

## CLAANZ 2025 Annual Conference and AGM: *Current Issues in Charity Law*

Monday 28 July and Tuesday 29 July  
Neil McPhee Room, Victorian Bar, and online

### Monday 28 July

Time (AEST)	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:45 – 2pm	<i>Registration and tea/coffee</i>	
2 – 2:15pm	<b>Welcome to Country</b> Thane Garvey	
2:15 – 2:50pm	<b>Keynote</b>	Prof. Matthew Harding, The University of Melbourne <b>Chair:</b> Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia
2:50 – 3:30pm	<b>The boundaries of advocacy</b>	- Dr Juliet Chevalier-Watts, University of Waikato - Bridgid Cowling, Arnold Bloch Leibler - Melissa Goode, Australian Conservation Foundation <b>Chair:</b> Marla Cowen, CLAAANZ Board and Herbert Smith Freehills
3:30 – 3:40pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3:40 – 4:20pm	<b>Charity governance – current issues</b>	- Elizabeth Shalders, Mills Oakley - Dr Kim Weinert, The University of Queensland - Caitlin Edwards, ACNC Legal Counsel <b>Chair:</b> Seak-King Huang, CLAAANZ Board and Milner + Huang
4:20 – 5pm	<b>Accumulations and reserves</b>	- Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia - Elizabeth Lathlean, Gilbert + Tobin - Leah Russell, BDO Australia <b>Chair:</b> Kris Morrison, CLAAANZ Board and Parry Field Lawyers
5:15 – 6pm	<i>Conference drinks</i> <i>The Essoign Club, Victorian Bar</i>	
6 – 8pm	<i>Conference dinner</i> <i>The Essoign Club, Victorian Bar</i>	

## Tuesday 29 July

Time (AEST)	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:15 – 9:30am	<i>Registration and tea/coffee</i>	
9:30 – 10:25am	<b>Regulatory approaches and other reforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sue Woodward AM, ACNC Commissioner</li> <li>- Jennifer Moltisanti, ATO Assistant Commissioner</li> <li>- Carly Kind, Australian Privacy Commissioner</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Bridgid Cowling, Arnold Bloch Leibler
10:25 – 11am	<b>Philanthropic and community foundations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Krystian Seibert, Philanthropy Australia</li> <li>- Samantha Loff, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Assoc. Prof. Natalie Silver, CLAAANZ Board and The University of Sydney
11 – 11:15am	<i>Morning tea</i>	
11:15 – 12pm	<b>Complex charitable structures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alice Macdougall, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer</li> <li>- Vera Visevic, Mills Oakley</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Sue Barker, CLAAANZ Board and Sue Barker Charities Law
12pm – 12:45pm	<b>AI issues for charities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Penny Harris, Melba Support Services</li> <li>- Kate Fazio, Kate Fazio Consulting</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Sari Baird, CLAAANZ Board
12:45 – 1:45pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:45 – 2:30pm	<b>Cy-pres/judicial advice applications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Philip Bender, List A Barristers</li> <li>- Kimberly Lawrence, Greg Kelly Trust Law</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Jennifer Batrouney AM KC, CLAAANZ Board and Victorian Bar
2:30 – 3:15pm	<b>Social/affordable housing – current issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Darren Fittler, Gilbert + Tobin</li> <li>- Kris Morrison, CLAAANZ Board and Parry Field Lawyers</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Jo Lennan, CLAAANZ Board and Paul Ramsay Foundation
3:15 – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3:30 – 4:15pm	<b>Cross-jurisdictional charity cases of note</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Myles McGregor-Lowndes OAM, Queensland University of Technology</li> <li>- Sue Barker, CLAAANZ Board and Sue Barker Charities Law</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Murray Baird, Prolegis
4:15 – 4:30pm	<b>Close</b>	Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia
4:45 – 5:30pm	<i>AGM</i>	