



CLAANZ 2025 DRAFT Conference Program

Current Issues in Charity Law

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

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Time (AEST)	Topic	Speaker(s)
1:45 – 2pm	<i>Registration and tea/coffee</i>	
2 – 2:15pm	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	
2:15 – 3pm	Keynote	Prof. Matthew Harding, The University of Melbourne Chair: Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia
3 – 3:45pm	The boundaries of advocacy	- Dr Juliet Chevalier-Watts, University of Waikato - Bridgid Cowling, Arnold Bloch Leibler Chair: Marla Cowen, CLAAANZ Board and Herbert Smith Freehills
3:45 – 4pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4 – 4:45pm	Charity governance – current issues	- Elizabeth Shalders, Mills Oakley - Dr Kim Weinert, The University of Queensland - Caitlin Edwards, ACNC Acting Director Legal and Policy Chair: Seak-King Huang, CLAAANZ Board and Milner + Huang
4:45 – 5:30pm	Accumulations and reserves	- Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia - Elizabeth Lathlean, Gilbert + Tobin - Leah Russell, BDO Australia Chair: Kris Morrison, CLAAANZ Board and Parry Field Lawyers
7 – 9pm	<i>Conference dinner 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	Regulatory approaches and other reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sue Woodward AM, ACNC Commissioner - Jennifer Moltisanti, ATO Assistant Commissioner - Carly Kind, Australian Privacy Commissioner Chair: Bridgid Cowling, Arnold Bloch Leibler
10:25 – 11am	Philanthropic and community foundations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Krystian Seibert, Philanthropy Australia - Samantha Loff, Herbert Smith Freehills Chair: Assoc. Prof. Natalie Silver, CLAAANZ Board and The University of Sydney
11 – 11:15am	<i>Morning tea</i>	
11:15 – 12pm	Complex charitable structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alice Macdougall, Herbert Smith Freehills - Natasha Sekulic, ACNC Assistant Commissioner Chair: Sue Barker, CLAAANZ Board and Sue Barker Charities Law
12pm – 12:45pm	AI issues for charities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penny Harris, Melba Support Services - Kate Fazio, Kate Fazio Consulting Chair: Sari Baird, CLAAANZ Board
12:45 – 1:45pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:45 – 2:30pm	Cy-pres/judicial advice applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Philip Bender, List A Barristers - Kimberly Lawrence, Greg Kelly Trust Law Chair: Jennifer Batrouney AM KC, CLAAANZ Board and Victorian Bar
2:30 – 3:15pm	Social/affordable housing – current issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darren Fittler, Gilbert + Tobin - Kris Morrison, CLAAANZ Board and Parry Field Lawyers Chair: Jo Lennan, CLAAANZ Board and Paul Ramsay Foundation
3:15 – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
3:30 – 4:15pm	Cross-jurisdictional charity cases of note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Myles McGregor-Lowndes, Queensland University of Technology - Sue Barker, CLAAANZ Board and Sue Barker Charities Law Chair: Murray Baird, Prolegis
4:15 – 4:30pm	Close	Prof. Ian Murray, CLAAANZ Chair and The University of Western Australia
4:45 – 5:30pm	<i>AGM</i>	