



ROLLING WITH THE PUNCHES

RISING
TO EVERY
CHALLENGE

2021 LGFP Annual Conference & Master Class **PROGRAM** and **REGISTRATION**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE PROFESSIONALS QUEENSLAND INC.
PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL - CAIRNS QLD | 23-26 NOVEMBER 2021

Invitation

from the
President



After cancelling last year's conference due to the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm very excited on behalf of our Committee to invite you to our **41st Annual Conference**. The conference will be held at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel in downtown Cairns from **Wednesday 24th November to Friday 26th November**. Once again, the conference will be preceded by the Masterclass on Tuesday 23rd November which we are holding in conjunction with Queensland Treasury Corporation and The University of Queensland Business School.

This year's conference theme is **"Rolling with the Punches – Rising to Every Challenge"** which reflects on the past year and acknowledges the resilience and flexibility that the sector has displayed in reacting to a global event that has irrevocably changed how we live and work. The Committee has put together an excellent line-up of speakers and the conference will provide a mix of interesting and engaging sessions as we explore the conference theme.

As in past years, the program includes technical sessions, development opportunities, updates from our partners in government and business, and a panel session where members will share how their Councils have risen to the challenges of the last twelve months. We will also have our evening social events which will let us relax and catch-up face to face on what we've all been up to since we last met on the Gold Coast in 2019.

As always, you can look forward to three days of interaction with fellow finance professionals from all over Queensland, and a great opportunity to pick up ideas that you can take away and use in your work and personal life.

I hope to see you there in November.

TONY BRETT
President



LGFP Committee 2021

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TUESDAY 23rd November, 2021

10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open - Pullman Cairns International
12.00 – 4.30 p.m.	MASTERCLASS – Project Financial Evaluation Fundamentals Presented in conjunction with Queensland Treasury Corporation and The University of Queensland Business School <i>[see separate brochure]</i>
4.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open - Pullman Cairns International
6.30 – 10.00 p.m.	MEET THE PARTNERS - NETWORKING & COCKTAIL PARTY

WEDNESDAY 24th November, 2021

8.00 – 8.30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open - Pullman Cairns International
8.30 – 9.00 a.m.	President's Welcome and Meet the Partners Master of Ceremonies – Leigh Muirhead <i>[Speaker appears by arrangement with Great Expectation Speakers and Trainers]</i>
9.00 – 10.10 a.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER – 'DARE TO FAIL' – Clare Stewart <i>Session Introduced by Local Government Mutual Services [LGMS]</i>
10.10 – 10.50 a.m.	MORNING TEA AND NETWORKING Sponsored by LGMS
10.50 – 11.35 a.m.	Department of Local Government Update – Natalie Wilde Deputy Director - General Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
11.35 – 12.15 p.m.	Foreign Currency Procurement Opportunities for Local Government – Dominic Ryan Senior Manager Treasury Management Advisory Queensland Treasury Corporation
12.15 – 1.15 p.m.	LUNCH Sponsored by Collection House
1.15 – 2.00 p.m.	PANEL SESSION – Rolling with the Punches – a Local Government Segment Discussion <i>Session Introduced by Technology One</i>
2.00 – 2.45 p.m.	Regional Procurement Collaboration – FNQROC Case Study – Amanda Hancock Regional Procurement Coordinator FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils [FNQROC]
2.45 – 3.30 p.m.	AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	Recoveries and Reconstruction – Platinum Sponsor Presentation
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER – 'NORMAL IS BORING' – Seamus Evans <i>[Speaker appears by arrangement with Great Expectation Speakers and Trainers]</i> <i>Session Introduced by LG Solutions</i>
5.00 – 5.30 p.m.	LGFP Annual General Meeting – all welcome (bring your drinks!)
5.00 – 6.00 p.m.	AFTER SESSION NETWORKING DRINKS
	Evening at Leisure

THURSDAY 25th November, 2021

8.30 – 8.40 a.m.	MC Introduction
8.40 – 9.10 a.m.	Commonwealth Bank – Platinum Sponsor Presentation
9.10 – 10.10 a.m.	Economic Outlook – Michael Anthonisz Chief Economist Queensland Treasury Corporation
10.10 – 10.50 a.m.	MORNING TEA AND NETWORKING Sponsored by LG Solutions
10.50 – 11.40 a.m.	Current Legal Issues for Local Government Finance Professionals – Tim Fynes-Clinton Executive Partner King & Company Solicitors <i>Session Introduced by Collection House</i>
11.40 – 12.30 p.m.	Maximising Community Resilience Outcomes – Key Takeaways for LG Finance Professionals – Chris Dunbar Manager – Assurance, Internal Audit, Governance Queensland Reconstruction Authority

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12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH	Sponsored by Assetic
1.30 – 2.10 p.m.	Practical Asset Management Leadership – A Cassowary Coast Case Study - Justin Fischer Manager Asset Engineering Cassowary Coast Regional Council	
2.10 – 2.55 p.m.	QAO Update: Early Insights into the Results of Financial & Performance Audits - Charles Strickland Senior Director Queensland Audit Office	
2.55 – 3.40 p.m.	AFTERNOON TEA AND NETWORKING	
3.40 – 4.30 p.m.	Local Government Sustainability Reform Update - Stephen Robbins Executive Director Finance, Performance and Programs Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	
6.00 – 11.00 p.m.	LGFP CONFERENCE DINNER	Sponsored by R&R and Commonwealth Bank

FRIDAY 26th November, 2021

9.00 – 9.05 a.m.	MC Introduction	
9.05 – 10.20 a.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER – ‘CHANGE WITHOUT FEAR - The Science of Managing Stress and Conquering Your Fear of Change’ - Marty Wilson <i>[Speaker appears by arrangement with Great Expectation Speakers and Trainers]</i> Session Introduced by Assetic	
10.20 – 11.00 a.m.	CONFERENCE CLOSE AND PRIZE DRAWS	
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	MORNING TEA AND NETWORKING	Sponsored by Technology One

SOCIAL PROGRAM

Networking & Cocktail Party

MEET THE PARTNERS



Tuesday 23rd November
6.30pm - 10.00pm

Pullman Cairns International
Conference Foyer
Trade booth area

Dress:
Smart Casual

Conference Dinner

Thursday 25th November
6.00pm - 11.00pm

Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal
Wharf Street, Cairns

Dress:
Smart Casual



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

LEIGH MUIRHEAD

Leigh has worn many hats during her impressive television career including: advertorial host and presenter, fashion and current affairs reporter, co-host for a local morning magazine program, and Queensland presenter for the National Morning program, just to name a few.



For the 2021 LGFP Conference, we welcome back Leigh as our Master of Ceremonies.



Thankyou for Supporting LGFP

LGFP wishes to thank the following government related entities for their support with the provision of speakers and other help which contribute to the success of the 2021 Conference.

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MARTY WILSON

If change is a type of currency, Marty Wilson has been a very, very greedy boy indeed, as his enthusiasm for breaking new ground has led to him follow his dreams and successfully launch into a number of industries.



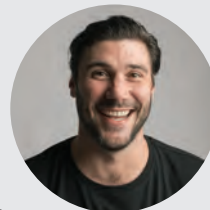
Marty was a Pharmacist who threw away the white coat to become an Award winning copywriter, working on blue chip accounts like Coke, the NRL and launching Aussie Home Loans. He then decided to chop off his pony tail and began a comedy career full of amazing milestones. In 12 months he went from debut open mike to appearing on The Footy Show; on the way winning the prestigious Green Faces in Canberra – the only national competition judged by audience vote. Then he chased a gorgeous English nurse to the UK where he worked as a headlining artist at all the leading British and Irish comedy clubs, including The Comedy Store, The Gleeclub and Jongleurs. He moistened underwear at the Melbourne and Edinburgh Festivals, and even at the Virgin Rock Festival in London, and appeared every in major comedy showcase in the UK; including Live at Jongleurs and The Comedy Store Live.

After marrying Allie, the aforementioned English Rose, and becoming a dad, Marty totally lost his appetite for working every weekend, being on the road, and moved back to Australia to become a writer and speaker. He is now the best-selling author of 18 books, writes for Reader's Digest, the Sydney Morning Herald and a dozen magazines, and regularly appears on Sunrise. He also has a children's book coming out called "What do you want, the truth or a good story?"

Marty's life experience, plus his interviews with over 1000 inspirational people for his book series, has given him a unique capacity to notice some profound truths buried in the even the humblest life story; and just as importantly, the skills to pass that wisdom on with integrity, empathy and great big slabs of gut-busting humour.

SEAMUS EVANS

Seamus Evans is a TV host, Radio personality, Stand-up comedian, public speaker and Ambassador for Tourette Syndrome Association Australia.



Seamus was faced with adversity in some way or another. His was Tourette Syndrome, ADHD, Depression, anxiety and failing school. He overcome these things to have an amazing career.

After working for over a decade entertaining Australia on stage, behind the mic and on the TV screen, Seamus has taken up a public speaking career giving talks in schools and organisations sharing his triumphant journey overcoming the challenges associated with Tourette Syndrome to work on TV.

Described as a funny guy with an empowering story, Seamus is taking the next step in his career after being made redundant due to the covid 19 recession. Performing stand up all over South East QLD and giving talks all over the country, Seamus is passionate about encouraging Australians to be the best versions of themselves.

CLARE STEWART

Clare Stewart is a former barrister at law, published author, nationally accredited mediator, keynote speaker, wife and mother. She graduated from the University of Qld with a Bachelor of Business [1997], obtaining a scholarship to Bond University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Laws [LLB] in 2000. She was admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW in 2001 and was called to the Private Bar in Qld as a Barrister at Law in 2008. She also holds a graduate diploma in legal practice and a Master of Laws [LLM] from the University of Sydney. In 2017 Clare developed the online women's network platform 'dear molly' which inspires, informs and connects women across the globe. Clare is a Board Director of the Not for Profit charities Youngcare and Youngmac. She resides in Noosa Shire with her husband and three small children. Cr Stewart was elected Mayor of Noosa Council in the 2020 Local Government elections.



DESTINATION PULLMAN CAIRNS INTERNATIONAL

The Pullman Cairns International offers you a perfect combination of comfort and convenience located in the heart of the city. With its close proximity to the fleet terminal the hotel is one of the best locations to be while exploring the World famous Great Barrier Reef and other nearby attractions. Pullman Cairns International is just 8 kilometers from the domestic and international airports.



CONFERENCE VENUE

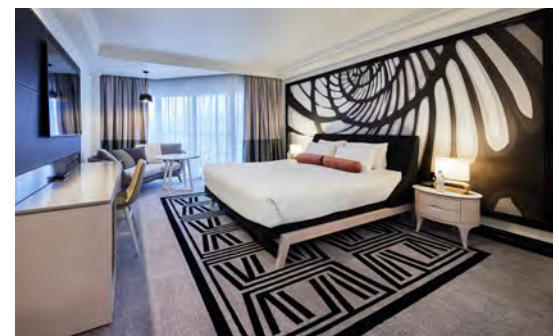
This unique 5-star hotel in Cairns city reflects the ambience and spirit of Far North Queensland and exudes the architectural style and grandeur of the city centre's rich colonial past. Enjoy a relaxing treatment and harmonize your soul at Vie Spa and dine on the best local seafood in Coco's Restaurant. From the moment you fly in over lush tropical green rainforest and aqua blue reefs, you know you are truly in a special part of the world.

The hotel offers 24-hour reception, concierge, valet parking, 24-hour in-room dining, tour desk, business centre, wireless and wired Internet, swimming pool with large sundeck and jacuzzi, gymnasium, sauna, guest laundry and dry cleaning services.

ACCOMMODATION

The largest hotel accommodation rooms in Cairns at over 40 square metres, rooms and suites at Pullman Cairns International feature upscale décor, amenities and private balconies with views of the harbour or hinterland.

Please refer to your booking form for further details.



TRANSPORTATION

Pullman Cairns International is perfectly located in the heart of tropical Cairns and is approx. 8 klms [or 10 mins by taxi] from the international and domestic airports and within walking distance of the Reef Fleet Terminal, Casino, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal and Cairns Railway Station.

HOW TO REGISTER

Complete the enclosed conference registration form, post or email it together with the appropriate fee or credit card authorisation to the conference organisers, **Handy Events & Conferences**.

Registration and accommodation deposits are payable to Local Government Finance Professionals of Queensland Inc. Registration is not valid until full payment is made. A confirmation letter will be sent upon receipt of your fees. Your registration forms are a tax invoice. No shared registration forms will be accepted. **Please photocopy the registration form for multiple registrations.**

SPECIAL REGISTRATION

The Association is pleased to offer an incentive to Council's to make it more affordable for their employees, new to Local Government, to benefit from the learning and networking opportunities the conference provides.

Discounted registration is available on the following terms and conditions. For a maximum of one 'Special Registration' for each Council, at least one other Discount Rate Registration must be made from that Council at the same time. Attendees must be Level Six (6) or lower, and have never attended an LGFP Conference previously.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Should a delegate be unable to attend the conference after having paid the registration fee, a substitute delegate will be welcome.

If cancellation is received in writing before the **7th November 2021**, a \$150 administration cancellation fee will be deducted from the refund of the registration fee.

For cancellations made after the 8th November 2021, no refund will be made. Delegates will be responsible for any fees or charges associated with the cancellation of travel or accommodation.

TRAVEL



Corporate Travel Connections has been appointed the official travel agency for the LGFP 2021 Conference to ensure our conference travellers of the best internet or published airfares available on Qantas, Virgin Australia and Jetstar Airlines when travelling internally within Australia. To ensure the BEST airfare available, ALL delegates are urged to contact the Dedicated Team at **Corporate Travel Connections** on **07 3736 5100**. Their friendly staff are also on hand as a "one stop shop" to assist you with any other travel requirements you may need.

Please quote our conference travel code "LGFP 2021".

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

Smart casual conference attire is appropriate for all conference sessions as well as **Meet The Sponsors Networking & Cocktail Party**.

For Thursday night's **Conference Dinner** at the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, delegates are requested to wear smart casual.

CONFERENCE TRADE EXHIBITION

All delegates are encouraged to visit each trade booth during the conference to show appreciation of the support by all sponsors and exhibitors.

The trade displays will be located in the Ballroom Foyer and the Kuranda Room and Tully Rooms.

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