



2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
19–22 November 2024, Gold Coast

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WELCOME TO THE 2024 LGFP Annual Conference

Welcome from Michael Shave, LGFP President



On behalf of the Local Government Finance Professionals of Queensland Committee, I invite you to join us for our 44th Annual Conference. The conference brings together finance professionals from Queensland and beyond, offering a platform to explore the latest trends and insights, exchange knowledge, and expand networks.

This year, our theme, “The Finance Dance - Balancing Technical Excellence and Soft Skills”, highlights the essential blend of skills needed in today's local government finance professional. The conference program contains a variety of sessions designed to not only refine your technical expertise, but also enhance your ability to communicate, collaborate and lead effectively.

For over 40 years, the LGFP Annual Conference has served as a valuable professional development event for finance professionals. We are excited to welcome both returning attendees and new delegates to join us on the Gold Coast this year.

Introducing your MC - Marty Wilson

In 2024 we welcome back Marty Wilson as our event MC and link man. He is a TEDx Speaker and a registered Pharmacist, but he's also a former Australian Comic of the Year so he balances proven scientific data with laugh out loud stories.

A best-selling author and in-demand speaker, Marty has spoken to over 1,000,000 people since he first leapt up on stage in 1997, and now works with organisations that want resilient people who power through change, stress and disruption.

Arguably Australia's funniest MC, Marty will steer the ship to ensure this is one of our most memorable events so far.



Speaker Highlights

Georgia Murch



Feedback that Doesn't Suck - Having Conversations That Matter

Good feedback makes great cultures. When we learn how to deliver and receive feedback well, it grows teams, creates high-performance workplaces and helps us grow as humans. Despite this, feedback can be difficult. We actively avoid it, we don't like it, because we don't know how to do it well.

In this insightful session, you will be guided past the obstacles that get in the way of useful conversations, exposing the irrational and unfounded fears that hold people back from having conversations that matter. Learn practical tools for delivering honest, effective feedback and see why these moments should be cherished, not feared.

Georgia Murch has been in the dance of building better cultures and growing better humans for over 25 years. She's led teams and businesses so understands, and appreciates the complexity of humans and the workplace. She's a best-selling author and is the founder of Can We Talk, a business dedicated to creating cultures where people love being at work.

Wayne Bennett AM



Lessons in Leadership

With a distinguished career spanning nearly five decades and over 1,000 matches, Wayne Bennett has not only set records but has also exemplified what it means to be a true leader. As the longest serving coach in Rugby League history with more than 37 years under his belt, Wayne continues to redefine the standards of leadership and success. This year, the NRL will honour his contributions by inducting him into the NRL Hall of Fame, one of the first ever coaches to receive such recognition.

Drawing from his vast experiences on and off the field, Wayne will share personal anecdotes and lessons that transcend sports, offering valuable insights for anyone looking to inspire and lead effectively in any arena.

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Daniel Murray



Leading with Empathy

Empathy is a capability you can, and must, build for success. From perspective taking to becoming consciously curious to exploring for understanding and leading with empathy and impact. In this session, Daniel will unpack the reasons it can be challenging and provides a 'how to' process of empathy in the workplace.

After a career in corporate strategy and management consulting within Australia's largest Financial Services organisations, Daniel now helps businesses and leaders to drive performance through people, culture and empathy. Blending his background in mathematics and strategy, with a deep understanding of emotions, neuroscience and behavioural economics, Daniel has become an expert in building the capabilities, tools and strategies to embed Strategic Empathy.

Toni Powell



The Yellow Car - Drive Stress Away Instantly

- Exit the roundabout of stress and worry
- Face problems in an entirely new way
- Instantly shift to solution thinking
- Stop blowing a gasket over things that don't matter
- Drive forward instead of constantly looking in the rear-view mirror

Through this session, Toni will offer a fresh perspective on stress, turning it from a burden into a source of resilience and fun. Gain simple, yet powerful tools to instantly reduce stress, fear, and anxiety and leave equipped to reclaim your productivity and peace of mind.

As one of Australia's most enjoyed wellbeing and relationship speakers, Toni Powell delivers simple, fun and science-backed ways to increase happiness, engagement, energy, wellbeing and resilience. She's the creator of the multi award winning wellbeing program called HAPPY HEALTHY LEADERS and is renowned for super simple strategies that have lasting impact.

Speaker Highlights

Sarah Rowan



The Power of Creativity

Sarah Rowan is an artist and thought leader who empowers individuals and organisations to ignite a better future through creativity.

As one of Australia's top-speed painters, she has lived and breathed the dynamic process of transformation for over 20 years, turning blank walls and canvasses into thought-provoking pieces of art, with limited time and often in front of a live audience.

Speaking on the power of living authentically and embracing creativity to live full, holistic lives, Sarah will empower you to connect with the lost parts of self. Break the routine! Spice life up, and start living consciously, in the present and you will find yourself happier, healthier and living life more fully!

Dan Hookham



AI for Local Government Finance

AI is often presented as a miracle solution for many problems, but it also comes with significant challenges and risks. So how can you decide if AI is right for your organisation and your finance team?

In this session, Dan will show you how to assess the potential benefits and pitfalls of AI, and how to identify the best opportunities to apply AI in your finance operations. Using relevant examples and scenarios, Dan will help you understand the basics of AI, the different types of AI, and the characteristics of an AI-enabled organisation, leaving you with a practical framework to make informed decisions about AI adoption and implementation.

Masterclass: How to Avoid the Year-End Blues

Custom designed by experienced Queensland local government finance professionals, this four-hour session will equip you with practical strategies to refine your year-end processes, boosting your efficiency and reducing year-end stress.

Why Attend?

This masterclass is perfect for finance professionals seeking to enhance their skills and achieve greater efficiencies in their year-end processes.

The masterclass will cover:

- **Financial Accounting:** Tackle everything from landfill accounting and ELE provisions to contract assets and liabilities.
- **Audit Considerations:** Gain insights into materiality, scoresheets, and how to manage your auditor relationship.
- **Assets and Capitalisation:** Master indexation, revaluations, asset write-ons, and disposals.
- **Annual Reporting:** Explore best practice Community Financial Reporting and other important finance related disclosures.

The masterclass will also provide essential hints and tips on position papers, year-end check-lists, and more!

Enhance your skills, meet fellow finance professionals, and enjoy a productive afternoon filled with insights and practical takeaways.

How to Register

- To attend the Masterclass and the Annual Conference, select the *Conference + Masterclass* registration option.
- To attend only the stand-alone Masterclass, select the *Masterclass Only* registration option.

DATE & TIME



Tuesday, 19 November 2024
12.00pm - 4.30pm

Includes lunch and afternoon tea

VENUE



RACV Royal Pines Resort
Gold Coast

COST



\$400 per person
(incl. GST)

Social Functions

WELCOME RECEPTION

Tuesday, 19 November



Join LGFP and our sponsor, King & Company Solicitors for our Welcome Reception. Set amongst the conference exhibition space, the Welcome Reception is a great opportunity to meet fellow delegates and event sponsors. We invite you to join us for refreshments, entertainment and light bites.

Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm

Tickets: Included in full conference registration
Guest tickets can be purchased for \$75pp

Wednesday, 20 November

NETWORKING DRINKS

Brought to you by our sponsor, GenEng Solutions, our after session Networking Drinks are held in the conference exhibition space.

Time: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Tickets: Included in full conference registration



CONFERENCE DINNER

Thursday, 21 November



We invite you to join us for our 'Disco Fever' Conference Dinner, sponsored by Commonwealth Bank and Recoveries & Reconstruction. The dinner will be held in the conference ballroom and includes a three course dinner, refreshments and entertainment. Dress to impress in your grooviest disco attire!

Time: 6:30 - 11:00pm

Tickets: Included in full conference registration
Guest tickets can be purchased for \$215pp

Conference Schedule

Refer to our [website](#) for further information.

[Register now](#)

PRE-CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 19 November

Registration	10.30am - 5.00pm
Pre Conference Masterclass: How to Avoid the Year-End Blues	12.00pm - 4.30pm
Welcome Reception Sponsored by King & Company Solicitors	5.30pm - 8.00pm

DAY 1

Wednesday, 20 November

Registration	8.00am - 9.00am
Introduction and President's Welcome	8.45am
Featured Speaker: Daniel Murray - Leading with Empathy	9.20am
Morning Tea - Sponsored by TechnologyOne	10.20am
Recoveries & Reconstruction Platinum Sponsor Presentation	11:00am
Featured Speaker: Wayne Bennett AM - Lessons in Leadership Sponsored by Recoveries & Reconstruction	11.30am
Lunch - Sponsored by LO-GO Appointments	12.30pm
National State of the Assets Report Presented by Jonathan Jones, IPWEA	1.40pm
Concurrent Session 1: Payments to Contractors, Entertainers & Committee Members - When does Super apply?	2.30pm
Concurrent Session 2: Budgeting with Confidence - Understanding the Drivers behind Council Insurance costs	2.30pm
Afternoon Tea - Sponsored by Marsh	3.15pm

Conference Schedule

DAY 1

Wednesday, 20 November

Leadership in Local Government	3.45pm
LGFP Annual General Meeting	4.30pm
Networking Drinks Sponsored by GenEng Solutions	4.30pm - 5.30pm
Evening at Leisure	

DAY 2

Thursday, 21 November

Introduction	8.35am
Commonwealth Bank Platinum Sponsor Presentation	8.45am
Economic Outlook Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank	9.15am
Morning Tea - Sponsored by Australian Payments Plus	10.00am
Queensland Audit Office Session	10.45am
Featured Speaker: Georgia Murch - Feedback that Doesn't Suck	11.30am
Lunch - Sponsored by SurePact	12.30pm
AI for Local Government Finance Presented by Dan Hookham	1.30pm
Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning & Public Works Session	2.25pm
Featured Speaker: Sarah Rowan - The Power of Creativity	3.05pm
Afternoon Tea - Sponsored by SmartCouncil	3.45pm
Gala Dinner Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank and Recoveries & Reconstruction	6.30pm - 11.00pm



Conference Schedule

DAY 3

Friday, 21 November

Introduction	8.45am
Featured Speaker: Toni Powell - The Yellow Car, Drive Away Stress Instantly	9.05am
Conference Close	10.35am
Morning Tea - Sponsored by Crowe	10.45am

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Registration

Registration includes all conference sessions and social functions - Welcome Reception, Networking Drinks and Gala Dinner. All prices are inclusive of GST. Late registrations (received after 1 November) are subject to availability.

	Early Bird (close 1 Oct)	Standard (2 - 31 Oct)	Late (after 1 Nov)
Delegate* Conference only	\$1,250	\$1,450	\$1,650
Delegate* Conference + Masterclass	\$1,650	\$1,850	\$2,050
Commercial/ Corporate Conference only	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$2,750
Commercial/ Corporate Conference + Masterclass	\$3,150	\$3,150	\$3,150
Masterclass only	\$400	\$400	\$400

* The delegate rate applies to local government officers, elected members, government agency employees, independent Audit & Risk Committee members and LGFP Life Members only.

How to Register: All conference registrations must be processed online: <https://lgfp.eventsair.com/2024-lgfp-annual-conference>

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Accommodation

LGFP has secured a group booking at the RACV Royal Pines Resort for the duration of the conference. **The group rate is only available through direct booking with the Resort and is subject to availability.**

Accommodation is available at the following discounted rates:
Run of House Room: \$255 per night room only
Spa Suite: \$355 per night room only

Online booking: [RACV Royal Pines Resort](https://www.racv.com.au/royal-pines-resort)
Email: royalpines@resorts.racv.com.au
Phone: 07 5597 8700

Getting There

The conference is being held at the RACV Royal Pines Resort. Located midway between the beaches of Surfers Paradise and the rainforests of the hinterland, RACV Royal Pines Resort is one hour from Brisbane Airport and 25 minutes from Gold Coast Airport.

Airports
Brisbane Airport: www.bne.com.au
Gold Coast Airport: www.goldcoastairport.com.au

Airport Transfers
Con-X-ion: www.con-x-ion.com
Airtrain: www.airtrain.com.au



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