



Friday & Saturday 14-15 June | Swissôtel, 68 Market St, SYDNEY, NSW | Master the Art of the Boardroom


**DAY ONE: Friday 14 June**

8:55am **Welcome and Chair's Message** with **Michael Goldsworthy**, Conference Chair,

**SEGMENT 1: Governance Models**


9:10am  **Woke v Enlightened Governance?**  
**Helen Bird**, Industry Fellow, (Law and corporate governance) Swinbourne University of Technology  
The shifting sands of Australian corporate governance and why it matters.

9:45am  **Impactful Governance Ecosystems**  
**Mele-Ane Havea**, Co-Chair, BLab  
When thinking about systems change – do we need to rethink the approach to governance in a way that reflects the dynamics of systems work?


10:10am  **Questions & discussion Governance model design**  
Are contemporary governance models fit for the changes facing Australian NFP boards?


**10:30am MORNING TEA ~ Networking and refreshment**


**SEGMENT 2: Governance, Tech and AI**

11:00am  **Resilient Governance and Technology**  
**Vera Visevic**, Partner, Mills Oakley Lawyers  
Privacy protection changes are coming – prepare now before the proposed changes become law.

11:20am  **How Your Board Can Make Better IT Investment Decisions**  
**Tammy Ven Dange**, IT Advisor for NFP Sector, Roundbox Consulting  
NFPs are increasingly reliant on technology. Does your board think strategically about IT investments?


11:40am  **Innovation and Automation: helping to drive transformational governance**  
**Fiona Dixon**, Partner, Head of Digital & Financial Transformation, HLB Mann Judd  
How ready is your organisation for Automation and AI? Explore actionable ideas you can apply.


12:00pm  **AI Powered Revenue Model for Sustainable Impact**  
**Wenda Gumulya**, Board Chair, Hoshizora Foundation  
How can AI empower NFPs, both from a governance standpoint & through innovative revenue models?


12:20pm  **Questions & discussion AI governance, systems investment, IT & Strategic transformation**  
What does your board need to know about digital governance and risk management?

**12:45pm LUNCH ~ Networking and refreshment**

**SEGMENT 3: Workshops for Directors**

1:30pm  **Transformation Starts at the Top!**  
**Aaron Goldsworthy**, Senior Consultant, Australian Strategic Services  
Part of the strategic leadership role of the board is the delivery of transformative strategies. Does your board need to transform itself first before starting out on an organisational transformation?

2:10pm  **Creating Dynamic Boards Ready for Success**  
**Chris Scott**, Executive Director, Turner Scott Consulting Pty Ltd  
The board room and the governance process is becoming more and more complicated. Chris will provide the essential elements to ensuring board dynamic are achieved.

2:50pm  **How Effective Board Reporting Can Help Directors Sleep at Night**  
**Rachel Colombi**, Founder, The Governance Guide  
Join Rachel for practical and implementable strategies that will ensure your board reporting is contributing to informed decision-making and enhancing your board effectiveness.

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**DAY ONE: continued**

3:30pm **AFTERNOON TEA ~ Networking and refreshment**

**SEGMENT 4: Case Studies in Transformational Change**

4:00pm

**Transformative Governance Change that Sticks**



**Randall Pearce**, Managing Director, THINK Insight & Advice, and  
**Rebecca Lambert-Smith**, Practice Leader - For Purpose team @ Moores Legal

Hear concrete steps organisations can take to drive transformative change with innovative solutions which respond to the priorities of stakeholders and the aspirations of members.

4:30pm



**Achieving Social Impact:  
Leadership success with board collaboration in a major strategy pivot**

**Liz Mackinlay**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Business Volunteers

Liz leads a case study examining lessons of bravery and vision that have radically transformed how the ABV Board approaches governance.

4:50pm



**Questions & discussion on [Leading change](#).**

5:00-6:00pm



**Leaders' Networking Function with Russell Kennedy Lawyers**

(In-person delegates) Networking and refreshment for leaders of NFP organisations, brought to you in partnership with Russell Kennedy Lawyers.

**DAY TWO: Saturday 15 June**

9:00am **Welcome**

**SEGMENT 1: Legal Updates for NFP Directors**

9:10am

**Updates on DGR reforms, Tax and Charity status of NFPs and more.**



**Elizabeth Lathlean**, Senior Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin

**Kathy Nguyen**, Senior Lawyer, Governology

Facilitated by **Aaron Goldsworthy**, Senior Consultant, Australian Strategic Services

A Panel of legal experts join us to discuss updates that may impact NFP organisations and directors.

**SEGMENT 2: Financial Fitness for Directors in the Boardroom, in partnership with QUT**



Ensure your financial fitness in the boardroom with this essential session, in partnership with Queensland University of Technology, covering Accountability, Financial Reserves and Director Financial Literacy.

9:40am



**Accountability**

**Dr Craig Furneaux**, Associate Professor with the School of Accountancy,  
Faculty of Business and Law at Queensland University of Technology

10:00am



**Financial Reserves**

**Dr Bernd Irmer**, Senior Lecturer with the School of Management,  
Faculty of Business and Law at Queensland University of Technology

10:20am



**Director Financial Literacy**

**Dr Jackie Bettington**, Researcher and lecturer within the School of Accountancy,  
Faculty of Business and Law at Queensland University of Technology

10:40am



**Questions & discussion**




Discussion and clarifications on points of note from the Financial Fitness segment.

11:00am **MORNING TEA ~ Networking and refreshment**

*Program continues...*




**DAY TWO: continued**

**SEGMENT 3: Workshops for Directors**

- 11:30am**  **Risk Appetite – What's Yours?**  
**Jane Boag**, Principal Consultant, What's The Plan  
Explore why risk appetite seems to be a tricky topic, a brief introduction to risk management and where risk appetite fits. Discuss definitions of Risk Appetite and Tolerance – with practical examples.
- 12:10pm**  **Governing Strategy: The hard yards of implementation and oversight**  
**Richie Feder**, Co-Founder, Ensemble Strategy  
How do you keep the strategy alive, on track, and what do you do when things change? Richie outlines key governance tools and real-life examples that will help NFP board directors and leaders.
- 12:50pm**  **Shining a Light on the Dark Shadows of Board Culture**  
**Dr Susan Mravlek**, Principal @ Board Benchmarking (in association with Insync)  
Gain insights to better understand the behavioural risks that possibly exist in a board and learn strategies to address these, and how to prevent an unhealthy board culture from emerging.

**1:30pm LUNCH ~ Networking and refreshment**

**SEGMENT 4: Case Studies in Culture & Leadership**

- 2:15pm**  **Building Organisational Health through Strategy, Culture and Values Alignment**  
**Jonathon Peatfield**, Chief Executive Officer, Life Ed NSW/ACT  
Most NFPs run very lean, so it can be hard to dedicate time to nonessential operational matters, so how do you create an environment where strategy, culture and values are part of the everyday?
- 2:40pm**  **Navigating Transformation: A Governance and Leadership Odyssey with Inlusee**  
**Rachael Cook**, Chief Executive Officer, Inlusee  
Join Rachael for actionable insights, evidence-based strategies, and practical tools that demonstrate the power of transformative governance and inspirational leadership.
- 3:05pm**  **Transformative Governance: Key messages and takeaways**  
Facilitated by **Michael Goldsworthy**, Principal Consultant, Australian Strategic Services  
What are the key messages and highlights from the last two days? Join Michael to recap the important messages and practical takeaways to assist with transformative governance in your organisation.
- 3:30pm** **Conference close**

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