

# CFO Forum 2023 Agenda



## Tuesday 9 May

8.30am

**Arrival Tea & Coffee and Registrations**

9.00am

**Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country,  
Rules of Play**

9.15am

**Are you Ready to Ride the wave: Official Open,  
Tania Seary, Founder, The Faculty, Procurious  
and The Source**

9.30am

**Riding the wave of Change, The Hon Mr John Howard  
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The Howard Government engineered a uniquely prosperous economy – now hear from its leader on riding the turbulent waves of inflation, a new monarch, a change of government, a possible recession, and access to human capital.

10.30am

**The Economy: Now it's Crunch Time, Bill Evans,  
Economist and Head of Research, Westpac**

How do you ride the wave of economic prosperity when inflation and a potential recession are rolling up fast? Learn from one of the country's greatest economists, Bill Evans, and follow the trajectory we're on, leverage opportunities, dodge risks and protect your team against future uncertainties.

11.15am

**Morning Tea**

11.45am

**Net Zero Realities, Dr Cle-Anne Gabriel,  
National Leader, Decarbonisation Transformation,  
KPMG Australia**

Net Zero and Carbon Neutrality used to be great green ideologies – now they're necessities. Just what is the impact of decarbonisation and a net-zero economy? There's no better way to clean up and green up than with KPMG's Dr Cle-Anne Gabriel. Get the latest data, trends, figures, and strategies from the international authority on Decarbonisation Transformation – and make it happen!

12.15pm

**In Conversation: The new landscape for CFO's,  
Jennifer Turner, Head of Large Markets and  
Supplier Payments, American Express**

12.45pm

**Directors in the Hot Seat, Rebecca McGrath,  
Director Macquarie Group, Investa Property  
Group**

What happens when you receive a takeover bid? How do you manage it internally and externally? Is there such a thing as business as usual? Join Rebecca McGrath, Chairman, Oz Minerals for this fireside chat with Chris Lynch, Board of Directors, Westpac and Former CFO and CEO as they discuss what happens when you receive a take-over bid and all that goes with it.

1.15pm

**Networking Lunch**



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**The Power and the Voice of Large Investors, Sally Collins, Chief Financial Officer, Hesta**

How can you achieve it all? Hesta has shown how you can influence significant change across the ESG agenda and reach Sustainable Outcomes at the highest level and still achieve a return on investment. Sally Collins will share her insights on investments and results, regenerating sustainable outcomes and how you can influence in the right way and use positive pressure to get results.

2.45pm

**The Road from CFO and Beyond, Dean Ireland and Katie Sumpton, Partners, Maritana**

What kind of leader is actually needed and wanted – and what kind of leadership skills do you need? Maritana Partners Dean Ireland and Katie Sumpton, have recruited and placed innumerable senior leaders for boards, CEOs and the C-Suite. Hear from a national authority precisely what it takes, and where you should focus your energy.

3.15pm

**Afternoon Tea**

3.45pm

**Tackling Costs in an Inflationary Environment, Skipp Williamson, Founder and Managing Director, Partners in Performance**

In the current economic landscape, companies are scrambling to deal with rising interest rates and labour shortages in both operations and major capital projects. Skipp Williamson will share her insights on the steps you can take to tackle costs in an inflationary environment.

4.15pm

**Role player. Legacy Shaper: Creating and Leading High Performing Teams, Tom Harley, CEO, Sydney Swans**

Tom Harley's leadership skills have been consistently praised and credited with helping transform team culture and setting standards for on-and off-field behaviour. Tom will give you his top tips on just how you can not only lead high performance teams, but create them.

5.00pm

**Wrap up and key insights from the day, Chris Lynch, Board of Directors, Westpac and Former CFO and CEO**

5.30pm

**Networking Drinks and Canapes**

Move to Networking Event and Gala Awards Dinner

7.00pm

**Gala Dinner**

