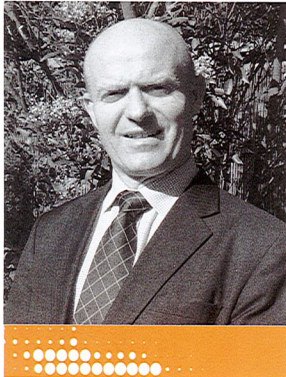


WELCOME



On behalf of the FTA Board and the Conference Committee it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Association's 30th Annual Conference: Managing Risk in the New World. I hope that you will enjoy our second visit to the Sheraton Mirage and all the delights that the Gold Coast has to offer.

The treasury landscape has changed significantly since the Association held its first conference. The '87 crash, the Asian Financial Crisis and the GFC have all influenced the way that both financial institutions and corporate treasuries assess and manage risk. Add in huge changes in the way in which treasury teams use technology as a strategic tool, a plethora of new accounting standards and a banking world behest to ever increasing regulation, it is a world which those first Members of the Association would struggle to recognise. Fortunately, we have enough of them who remember the good old days and we will hear more from them, alongside our own Donald Trump (impersonator Ben Price), at the NAB Gala Dinner on Thursday night.

Fast forward to the present day and treasury teams now face a world of increased technological innovation and in return concerns over cyber-security have become more prevalent. Whilst funding markets have enjoyed a long period of stability since the GFC, volatility abounds in other risk classes. The expert panels of treasurers, bankers and industry practitioners at this conference will seek answers to how that risk is managed in the new world.

We are fortunate to have such a strong line up of Keynote speakers at the Opening Plenary Session which will set the tone for the rest of the conference. Mandy Drury will host Colin Storrie (Group Director, Woolworths), Tony Nash (CEO, Booktopia) and Steve Sammartino (Futurist and Business Technologist) in both individual presentations and a panel discussion. Adam Spencer will headline the sit-down breakfast sponsored by CBA in a session titled Random Thoughts for an Equally Random Mind - which I can only imagine will make the Black-Scholes model look like a primary school maths test. Closing the conference Alisa Camplin will speak about Creating Success in Sport, Business and Life.

The conference splits into two streams this year encompassing the central conference theme of Managing Risk in the New World. The committee is particularly pleased to include a session on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion on Friday for the first time at this conference. In addition to the usual treasury themes of risk management, systems and funding the conference will devote the final session on Friday before lunch to self-development with sessions on Knowing your Leadership Style and the Risks and Rewards of LinkedIn. The conference will end at 2.30pm on Friday with a closing panel of Senior Members of the FTA wrapping together all three days (over a few drinks for attendees)

I encourage you to leave the office behind, disable your technological devices and immerse yourself in the conference programme. The networking opportunities for members, non-members, exhibitors and sponsors at this event cannot be matched particularly at the ANZ Welcome Drinks, FTA NAB Gala Dinner, the Sit-Down breakfast, the FTA AGM and over lunch and tea breaks.

Finally, I would like to thank the FTA board, conference committee and the FTA organising team (in particular Melanie and Nadia) for their hard work in putting together such a high quality programme.

Alistair McLean
Chair, Conference Committee