



# SWIMMING Between the FLAGS



South Australian Local Government  
Financial Management Group

2012 Conference  
Friday 16 March

Palais Hotel, Esplanade, Semaphore

# Program

<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Registrations</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<i>Annette Martin, President SALGFMG</i>
<b>9.10 am</b>	<b>Opening of Conference</b>	<i>Hon Russell Wortley MLC, Minister for State/Local Government Relations, Minister for Industrial Relations</i>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>South Australia's New Corruption Commission</b> <i>Dean Mitchell, Senior Manager, Fraud Investigation &amp; Dispute Services, Ernst &amp; Young</i>	What it means for you, drawing on experiences from across the country, understand what South Australia's new Corruption Commission might look like and how it will impact local government. Learn what you can do to prepare and what is likely to be required if your organisation is investigated by a corruption commission.
<b>10.05 am</b>	<b>Benefits of a Banking and Bill Payment Review</b> <i>Andrew Whitmore, Director, Whitmore Consulting Pty Ltd</i>	Over the last 3 years, there have been significant changes in the banking and bill payment landscape. This presentation will cover the processes available to improve existing banking arrangements and the important criteria for measurement by Council Finance Teams. The most sensitive aspects of the pricing structure will be highlighted, and new product capabilities that are important innovations.  Strategically, almost as important as price, is the need to influence the method by which payments (particularly rates) are made. Further efficiencies are available in the banking and bill payment functions that need to be actively explored.
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
<b>10.50 am</b>	<b>Local Government Taxes Update</b> <i>Kevin Smith, Founding Director, TaxEd and Australian Tax College</i>	This presentation will update delegates on recent changes to taxes affecting Local Governments in South Australia. Specific attention will be given to the impact of the changes to Division 81 and how such changes affect the GST treatment of Council fees and charges. The effect of changes to the new FBT car benefit valuation rules will be highlighted. A brief outline of the new Fuel Tax Credits Legislation will be presented.
<b>11.25 am</b>	<b>Confronting the Challenges for the Australian Economy</b> <i>Brian Redican, Division Director and Senior Economist, Macquarie Bank</i>	While the Australian economy performed relatively well during the Global Financial Crisis, it appears that the challenges facing the economy have intensified since then. Whether it be concerns about weak productivity, falling house prices, rising unemployment or inflexible industrial relations, there seems to be no shortage of troublesome issues that threaten to undermine prosperity. And the global economy also remains a threat. This presentation will place these challenges in context and discuss how Australian firms, households and policymakers should – and are likely to – respond to them.
<b>12.20 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Engaging Outside of the Square</b> <i>Victoria Minenko, General Manager Corporate Services, City of Unley Matthew Ives, Cultural Development Coordinator, City of Unley</i>	In an era and industry where community engagement can make or break a project it is ever increasingly important to ensure that your engagement process and strategies really do facilitate working collaboratively with your local community.  Find out how the City of Unley has further built upon the philosophy of the world renowned IAP2 model to develop "The City of Unley Community Engagement Toolkit" which equips all staff with a simple and methodical process to follow for the development of engagement strategies across the organisation.
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Threats and opportunities of the Clean Energy Future package for Local Government</b> <i>Adam Gray, Senior Policy Officer - Sustainability &amp; Environment, LGA SA</i>	In September 2011 the Federal Parliament passed the Clean Energy Futures legislative package which introduces the carbon price and substantial household, industry, renewable energy, innovation, land sector and energy efficiency measures contained in the Clean Energy Future Plan. These measures will impact on the operations of Councils in a number of ways, and the LGA, in conjunction with the Australian Local Government Association is undertaking a number of projects to identify the likely range of impacts and opportunities for Councils across Australia. This presentation aims to outline the likely impacts of the carbon price for Local Government and the various opportunities within the Clean Energy Futures package.
<b>2.50 pm</b>	<b>Work and Life Wellbeing: An Introduction</b> <i>Vashti Wallace, Director Work + Life Wellbeing</i>	People who are happy and well, perform better at work and enjoy life more. In this fun and interactive session you will learn why work life balance doesn't work, what makes us happy and how to create more wellbeing in 2012.  You will be introduced to the business case for wellbeing as well as some simple tools proven by research to increase wellbeing. You will get the opportunity to assess your own wellbeing and apply the wellbeing tools in your work and home life.
<b>3.45 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
<b>4.05 pm</b>	<b>Sustainable Financing for Local Government</b> <i>Lindsay Tanner Former Australian Member of the House of Representatives, Author</i>	The squeeze on local government finances is growing tighter, and there are no obvious solutions. Longer term answers lay with amalgamation, public private partnerships, and private sponsorship and advertising.  Constitutional recognition and hopes of increased Federal funding are unlikely to deliver positive outcomes. Local government needs to take charge of its own financial destiny and avoid becoming victim of the death of a thousand cuts.
<b>4.50 pm</b>	<b>Close including Quiz Results, Prizes and Lucky Draw (iPad)</b>	
<b>5.00 pm</b>	<b>Networking, Drinks and Nibbles</b>	

# Presenters



**Hon Russell Wortley MLC**  
**Minister for State/  
Local Government Relations**  
**Minister for Industrial Relations**

Before entering Parliament, Russell served as an official of the Transport Workers Union with direct responsibility for Gas Industry employees. He has served on numerous government and community organisations including as a commissioner on the Occupational Health and Safety Commission, a member of the Workers Appeal Tribunal and the Industrial Relations Advisory Committee, and as a councillor on the Prospect City Council.

A Justice of the Peace, Russell's interests include industrial relations, health, environment, sport, education, and social justice issues.



**Dean Mitchell**  
**Senior Manager, Fraud Investigation &  
Dispute Services, Ernst & Young**

Dean Mitchell leads Ernst & Young's South Australian Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services practice where he helps public and private sector clients proactively and reactively deal with fraud and corruption.

Prior to joining EY, Dean was the Asia Pacific head of fraud and corruption investigations for the world's largest technology company where he oversaw operations in 20 countries covering some 120,000 employees and \$28b in annual revenue.

Dean started his career as a Detective with the NSW Police and he has a Masters of Management, Bachelor of Investigations and is a Certified Fraud Examiner.



**Andrew Whitmore**  
**Director, Whitmore Consulting Pty Ltd**

With over 20 years of experience in Banking and Customer relationships, Andrew understands all aspects of cash management and transaction banking, through to the most sophisticated operating platform banking applications, IT, and e-Commerce.

Experience across five banks with roles including State and National responsibilities for Cash Management and e-Commerce teams, has given Andrew an intimate understanding of the capabilities and approaches to current banking structures and facilities.

As a cash management professional, Andrew has a total understanding of the opportunity and risk profiles of the function and will focus on succinct and tangible cost saving reviews and advice leading to better structures, services, products and relationships with our client's banks. He enjoys working closely with his clients and will deliver a positive outcome for all parties.



**Brian Redican**  
**Division Director and Senior Economist,  
Macquarie Bank**

Brian has worked for Macquarie Bank since 1999 and is primarily responsible for analysing and forecasting the major economic and financial variables pertaining to Australia.

Brian is widely recognised as one of Australia's leading economists and policy commentators. Brian also regularly provides commentary on economics and business developments in Australasia and East Asia for CNN, CNBC Asia and BBC World.

Brian holds an M.A. (International Macroeconomics) from Queen's University (Canada) and a B.Ec. (Hons) (Economics and Asia Studies) from UNSW. He has also been a member of the Securities Institute of Australia Economics Task Force.



**Victoria Minenko**  
**General Manager Corporate Services,  
City of Unley**

Victoria is responsible for Governance and Communications, Development Services, Strategic Planning and the Unley Swimming Centre. She has over 20 years experience in Local Government having worked with the Local Government Association and has also worked for a number of Councils across the State.

Victoria's expertise and interests are in the areas of governance, performance management, strategic planning and organisational development.

Victoria is currently involved as the Treasurer and Divisional Board Member of LGMA South Australia, Chairperson of the Eastern Region Alliance (ERA) Corporate Services Group and is a Graduate and Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

# Presenters (continued)



**Matthew Ives**  
**Cultural Development Coordinator, City of Unley**

Matthew is working under the key principles of exploring culturally sustainable opportunities for anyone who lives, works, plays or studies in Unley. Matthew has worked in Local Government for 14 years. Matthew has extensive experience working with diverse urban and regional communities both in England and in South Australia. He has worked on many community projects and programs with an arts and cultural focus as an educator, a freelance arts worker and Local Government bureaucrat.

Matthew was the Chair of the organising committee which developed *Creating Communities - A good practice guide to arts and cultural development for Local Government*. Creative community engagement has been a valuable feature of Matthew's cultural development toolkit.



**Adam Gray**  
**Senior Policy Officer, Sustainability & Environment, Local Government Association (SA)**

Adam Gray is a Senior Policy Officer from the LGA and is responsible for the climate change and sustainability portfolio. Adam works closely with SA's 68 Councils and State and Federal Governments to deliver a number of strategic climate change policies and projects.



**Vashti Wallace**  
**Director, Work + Lifestyle Wellbeing**

Vashti Wallace has 15 years experience in Organisational Development and Organisational Psychology, working in a senior management role of a fast growing national professional services firm, and other senior OD and People & Performance roles.

Her expertise includes advising and working with management in both private and public organisation in a range of industries to achieve organisational performance through effective leadership, employee engagement, and aligning people, strategy and practices with organisational objectives. She is currently completing her doctorate assessing the impact of reward and recognition on employee engagement and organisational performance.



**Lindsay Tanner**  
**Former Australian Member of the House of Representatives, Author**

Lindsay Tanner held a variety of front-bench portfolio responsibilities as Federal Member of Parliament. These included Transport, Finance and Communications before serving as the Federal Minister for Finance and Deregulation from 2007 to 2010.

As well as a successful political career Lindsay has written extensively on economic and political issues, including four published books. He is the inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at Victoria University and is an Adjunct Professor at the University.

# Registration

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