the road ahead!



"Fascinating insights and leadership lessons from an exceptional group of speakers."

"My goal is to ensure the Forum equips every leader with the fuel to drive the change – not just for themselves or their teams, but for their companies, the industry, and the future of Australia!"

Tania Seary

Founder, The Faculty and Procurious



With the iconic Sydney harbourside as your backdrop, we're uniting procurement and finance leaders to discover and discuss future-focused strategies that can propel your business forward.

Across two action-packed days, our exclusive agenda will get you up to speed on the prevalent issues impacting businesses across the globe. You'll expand your toolkit with the insights and skills that can transform uncertainty into guaranteed momentum.

With around 50% of last year's Forum attendees saying they're well on their way to meeting and reporting on their company's sustainability commitments, there's no time like the present to hear from experts on how to follow through on these obligations.

Learn from some of Australia's leading voices across business, science, culture, and politics in thoughtprovoking discussions about:

#### Navigating the business landscape

Leading economists and business commentators will provide their insights into the macro and microeconomic trends and risks that you can use to calibrate your business strategies.

#### Al-driven automation

The future isn't just about adopting Al—it's about optimising Al's full potential to elevate every aspect of your work. We will cut through the hype and focus on actionable strategies to redefine how business is done.

#### Executing digital transformation

Digital transformation is not a buzzword—it's a mandate. This track will focus on real-world applications, offering practical learning and strategic frameworks that leaders can implement immediately to drive tangible, measurable outcomes.





#### Collaboration as a competitive edge

We can no longer work in a silo. High-performance teams rely on real-time collaboration with investors, suppliers, partners, and internal stakeholders. We'll unpack how leveraging collaborative networks can accelerate innovation in business ecosystems.

#### Self-disruption for career agility

In today's high-volatility environment, staying ahead means continually reshaping your career trajectory. We'll arm you with actionable strategies to build adaptive career paths that align with your personal growth and organisational goals.

#### Future-proofing leadership

The leaders of tomorrow must master the fusion of tech and talent. These sessions will equip you with advanced leadership techniques and technology adoption strategies, to foster innovation and build high-impact teams that can thrive in any market.

#### "Awesome day of speakers! Insightful topics and relevant, just a great day!"

The 2025 CFO& CPO Forum is designed to inspire, challenge, and equip you with the insights and tools you need to drive the change. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved and get ahead as we redefine the future together.

Register now and together we can drive the change



## 2025 Forum Speakers

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#### Milo Arne-Wilkinson Behavioural Scientist, ONE(n2a)

"Understanding the how and why of human behaviour is crucial for any leader to succeed, especially when crisis strikes. Get ready to decode our brains and learn to lead with confidence in 2025 and beyond."



### **Chris Lynch**

Company Director, The Faculty | Former Chief Executive Officer, Transurban | Former Chief Financial Officer, Rio Tinto and BHP "With opportunities around every corner, you have the power to make a difference in your organisation. Join us at the 2025 Forum and get the tools to drive the change."



### Sally Auld

Chief Investment Officer, JBWere "With inflation and high interest rates impacting businesses world-wide, taking a deep look at the economic climate is crucial. Last year's CPOs and CFOs felt that high interest rates were slowing investment. Join me to see what the sentiment is this year."



### Sami Makelainen

**Research Fellow, The Institute for the Future** "Al's impact on business operations is only beginning - particularly when it comes to generative Al. Let's forecast its evolution and explore how to stay in sync."



## Carolyn McCann

Group Executive (Customers and Corporate Services), Westpac "Effective communication and constructive

feedback are critical to meaningful customer relationships and engaged employees. I'm passionate about this and look forward to sharing my insights."



### **Rebecca McGrath**

Non-executive Director, Macquarie Group | Chairman, Investa Wholesale Funds Management "CFOs and CPOs have a fantastic opportunity to join their peers and connect, learn, and grow so they have the power to drive the change."





### **Phill Nosworthy**

#### Founder and Managing Director, Nosworthy | Thought Leader and Speaker

"Leadership is a practice and transformation is a process. From now on self-awareness and selfregulation will be valued as much as skill and experience."



### **Tania Seary**

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Faculty & Procurious "We need to drive change at a time when change is trying to drive us."



## Discover the Tools to Drive Your Business Forward

## Across this two-day program

#### Get ahead of the pressing issues

Last year's attendees reported that uncertainty, cost, competition and the economy were the biggest risks facing business leaders. Across two high-octane days, you'll engage in thoughtprovoking discussions on these issues and unlock the secrets of transforming challenge into fuel for innovation.

#### **Future-proof your business** Go beyond top-line discussions and delve into the details. You'll walk away with the advises to

the details. You'll walk away with the advice, tools and skills to build your capabilities as a leader and drive your business forward.

#### Learn from Australia's leading voices

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.

#### Turn conversations into connections

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

#### Secure your place now and get ready to drive the change

## 2024 Forum Recap

## How attendees rated the 2024 Forum:

#### 8/10 for one keynote speaker

8/10 for the overall event and content

















## Attendees of Previous Forums Include

**Country Road Group** 

Cricket Australia

De Grey Mining

Department for

and Community

Safety, Victoria

Downer Group

Dulux Group

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Flight Centre Travel

**HESTA Super Fund** 

HSBC Australia

IAG Limited

**IFM Investors** 

JOLT Australia

Management

KellyOCG Australia

LGT Crestone Wealth

Infrastructure NSW

Department of Justice

Education SA

Deloitte

Lion Pty Ltd

Medibank

Mirvac

NAB

NBN Co

MMG Limited

NEC Australia

Education

Quantem

**Rio Tinto** 

Sanofi

Shell

Group)

Pacific National

Rugby Australia

Swisse Wellness (H&H

Orica

Newmont Australia

NSW Department of

**OBE Insurance Group** 

Macquarie Group

McKinsey & Company

Metro Trains Australia



Sydney Swans Limited

Supagas

TelstraSuper

Melbourne

Transurban

Tasmania)

South Wales

Western Power

Worley Consulting

Woodside Energy

Yancoal Australia

V/Line

Westpac

Sydney

The University of

The University of

Transport for NSW

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University of New

## Event Details

### **Ticket price**

#### Earlybird until 31 December

Delegate - **\$2,200** Faculty Roundtable Member - **\$1,600** 

#### Second release until 29 February

Delegate – **\$3,300** Faculty Roundtable Member – **\$2,475** 

#### Final release from 1 March

Delegate - **\$4,400** Faculty Roundtable Member - **\$3,300** 

When Thursday 15 May - Friday 16 May 2025

Where Ovolo Woolloomooloo, 6 Cowper Wharf Roadway, Woolloomooloo NSW 2011, Australia

### Save the date and get your ticket now



Drive the change and secure your spot today





AGL

ASC

Australian Football

Australian Institute of

Company Directors

American Express

**Global Travel** 

Atlas Arteria

Australia

Ausgrid

Australia

Boral

BP

Beach Energy

Cbus Super

Cenitex

Cessleigh

Cleanaway

Compass Group

Australia and Foodbuy

Ampol Limited

AngloGold Ashanti

**Business Council of** 

League (AFL)

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## Awards of Excellence Highlights

## Get in Touch





On Tuesday 26 August 2025, join us in your black tie finest for The Faculty Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner – a true night of nights for our profession. Rub shoulders with the very best over drinks and dinner as we celebrate the tremendous contribution of procurement in Australia and announce the 2025 winners and trailblazers.

#### **CPO of the Year**

An initiative of The Faculty Roundtable, the CPO of the Year award recognises a remarkable commercial leader who is making a significant and demonstrable difference to business results.

#### Indigenous Sourcing Project of the Year

Given to an organisation that has generated market-leading procurement or supply chain results with Indigenous businesses.

#### Future Leader of the Year

The Future Leader of the Year (FLiP) Award recognises an outstanding member of the next generation of procurement professionals.

#### Diversity and inclusion

Given to an organisation that has made a remarkable and measurable impact in the diversity and inclusion space not only within their organisation, but wider profession.

## Sustainable Procurement Project of the Year

Given to an organisation that has made a remarkable and measurable impact on the world or local community by improving procurement and supply chain sustainability outcomes.

Bring your whole team for a memorable night of celebration and entertainment.

### **Event details**

Date: Tuesday 26 August 2025 Location: Plaza Ballroom, Melbourne VIC 3000

If you want more information about the event or want to secure your tickets early, then you can contact Sally Patten.

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### **Patrick Baker**

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