






MEET OUR SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS

Presented in speaking order on the program.

<p>Professor Ian Murray, The University of Western Australia Ian is an academic at the University of Western Australia Law School where he teaches and researches in Taxation and Not-for-profit Law, with a focus on the intersection between Not-for-profit Law, Tax and Corporate Governance. He has a number of years' experience as a practitioner and practical experience in the regulatory and governance issues faced by not-for-profits, having been a not-for-profit board member for over 5 years and having worked as an in-house lawyer at the University of Western Australia.</p> <p>Ian has published widely on charity tax concessions, charity regulation, native title charities, accumulation of assets by charities, tax administration and resource taxation from the perspectives of tax policy, equity, trusts, property law, corporations law and regulatory theory. He is a co-author of one of Australia's leading taxation law texts, <i>Understanding Taxation Law</i>.</p>	
<p>Hon Dr Andrew Leigh MP, Parliament of Australia Australian Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury, Assistant Minister for Employment; Member for Fenner</p> <p>Andrew is the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury, and Federal Member for Fenner in the ACT. Prior to being elected in 2010, Andrew was a professor of economics at the Australian National University.</p> <p>He holds a PhD in Public Policy from Harvard, having graduated from the University of Sydney with first class honours in Arts and Law. Andrew is a past recipient of the Economic Society of Australia's Young Economist Award and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.</p>	
<p>Faumuina Tafuna'i, He Kāpehu Whetū While working in communications and media, then aid and development, Faumuina voyaged on double-hulled waka around the Pacific.</p> <p>She is a sailor with Te Toki Voyaging Trust and did her first long distance sail on Haunui Waka as part of Te Mana o Te Moana in 2011. In 2019 she sailed from Tahiti to Rarotonga on the waka Faafaite as part of Tuia 250.</p>	

<p>Graeme Olding, Chapman Tripp Graeme is a leading tax advisor recognised as a Band 1 lawyer by Chambers Asia Pacific 2024 and as a leading individual by legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024.</p> <p>His areas of practice include mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, inbound investment structures, high net worth groups as well as iwi investment structures. He is a member of the Tax Committee of The Law Society Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa.</p>	
<p>Mihiarangi Piripi, Whāia Legal Mihiarangi is a special counsel at Whāia Legal. Her back includes working in Kensington Swan’s Māori Business team. She specialises in Māori business development, governance and group structuring, trust law, and assisting clients who operate in the post-Treaty settlement landscape.</p> <p>Mihiarangi has a background in both law and accounting. She has recently returned home from Australia, where she gained significant experience providing legal and commercial advice to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.</p>	
<p>Sallyann Stonier, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Sally was part of the taskforce set up to establish the ACNC in 2012 and has been responsible for managing the ACNC Registration Team ever since. She has worked with international charity regulators, including the New Zealand Charities Commission and the Charity Commission of England and Wales.</p> <p>Sally has extensive experience in the charity and not-for-profit sector in both the UK and USA. Sally has been CEO for charities providing support for the homeless, individuals with mental ill health and drug and alcohol misuse. She has held senior roles with Home-Start UK (an organisation working with vulnerable families) and Odyssey House in the USA. She has served on the board of several schools and various other community groups.</p> <p>She has experience in charity law, strategic planning, human resources, project management and service development.</p>	
<p>Charlotte Stanley, Department of Internal Affairs Charlotte has been the General Manager of Charities Services at the Department of Internal Affairs, New Zealand, since 2023. She was also Deputy Director of Regulatory Services.</p>	

Jennifer Moltisanti, Australian Taxation Office

Jennifer is an ATO Assistant Commissioner heading up the NFP Centre and Government Relations teams. Jennifer's focus is directed at strengthening the integrity of tax administration and not-for-profits and Government clients. She works closely with clients and intermediaries to understand how the sector can be best supported to get tax obligations right, both now and into the future.

Jennifer holds a Master of Business Administration from the Melbourne Business School and a Bachelor of Arts from La Trobe University.

Jennifer has a broad experience in public sector administration and has held a diplomatic role with Australia's permanent delegation to the OECD as Australia's first Minister-Counsellor Taxation. Jennifer is consistently drawn to delivering for the public good and increasingly for those most vulnerable in the community. Jennifer's passion for lending voice to key issues that support sustainable generational change is exemplified in her recent appointment as the ATO's Diversity Champion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



Stewart Donaldson, Inland Revenue Department, NZ

Stewart is a fellow chartered accountant (FCA) with extensive experience in the public service in New Zealand and Australia. He currently specialises in providing tax policy advice to the New Zealand government. In the recent past, his focus has been on people and change management, overseeing complex casework and projects, developing and leading risk and intelligence functions, designing and implementing compliance strategies, and directing compliance and enforcement activities.

He is the only person in New Zealand with experience regulating both the New Zealand and Australian charity sectors and has volunteered for the not-for-profit sector for many years, written blogs and delivered lectures about charities. His intelligence background means he is good at developing relationships, collecting and managing information. He has enjoyed setting up both national and international information sharing communities in his previous jobs, which helped identify best practice as well as bringing many tactical benefits to participants.







Murray Baird, Prolegis Lawyers

Murray is a Consultant with Prolegis, a specialist not for profit law firm in Sydney and Melbourne, Australia where he advises on the law, governance and regulation of charities.

He was the inaugural Assistant Commissioner General Counsel at the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission from 2012 to 2019 where he was responsible for Registration, Compliance, Reporting, Red Tape Reduction, Policy and Legal functions.

Prior to that he was Senior Partner and Leader of the Not-for-Profit Law Group at Moores in Melbourne.



<p>Nick Bland, Simpson Grierson</p> <p>Nick is a longstanding member of Simpson Grierson’s tax team with over 20 years’ experience advising on charity and not-for-profit/for-purpose legal issues – including both tax and other legal issues – for clients that operate across a broad spectrum of sectors. This includes a wide range of charities and other tax-exempt entities directly and indirectly involved in business, or business-like, activities to fund and further their purposes.</p> <p>His charity and not-for-profit/for-purpose work includes structuring and governance advice, advice and assistance with entity establishment and registration, drafting and revising trust deeds, constitutions and rules, transactional advice, and advice on donation fundraising, social enterprise and other activities. It also includes regular engagement with Charities Services and Inland Revenue on registration, compliance, disputes and other matters, and regular input into operational, policy and legislative developments – such as Inland Revenue’s recent item on charities’ business income and recent deregistration tax changes.</p>	
<p>Stephen Tomlinson, Tomlinson Law</p> <p>Stephen is the principal of Tomlinson Law. Stephen has lectured in taxation, finance and business law at the University of Canterbury and is a well-known presenter of taxation and trust law seminars and webinars. Stephen advises on a wide range of tax issues, including tax issues relating to charities and other not-for-profit organisations. He is a member of the NZLS taxation committee and The Law Association trust law committee</p>	
<p>Professor Mark Sidel, University of Wisconsin-Madison</p> <p>Mark is Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a specialist in comparative nonprofit law and regulation. He has worked extensively throughout the Asia Pacific region.</p>	
<p>Sue Barker, Sue Barker Charities Law</p> <p>Sue is the director of Sue Barker Charities Law, a boutique law firm based in Wellington, specialising in charities law and public tax law. Since its founding in 2012, the firm has won a number of awards, including Boutique Law Firm of the Year at the New Zealand Law Awards. Sue is a member of the Charities Services' Sector Group and a member of the Core Reference Group for the review of the Charities Act. Sue is also a co-author of the text, <i>The Law and Practice of Charities in New Zealand</i> (LexisNexis, 2013), and a contributor to a number of texts, including <i>Regulating Charities: the Inside Story</i> (Routledge, 2017) and <i>Corporate Governance – a Practical Handbook</i> (2ed) (Wolters Kluwer, 2016).</p> <p>In 2016, Sue was made an Honorary National Life Member of the National Council of Women of New Zealand Incorporated for her work assisting the Council with charities law issues.</p>	

Professor Nicholas Aroney, The University of Queensland

Nicholas Aroney is Professor of Constitutional Law at The University of Queensland, Director (Public Law) of the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law and a Senior Fellow of the Centre for Law and Religion at Emory University. In 2010 he received a four-year Future Fellowship from the Australian Research Council to study comparative federalism and in 2021 he secured an Australian Research Council Discovery Grant to investigate the nature and function of constituent power in federal systems. He has held visiting positions at Oxford, Cambridge, Paris II, Edinburgh, Durham, Padua, Sydney, Emory and Tilburg universities.

Professor Aroney has published over 160 journal articles, book chapters and books in the fields of constitutional law, comparative constitutional law and legal theory. He has led several international research projects in comparative federalism, bicameralism, legal pluralism, and law & religion, and he speaks frequently at international conferences on these topics.



Dr Joel Harrison, The University of Sydney

Joel is Senior Lecturer at Sydney Law School, University of Sydney. He is the author of *Post-Liberal Religious Liberty: Forming Communities of Charity* (Cambridge University Press, 2020). His research focuses on constitutionalism, religious liberty, and human rights norms, with a particular emphasis on the relationship of these to theological ideas, questions, and history. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Programme for Foundations of Law and Constitutional Government, University of Oxford and at Auckland Law School, University of Auckland, and has held academic positions at Macquarie University, Columbia Law School, and the University of Oxford.









Dr Matthew Turnour, Neumann & Turnour Lawyers




Dr Matthew Turnour is the Chair of Neumann & Turnour Lawyers where he practices principally in the areas of charity law and governance. He was one of four panellists appointed by the Australian Parliament to review the legislation establishing the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission reporting in 2018.

He is an Honorary Senior Fellow Melbourne Law School, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Director. He is also a Sessional Crime and Corruption Commissioner in Queensland.



<p>Kris Morrison, Parry Field Lawyers Kris is Board Chair of Parry Field Lawyers Limited, a New Zealand law firm with offices in Canterbury and on the West Coast, which provides services nationally to charities and non-profit organisations as well as to other corporate and private clients.</p> <p>Kris joined Parry Field in 2002 and practices in the area of corporate and commercial law, including for many charitable clients - assisting them with a range of issues including charitable ownership and operation of business, property matters, drafting of constitutions, trust deeds and operational rules, incorporation, charitable registration and applications for inclusion in schedule 32 of the Income Tax Act 2007. He also represents a number of schools and has particular expertise in the framework that governs state integrated schools in New Zealand. Kris's previous governance experience includes as a trustee of New Zealand charity, Digital Future Aotearoa.</p> <p>Kris holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and a Bachelor of Arts from Victoria University of Wellington.</p>	
<p>Marla Cowen, Herbert Smith Freehills Marla is a senior associate and charity law specialist. After working in tax at Allens Linklaters, Marla began her charity law career at the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC), where she worked as Legal Counsel during the first 4 years of the ACNC's establishment.</p> <p>Marla gained further regulatory and tax experience as a director at the ATO, and later undertook a secondment as manager of the Not-For-Profit (NFP) Advice team at Justice Connect. In that role, Marla advised a wide range of NFP organisations and oversaw the publication of NFP guidance and resources. At HSF, Marla advises on a broad range of issues affecting charities, including charity establishment, ACNC requirements, ACNC reviews, tax endorsements, constitutions and governance. Marla also has particular charity law expertise relating to government entity issues and professional associations.</p>	
<p>Zowie Pateman FCA, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Zowie is the Deputy Leader - Reporting and Assurance in the advocacy team at Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. She is responsible for shaping and influencing policy development relevant to Chartered Accountants in auditing and assurance, and financial and sustainability reporting.</p> <p>With over 10 years' experience in policy, she started her career in the specialist field of audit and has held positions with PwC in Southampton UK, and Moore Markhams in Christchurch, New Zealand.</p> <p>Zowie is a Fellow Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and with Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics from the University of Warwick.</p>	

<p>Elaine Leong, Benevolent Society</p> <p>Elaine is the Group General Counsel and Group Company Secretary at The Benevolent Society. With over 20 years' experience as a lawyer and governance professional, Elaine leads practices which add value through advice, education, collaboration and advocacy. She established and led the first in-house legal team approved under the National Pro Bono Insurance Scheme and led the first in-house legal team in the charity and non-profit sector to become a founding signatory to the National Pro Bono Target, committed to advancing positive social change through pro bono legal work.</p> <p>Elaine is a fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.</p>	
<p>Sari Baird</p> <p>Sari's charity law practice is grounded in senior executive legal and board governance roles. Most recently Sari was General Counsel and Company Secretary at Oxfam Australia, a charity that tackles global poverty. Sari's early career was in the commercial field, as a lawyer with Herbert Smith Freehills in Melbourne and later, Jakarta. She has held the positions of General Counsel and Company Secretary in an ASX listed company, and in legal and compliance in higher education, prior to moving to an in-house role in the charitable sector in 2010.</p> <p>Sari's involvement in charity governance includes her past board roles at the Art Gallery of Ballarat and Sovereign Hill Museums, and her local Community Legal Centre's Committee of Management. She holds a BA/LLM and an LLM from the University of Melbourne and is a graduate of the AICD Company Directors course (GAICD). Sari is a member of the Law Institute's Charity and NFP Committee and previously served on the ACNC's Professional Advisor and Sector Forums from their inception.</p>	
<p>Tan Huynh, Akina Foundation</p> <p>Tan's varied background has taken him across startups, corporate and government in diverse sectors such as investment, technology, creative, economic development and education. He has raised the profile of innovative sectors to investors and successfully raised investments for impact enterprises. Tan also works with the Impact Investing Network to connect, educate and advocate for the growth of the impact investing sector in New Zealand.</p> <p>Tan's expertise is in growing the capability and scale of enterprises and sectors through strategic investment and economic development initiatives. He has delivered major projects across New Zealand, Australia, the US, the UK and Vietnam.</p>	

<p>Steven Moe, Parry Field Lawyers</p> <p>Steven Moe is a Partner at Parry Field Lawyers with a focus on “for purpose” organisations including charities and incorporated societies. He is on the Charities Services sector group, the XRB Advisory Panel and has worked as a lawyer for 23 years including 11 years overseas based in Tokyo, London and Sydney, and since 2016 has been based back in New Zealand.</p> <p>Steven hosts seeds podcast which has a focus on people doing inspiring things which has 397 episodes and another on governance for the Institute of Directors called Board Matters.</p>	
<p>Julianne Wilkin, Save the Children</p> <p>With over two decades of commercial transaction experience, Julianne has adeptly navigated debt and equity transactions with commercial ventures and advised on a diverse range of acquisitions and divestments. Her 16-year tenure at Macquarie Group saw her in senior roles, serving as General Counsel and Global Head of Legal & Tax for Corporate Asset Finance.</p> <p>In recent years, Julianne has shifted her focus towards generating finance for social impact, commencing her journey with The Fred Hollows Foundation in 2019 and continuing her impactful work at Save the Children.</p> <p>Julianne is now at the forefront of pioneering the world's first commercially structured Child Lens Impact Funds. Leading a passionate team, she nurtures companies that not only deliver financial returns but also measurably enhance the lives of children. Julianne's approach seamlessly blends commercial astuteness with an unwavering commitment to driving meaningful social change.</p>	
<p>Jo Lennan, Paul Ramsay Foundation</p> <p>As Head of Legal at Paul Ramsay Foundation since 2023, Jo works across the Foundation’s portfolio of impact investments and grants.</p> <p>Before joining the Foundation, she worked as Principal Legal Officer at the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet. She was previously a lawyer at Blake Dawson (now Ashurst).</p> <p>Jo holds a master’s degree from the University of Oxford and is a Fellow of the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the University of New South Wales. She has written about law and justice for publications including The Economist and The Monthly.</p>	

Emeritus Professor Fiona Martin, University of New South Wales

Fiona is a professor with the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia. She holds an LLB, Master of Laws, and PhD. Her research examines the connections and interactions between income tax law (and other areas of tax law) and charity law. This research focuses on the normative and policy reasons behind tax concessions for charities and how western constructs influence the boundaries of these concessions, often to the detriment of Indigenous Australians. In 2016 she was the sole recipient of an ARC Discovery grant to develop new approaches to determining deductible gift recipient status of NFPs.

Professor Martin's research into charities, NFPs and legal structures that are suitable to carry on social enterprises has led to partnerships with indigenous Australians and academics at the Centre for Social Impact, at Swinburne University and UNSW. She has published internationally in these research areas and has presented regularly at conferences focussed on charity law and the third sector more broadly.



Dr John Picton, University of Manchester

John is a Reader in Law at the University of Manchester. He specialises in the Law of Charitable Trusts and Charitable Organisations.

He is a trustee of the Brain Charity and an Honorary Member of the Charity Law and Policy Unit (Liverpool).



Dr Natalie Silver, The University of Sydney

Natalie is an academic at the University of Sydney Law School, where she teaches contract law. Her research focuses on not-for-profit law and regulation, and she has published widely on the tax aspects of charitable giving, the regulation of cross-border philanthropy, and the intersection between contract law and charity law.

Natalie worked for a number of years as a lawyer in the New York office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and is a member of the New York Bar. She also has extensive philanthropic advisory and grantmaking experience through her work in the Philanthropic Services group at JP Morgan Private Bank in New York, Jewish Funders Network, and The Atlantic Philanthropies.



Jennifer Batrouney AM KC, Victorian Bar

Jennifer practises in taxation, equity, superannuation, commercial and administrative law. With 27 years' experience at the Bar, she is a trusted advisor to a range of corporate, government and not-for-profit clients. In addition to general income tax and R&D matters, she has experience in advising in relation to GST, FBT, payroll and land taxes. She also has a substantial equity practice in the not-for-profit sector and has assisted numerous not-for-profit entities to obtain or retain their tax concession charity status. Jennifer has acted as an expert determiner and is a consultant to the ATO Public Advice and Guidance Panel. Jennifer appears before the High Court, the Federal Court and the superior State courts, mainly in revenue matters.

Jennifer has been a silk for over 17 years and is a past President of the Victorian Bar and of the Tax Bar Association. She is presently President of the Australian Bar Association and Chair of the Law Council Charities and Not-for-Profits committee. She is also a member of the Melbourne Law School Advisory Council and Melbourne Tax Masters Advisory Committee. Jennifer is also a Senior Fellow at the Melbourne Law School, teaching in the Tax Masters Program.



Dr Jeanne Nel, Monash University

Jeanne joined the Department of Business Law and Taxation at Monash University on 1 July. She is a governance law scholar with a PhD in Law focused on the corporate regulation of volunteer charity directors' duty of care and diligence. Jeanne, an advocate of the High Court of South Africa, has taught at several universities, including Monash and the University of Johannesburg in South Africa and Deakin and La Trobe University in Australia.

Jeanne's publications include *Disqualification of Company Directors: A Comparative Analysis of the Law in the UK, Australia, South Africa, the US and Germany* (Routledge), co-edited with Jean du Plessis.



Dr Kim Weinert, The University of Queensland

Kim is a lecturer at the T C Bernie School of Law at The University of Queensland where she teaches property and corporation law.

Her charity law research focuses the governance of Incorporated Associations.



Paula Baker, Braemar Charitable Trust

Paula, Braemar Charitable Trust Manager, has more than 25 years' experience in the for-purpose sector, as a volunteer, employee, Board Member/Trustee, General Manager and a funder, in the sport, health, disability and the aged care sectors. She has sat on the Boards of shareholding charitable entities and thier subsidiaries, manages a charitable trust that is the 100% shareholder of a \$60m private hospital, was an Independent Trustee during and post establishment of the charitable arm of Ngāti Maniapoto's post treaty settlement entity and project lead for stage 1 of Plunket's governance structure review.

As both a service deliverer, recipient and regional funder, Paula has a 360-degree view of the funding landscape and sits on many sides of the for-purpose table. Paula will be sharing her reflections from practice on the increasing professionalisation of charities.

