

Women in Tax

1 May 2025

RACV City Club Melbourne

1 CPD hour



Unleashing your inner core: How three successful women have defined success

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the Tax Institute's annual Victorian Women in Tax lunch.

This year our theme is “*Unleashing your inner core: How three successful women have defined success*”. We are thrilled to host a panel of three outstanding leaders from the Victorian Tax community who will share their thoughts on what success means to them and the experiences that have defined their successful careers.

Our panelists are:

- **Irene Filippone**, Vice President Tax, BlueScope Steel Limited
- **Kate Mahady**, Partner, FB Rice
- **Rebecca Saint**, Deputy Commissioner for Public Groups, Australian Taxation Office

The session will be facilitated by **Megan Bishop**, Partner, Piper Alderman, who will explore with our panel:

- What has made them successful in their organisations
- How their definition of success has changed at different stages of their career
- How life outside of work has impacted their definition of success
- Roadblocks they have had to overcome to achieve success
- Who they looked to for guidance on their path to success; and
- What they have done to create a successful personal brand in the marketplace.

We hope you can put together a table and bring clients and colleagues along to learn from our panel, network with colleagues and reflect on your own vision of what success means to you.

Event Details

1 May 2025

RACV City Club, Level 2, 501, Bourke St

12:00PM – 2:00PM



We welcome all supporters of diversity and empowering women in the workplace no matter what your gender

Speakers

Megan Bishop is a Tax Dispute partner at Piper Alderman. For more than 15 years she has represented a diverse client base in matters involving the revenue and tax regulatory authorities. From assisting with transactional phase risk mitigation strategy through to acting in the High Court, Megan works across the full spectrum. She has appeared in all Victorian and Federal tax Tribunals and Courts and numerous interstate ones. Beyond her legal credentials, Megan is also a certified mediator and holds a Chemical Engineering degree. Megan is recognised for Tax Law in the 2025 edition of The Best Lawyers in Australia.



Irene Filippone is the Vice President Tax at BlueScope Steel Limited, a role which oversees a global team across Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Asia. With over 25 years of experience, Irene has advised on Australian and international tax matters, including M&A, financing, transfer pricing and dealing with revenue authorities. Irene's experience also encompasses compliance and reporting at both a domestic and international level. Irene's role at BlueScope also involves her being part of its Sustainability Council and Diversity and Inclusion Working Group. Irene's prior corporate roles included 5 years at Vicinity Centres as General Manager Tax and 8 years at Village Roadshow as Group Tax Counsel. Irene is a lawyer, holding a Masters in Law from the University of Melbourne. She is also a chartered accountant who commenced her career at Arthur Andersen with other chartered experience gained at Shaddick & Spence and PwC. Professionally, Irene is a member of the ATO's Large Business Stewardship Group and Treasury's Digital Tax Working Group. Irene also served as President and Vice President of the Corporate Taxpayers Association. Personally, Irene volunteers on the Victorian Advisory Board for the Starlight Children's Foundation.



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Kate Mahady is a partner at IP firm FB Rice and leads their R&D consulting team in Melbourne. Kate has over 25 years of innovation consulting experience, advising a broad range of companies with a focus on start up technologies. She has extensive experience helping companies to access funding and assisting with R&D and commercialisation strategies. Her expertise is building networks and working with a variety of stakeholders including technical founders, researchers, government, public and private companies, financial groups and investors. Kate is a Registered Tax Agent and has over 20 years of experience with R&D tax consulting, initially with the 'Big 4' accounting firms and now through founding her second complementary business in an intellectual property firm. Kate's technical background is in applied physics, with experience initially at Defence Science and Technology Organisation before moving to a telecommunications start up based in the Silicon Valley. This experience has provided her with a strong understanding of the challenges start up companies face in developing, scaling and commercialising their R&D. This is also augmented by obtaining certification of governance training through the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is a board observer for ANDHealth. Kate values her role as a mentor to graduates across their journey. She is a strong advocate for advancing R&D in Australia and is regularly called on to provide thought leadership relating to this topic.



Rebecca Saint is Deputy Commissioner Public Groups, Client Experience. Rebecca has a leading role in the Tax Avoidance Taskforce. In her role she is responsible for large market strategy and the compliance and assurance programs for public and multinational groups.



“Being part of the Women in Tax committee has been incredibly rewarding. It’s been wonderful to meet the next generation of inspiring females that want to provide opportunities and space for other females to learn and be inspired by fascinating speakers and realise that you don’t need to feel like you’re on your own in creating your tax journey.”

Stacey Baxter, EY

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