

# QLD Tax Forum



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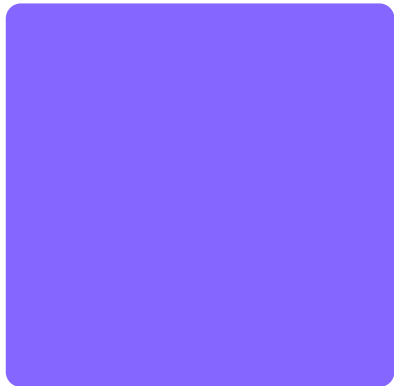
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# Welcome

The QLD Tax Forum returns in 2026 with a refreshed format, continuing to focus on the issues that matter most to you. Join us for two days of technical insights, thought-provoking discussion and valuable networking with peers at the event where Queensland's tax community connects.

This year's program features a full agenda of topical sessions designed for advisers working across private business and corporate tax, alongside a dedicated **Next Generation** stream introduced for 2026.

Hear from industry experts on the key issues shaping practice today, with practical sessions covering restructures and rollovers, franking credits, property development, navigating ATO disputes, personal services income and GST, as well as corporate topics including the Interest Limitation rules, Pillar Two, Country-by-Country Reporting and more.

Across both days, our keynote speakers will tackle some of the profession's biggest conversations, including tax reform with *Tax Wars* author **David Montani** and the implications of AI on the profession. Delegates will also hear from experienced practitioners in the inaugural '**Red Flag Round-Up**' panel, sharing practical insights from the front line of practice.

The new **Next Generation stream** has been designed specifically for emerging tax professionals, with sessions focused on navigating ATO disputes, identifying the real issue behind a client's question and building foundational technical capability through topics such as CGT fundamentals.

With **flexible registration options** the event offers opportunities to tailor your attendance while connecting with peers and building valuable professional networks.

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane for what promises to be an engaging and thought-provoking event.



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**Register on or before Friday, 1 May to save!**

# Program at a glance

## KEYNOTES

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Losses – “We’ve got losses, so we’ll use them.”

## CORPORATE

Pushing the limits – Navigating the Interest Limitation rules

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Beyond borders – Pillar Two update

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CbCR in the spotlight

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From coal to critical minerals – Tax updates across the energy & resources sector

## NEXT GENERATION

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Borrowing, interest deductibility & debt events – Interest isn’t automatic and debt doesn’t just disappear ... The year end journal trap clinic

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CGT 101 – But only the parts that keep tripping us up

# Technical program

**Day 1** Thursday, 28 May 2026

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8:00 – 8:45am	<b>Registration</b>		
8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Welcome and President’s address</b> Speakers: Jodie Robinson, CTA, Co-Chair Forum Organising Committee, Tim Sandow, CTA, President, The Tax Institute		
9:00 – 10:00am	<b>Session 1: Keynote address – The bluster, bulldust and bedlam behind Australia’s tax reform gridlock</b> Speaker: David Montani, CTA, Grant Thornton  Australia’s tax system is widely acknowledged as complex, inefficient and overdue for reform, yet meaningful change remains stubbornly elusive. In this keynote presentation, <i>Tax Wars</i> author David Montani shares his expert insights from inside the tax reform battleground and discusses reform rhetoric versus political reality, including key takeaways from the 2026 budget.  Drawing on the central themes of <i>Tax Wars</i> , David will unpack the forces shaping Australia’s reform trajectory, what recent policy decisions reveal about government priorities, and critically, what this means for advisers navigating uncertainty and guiding their clients in an evolving tax landscape.		
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11:30am-12:30pm	<p><b>Session 3A: Let's be frank – The new reality for Franking Credits</b> Speaker: Alex Whitney, CTA, West Garbutt</p> <p>Franking credits remain firmly in the ATO's sights with recent active compliance activity signalling a renewed focus on arrangements.</p> <p>This session will examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ongoing relevance and practical application of the 45-day holding period rule</li><li>• The types of arrangements attracting attention and how these issues are presenting in practice; and</li><li>• How to assess franking credit risks when they come across your desk – When to proceed, restructure or reconsider.</li></ul>	<p><b>Session 3B: Beyond borders – Pillar Two update</b> Speaker: Chris Stewart, PwC</p> <p>This session will provide critical insights to help navigate the first wave of Pillar Two compliance with confidence. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The transition from implementation to compliance including local lodgement requirements and timing considerations</li><li>• The ATO's transitional compliance approach and implications of recently finalised guidance, including relevant PCGs</li><li>• Key technical and practical challenges emerging as groups prepare for their first Pillar Two lodgements</li><li>• Associated structuring, reporting and governance issues arising from new global minimum tax framework. he changes for non-US head quartered entities in the side-by-side package? and</li><li>• This will include an extension to the temporary safe harbour and guidance on the permanent safe harbour.</li></ul>
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	



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1:30 – 2:30pm	<p><b>Session 4A: What’s hot in property – Property developer, property investor or leisure property?</b></p> <p>Speaker: Sian Sinclair, CTA, Grant Thornton</p> <p>As property values rise and structures evolve, the ATO and courts are increasingly challenging whether activities are truly investment, development or something in between, with significant tax consequences depending on where the line is drawn.</p> <p>This session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent ATO guidance, including TA 2026/1 and PCG 2025/D7, and what it signals about compliance focus areas</li><li>• The critical distinction between property development and mere subdivision – and when capital gains treatment may be at risk</li><li>• Joint venture versus partnership – Why the legal form and underlying substance matter for tax outcomes; and</li><li>• Key cases, including Morton and recent ART decisions, and their implications for when investment properties may be treated as trading stock.</li></ul>	<p><b>Session 4B: CbCR in the spotlight</b></p> <p>Speaker: to be announced</p> <p>With the first short-form local file lodgements fast approaching and public country-by-country reporting now a reality, multinational groups face heightened transparency and little margin for error.</p> <p>This session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparing for the first short-form local file lodgements, including timing, scope and practical challenges</li><li>• Disclosure expectations for restructures and how much detail is required to satisfy ATO requirements</li><li>• Early insights and lessons learned from December and January year-end lodgements</li><li>• The implications of public CbCR and the increased reputational and compliance risks for corporate groups</li></ul>
2:30 – 3:30pm	<p><b>Session 5A: Navigating ATO disputes in a changing environment – Part I</b></p> <p>Speakers: Fletch Heinemann, CTA, HLS Tax Law, Sarah Lancaster, HLS Tax Law</p> <p>The ATO dispute landscape for SME groups has shifted. Reviews are starting earlier, information requests are broader and more forensic, and restructures and governance arrangements are being tested against commercial reality – not just technical form.</p> <p>The session will walk through the dispute lifecycle – from first contact and information requests through to position papers, assessments and objections – with a focus on managing scope, controlling narrative and avoiding unnecessary escalation. We will also address the commercial realities: cost, settlement posture, and managing client expectations in a higher-scrutiny environment.</p> <p>Designed for accountants and lawyers advising SME groups, this session provides practical guidance to help you identify emerging risk, strengthen governance before issues arise, and position disputes early to reduce time, cost and reputational exposure.</p>	<p><b>Session 5B: Tax Governance in practice</b></p> <p>Speaker: Kara Singleton, ATI, Deloitte</p> <p>ATO assurance expectations are rising, and governance is no longer a “set and forget” exercise. This practical session focuses on how organisations can confidently move toward Stage 3 with real-world implementation strategies.</p> <p>This session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ATO assurance reviews and the push from Stage 2 to Stage 3</li><li>• Implications of the different ATO governance ratings</li><li>• The design and implementation of stage 3 requirements</li><li>• Managing the cost of testing and when external assurance is needed</li><li>• Practical pathways to move from Stage 1 or 2 to Stage 3</li><li>• Governance as an ongoing investment, not a compliance tick-box</li><li>• Differences in ATO approach to governance between public and private groups; and</li><li>• The relevance of the Supplementary Annual GST Return – lessons from first-year lodgements</li></ul>

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3:30–4:00pm	Afternoon tea	
4:00–5:00pm	<p>Session 6A: 2026 Budget analysis – What actually matters for advisers (and what doesn't)</p> <p>Speaker: The Tax Institute</p> <p>In light of the recent Federal Budget, this session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What's changed</li><li>• What was signaled for change but not yet legislated</li><li>• What creates immediate client questions, and</li><li>• What needs to be watched over the next few months.</li></ul>	<p>Session 6B: From coal to critical minerals – Tax updates across the energy &amp; resources sector</p> <p>Speakers: Helena Michael, Treasury, Shilam Singh, Australian Taxation Office, David Stevenson, Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>This session provides an update on key taxation developments affecting the energy and resources sector.</p> <p>The ATO will share current perspectives on the Future Made in Australia Production Tax Incentives, recent developments in the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax, and emerging insights from tax transparency initiatives.</p>



## Networking function

Join your colleagues and network with our esteemed speakers over cocktails and canapes by the pool during the forum's networking function.

**Date:** Thursday, 28 May 2026

**Time:** 5:00–7:00pm

**Venue:** Poolside, The Westin Brisbane

**Price:** Inclusive for all full registration delegates  
\$80 for additional tickets – see registration form for details

**Dress:** Business casual

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**Day 2**      Friday, 29 May 2026

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8:30 – 9:30am	<p><b>Session 7: Ethics beyond the algorithm – The tools may be faster but the ethics remain the same</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Tracey Dunn, EY</p> <p>Ethical issues in tax practice rarely arrive labelled “ethical”. They show up as time pressure, client demands, commercial tension, imperfect information – and increasingly, technology-enabled shortcuts. This plenary reframes ethics as a daily practice discipline: how we make good decisions, document them properly, and protect clients, teams and firms when judgement is tested.</p> <p>AI may be the headline, but the underlying question is timeless: how do we keep professional judgement, objectivity and integrity ahead of speed and convenience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology as an accelerant – AI, automation and templates: where risk concentrates and how to keep a human-in-the-loop</li> <li>• Hot-topic risk patterns, including over-reliance, false certainty, shortcuts, and the danger of skipping verification</li> <li>• The recurring fundamentals, such as competence and due care, confidentiality, professional behaviour, and how they show up day-to-day; and</li> <li>• What “good” looks like on file – Documenting reasoning, assumptions, sources, and review steps to stay defensible.</li> </ul>		
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10:30–11:00 am	Morning tea	
11:00am–12:00pm	<p><b>Session 9A: GST – Basics that are never actually basic</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> Louis Carney, RSM Australia, Sam Mohammad, RSM Australia</p> <p>GST is often treated as “tick-the-box” – but the “basics” are where advisers still get caught.</p> <p>This session revisits the core GST framework and shines a light on the rules that are often forgotten, glossed over, or applied by habit, creating avoidable risk in everyday SME work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration and enterprise fundamentals – When you’re really carrying on an enterprise, group/entity boundaries, and why this matters</li> <li>• Taxable supply vs GST-free vs input taxed supplies</li> <li>• Common traps in applying the going concern provisions</li> <li>• Is your client intending to use the margin scheme later? What information do they need to get now?</li> <li>• Creditable purpose &amp; apportionment – Mixed-use expenses, private components, and “close enough” methods that don’t hold up; and</li> <li>• A checklist of the recurring ‘gotchas’ to test on every SME file as a part of practical GST hygiene.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 9B: How to spot the real issue behind the client question</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Tom Walrut, FTI, Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers</p> <p>Clients rarely ask the “right” question, they ask the question that feels immediate. Our value as tax adviser’s is diagnosing what’s really going on. What is the hidden tax issue, the commercial driver, the missing facts, or the risk that will surface later?</p> <p>This session is a practical toolkit for advisers to move from answering questions to solving problems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From question to diagnosis and how to separate symptoms from the underlying issue (and avoiding the “quick answer” trap)</li> <li>• The fact-finding framework (who/ what/ when/ why) – The documents to request, and the missing pieces that can change outcomes</li> <li>• Issue-spotting and recognising common “hidden” themes (entity mismatch, timing, characterisation, connected parties, cash vs accrual reality)</li> <li>• Risk triage – Determining what’s urgent vs important, and how to frame risk without alarming the client</li> <li>• How to ask better questions, reset assumptions, and manage expectations in plain English</li> <li>• Turning analysis into advice and the process of moving from the initial question, to options, recommendations, and clear next steps; and</li> <li>• Protecting the file (and yourself) – Documenting assumptions, scope boundaries, and why the client’s original question wasn’t the real one.</li> </ul>



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**Day 2** Friday, 29 May 2026 continued

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12:00-1:00pm	<p><b>Session 10A: Payroll Tax - The hidden cost of people</b>  Speakers: Liam Cooke, Qld Revenue Office, Ieuan Murphy, QLD Revenue Office</p> <p>This session will guide you through the essentials of payroll tax. Covering the basics, key updates for the 2026 financial year, and the compliance model, this session will highlight common pitfalls, detection methods, and practical strategies to stay on top of your obligations.</p>	<p><b>Session 10B: Borrowing, interest deductibility &amp; debt events - Interest isn't automatic and debt doesn't just disappear ... The year end journal trap clinic</b>  Speaker: Stephen Holmes, CTA, WMS Chartered Accountants</p> <p>Borrowing is routine but the tax outcome rarely is. Interest deductibility depends on the facts - why the funds were borrowed, how they were actually used, and what evidence exists to support the nexus. Then come the "debt events" that tax advisers can often treat as accounting tidy-ups: waivers, write-offs, refinances, loan variations and forgiveness.</p> <p>This session is a practical trap clinic that connects the legal/commercial reality to the tax rules, with a focus on the issues that quietly create (or mask) problems and later become painful to unwind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest isn't automatic - What are the core deductibility tests, how to trace and identify use-of-funds, and what breaks the nexus</li> <li>• Timing and substantiation - When are deductions actually available, and what to have on file</li> <li>• Related-party funding reality checks - Documentation, terms, and when "it's just a loan" becomes a tax issue</li> <li>• Debt events that change everything - The impact of variations, releases, waivers, refinancing, forgiveness and "debt doesn't just disappear; and</li> <li>• The debt forgiveness rules - The practical flow-on impacts for related parties that advisers sometimes miss (losses, cost bases, future deductions.)</li> </ul>
1:00-2:00pm	Lunch	

# Technical program

**Day 2** Friday, 29 May 2026 *continued*

Time *AEST	SME Stream	Next Generation Stream
2:00 – 3:00pm	<p><b>Session 11A: Losses – We’ve got losses, so we’ll use them..”</b>  <b>Speaker: Michael Garrone, CTA, Mage Advisory</b></p> <p>Clients hear “losses” and assume they can be cashed in whenever profits return. In practice, losses are conditional: the right entity must own them, the right tests must be satisfied, the activity and ownership history matters, and one “minor” action/restructure can quietly switch them off.</p> <p>This session is a practical guide to separating losses that are real and usable from losses that look good on paper but can’t be accessed when it counts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Losses aren’t a credit balance, tax advisers need to identify what type of loss exists (revenue vs capital) and where it sits (entity-by-entity), and what can and can’t be offset</li> <li>• How to prove the loss position – What records, calculations and assumptions you need before you tell a client their losses are “usable”</li> <li>• Company losses in the real world – Continuity vs “same or similar business” thinking, and the common ownership/activity changes that quietly deny access</li> <li>• Trust losses without the pain – Is there an Family Trust Election? What are the key trust loss tests? How important are historical distribution patterns, and documentation gaps that can trip you up</li> <li>• Restructures and group changes – How “small” changes (new shareholders, new income streams, entity swaps) can reset the loss story; and</li> <li>• Integrity and review risk flags and the patterns that attract attention and how to keep positions commercially coherent and defensible.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 11B: CGT 101 – But only the parts that keep tripping us up</b>  <b>Speakers: Kara Bentley, Elda Legal, Natalie Cameron, CTA, Elda Legal</b></p> <p>CGT feels familiar ... Until a “standard” transaction throws up characterisation, timing, cost base or documentation issues that change the outcome.</p> <p>This session is a practical refresher on the CGT fundamentals that most often trip up advisers in SME files, with a focus on the questions you need to ask early and the evidence you need to support the position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asset and transaction characterisation – CGT vs revenue, active assets vs passive, and when it changes</li> <li>• Timing traps – HOA vs contract date vs settlement, earn-outs, options, and when the event actually happens</li> <li>• Cost base and records – Common omissions, improvement costs, incidental costs, and reconstructing evidence when records are thin</li> <li>• Main residence &amp; property “usual suspects” – Partial use, foreign residents, absence rules, subdivisions, and mixed-purpose properties</li> <li>• CGT discount issues – Eligibility and the “surprising” exclusions that get missed</li> <li>• Small business CGT concessions (high-level triage) – Basic gateways, red flags, and when to escalate; and</li> <li>• Review-ready CGT files – A checklist of information and evidence to keep on record to simplify future CGT calculations and reduce audit risk.</li> </ul>
3:00 – 3:30pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3:30 – 4:30pm	<p><b>Session 12: Red flag round up</b>  <b>Panellists: Sally Preston, CTA, Smart Solutions Tax and Business Advisory</b>  <b>Facilitator: Jodie Robinson, CTA, McCullough Robertson</b></p> <p>Advising private client groups is rarely just about technical correctness. It involves navigating incomplete records, family dynamics, legacy structures, commercial pressure and increasing ATO scrutiny.</p> <p>This practical panel session focuses on real-world experiences in dealing with private clients, the scenarios that regularly arise, the red flags that advisers encounter in practice, and how those issues are best managed before they become disputes.</p> <p>Rather than a purely technical analysis, the discussion will centre on how matters actually unfold, including: what clients say (and don’t say), where documentation gaps appear, how risk is identified late, and how advisers balance technical integrity with commercial and relational realities.</p>	
4:30pm	<b>Forum close</b>	

# Presenters

**Adria Askin, CTA**, is a Senior Associate in the McCullough Robertson team with a number of years' experience acting for clients with respect to ATO compliance activity, and providing technical advice. Adria practices in the Federal tax space, including the areas of income tax and capital gains tax (inbound and outbound tax considerations), as well as superannuation and customs and excise duty. In both her advice and controversy work, Adria is focused on achieving practical and commercial results for her clients, and ensuring that litigation matters are quickly and inexpensively resolved wherever appropriate and possible.

**Kara Bentley** is a skilled lawyer specialising in tax, corporate, commercial law and private advisory services. Kara is passionate about delivering practical, commercial solutions tailored to her clients' taxation and business needs.

**Natalie Cameron, CTA**, is an accomplished lawyer and Chartered Tax Adviser with eight years of expertise in taxation and private advisory services tailored for small business owners and high-net-worth individuals. Diligent, dedicated, and strategic in her approach, Natalie's practice revolves around key areas such as taxation, structuring, asset

protection, succession planning, and mergers & acquisitions.

**Louis Carney** is a highly experienced Director in Indirect Tax, based in Brisbane. With more than 20 years of international and domestic experience, he specialises in helping businesses navigate complex GST, VAT and customs duty obligations. Louis's expertise spans general indirect tax consulting, tax governance, compliance processes and the use of advanced tax technology to improve efficiency, enhance accuracy and reduce risk.

**Tracey Dunn** is as Director with EY, Private – Tax in Perth. Tracey has a Bachelor of Business (Accounting), a Graduate Certificate in Commercial Law, a Bachelor of Laws and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. Tracey was admitted as a lawyer in the Supreme Court of Western Australia in May 2022. Tracey has worked in public practice for over 20 years. Prior to commencing a career in public practice, Tracey worked in commerce in various roles. Tracey's expertise lies in providing both simple and complex tax advice to high wealth high net worth individuals, private groups, small and medium-sized businesses, and corporate entities. She has significant experience in advising on the application of FBT, Div 7A and trusts and regularly presents on taxation topics.

**Michael Garrone, CTA**, is a trusted figure in the industry with decades of experience across business, accounting and tax. Known for his pragmatic approach, delivering clear advice and practical solutions that work; Michael is valued for his high level of care and responsiveness with clients and practitioners alike. Michael is regarded as unique in the industry; his combination of expertise, experience and genuine regard for executing the most favourable outcome for his clients is rare. Michael aims to be accessible and easy to work with; providing options, explaining in clear terms and empowering clients to make informed decisions. Michael is a Business Owner, Chartered Tax Adviser and Tax Agent

**Fletch Heinemann, CTA**, is a principal at HLS Tax Law who specialises in helping clients and their advisers with tax and customs issues. Fletch has a particular interest in helping clients navigate ATO reviews and audits. Fletch and his team help clients with advice, private rulings, objections and litigation. Fletch has also presented sessions at The Tax Institute's Queensland seminars and national conferences and has published papers on topical tax and customs issues.

**Michael Hennessey, CTA**, is a Partner at EY Brisbane with more than 35 years experience. He has been involved in a number of significant merger and acquisitions and joint venture structuring transactions including funding issue, as well as providing ongoing tax advice and tax compliance services to local and international clients.

**Stephen Holmes, CTA** is a Partner with WMS Chartered Accountants based on the Gold Coast. He has been practicing as an accountant since 1987 and has had a focus on tax since 1994. He specialises in all SME tax matters with a particular interest in the CGT small business concessions, tax effective restructures and Division 7A. Since 2011, Stephen has been a senior tax and superannuation trainer with CAANZ and has been instrumental in establishing dedicated tax training communities on both the Gold Coast and in Lismore for Northern NSW practitioners. He is passionate about tax education and assistance for regional accountants. He is also a regular speaker for other professional bodies including the Tax Institute. Stephen holds separate Masters degrees in both Taxation and Economics as well as a Bachelor of Business. More recently, he was awarded a Juris Doctor degree with first class honours from Bond University.

# Presenters

**David Hughes, CTA**, is a Partner at McCullough Robertson and a Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist in taxation law. David acts for clients throughout Australia and offshore in relation to navigating cross-border taxation issues, including structuring advice and taxation disputes with the ATO, including audits, objections and running appeals in the High Court, Federal Court and the Administrative Review Tribunal against excessive tax assessments. David has also taken court action to prevent the ATO from taking illegal enforcement action, including successfully overturning departure prohibition orders.

**Sarah Lancaster** is a principal at HLS Tax Law. She advises and represents taxpayers in a wide range of tax disputes, including those involving the ATO and State Revenue authorities. Her technical expertise covers various areas such as income tax, international tax, GST, payroll tax, stamp duty, and customs duty.

**Helena Michael** is a Director working in the ATO's Energy & Resources Strategy team in Public Groups and is based in Brisbane. Helena has 10 years' experience across various

roles in the private sector, the Department of Treasury and the ATO.

**Sam Mohammad** is a Partner in RSM Australia's Indirect Tax Practice in Brisbane. Sam has 20 years experience in providing practical GST, fuel tax credit and stamp duty advice across a broad range of sectors, including property and development. Sam has been directly involved in major M&A deals and government asset sales (including the provision of tax and duty structuring and optimisation advice), successfully preparing GST private binding ruling requests on complex matters and assisting clients through indirect tax audits and reviews by revenue authorities.

**David Montani, CTA**, is National Head of Technical Tax – Private Enterprise at Grant Thornton. He has over 30 years' experience, with over 20 of those in specialist tax advisory. In his role with GT, David delivers practical tax training, mentors staff, provides tax technical support on significant client engagements, and assists with quality and excellence protocols.

**Ieuan Murphy** is currently the Acting Director of the Payroll Tax, Mental Health Levy and Betting Tax Division

at the Queensland Revenue Office (QRO). Ieuan joined QRO in December 2018 and has worked across each of the state tax streams (i.e. Payroll Tax, Betting Tax, Land Tax, Transfer and other Duties, and Petroleum and Mineral Royalties). Prior to QRO, he worked for the Australian Financial Security Authority (i.e. the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy) managing individual insolvency matters. Ieuan holds a Bachelor of Business (Accounting/ Finance major) undergraduate degree from the Queensland University of Technology and is currently enrolled in a Master of Business Administration at the University of Queensland, which he is hoping to finish this year.

**Glenn O'Connell** advises on the tax aspects of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, property and infrastructure. In the property sector, Glenn has advised on a range of transactions and projects including commercial office, industrial, health, hotels, build to rent accommodation, social housing projects, student accommodation, manufactured housing and retirement living. Glenn has acted for investors, developers, fund managers and government agencies on a range of projects.

**Sally Preston, CTA**, is a partner of Smart Solutions Tax and Business Advisory. Sally has an extensive compliance and advisory background, specialising in tax consulting and transaction advisory. With a diverse career background, Sally has worked across various industries and offers a wide range of services to both small and large organisations. These services have included tax advisory, compliance, complex group structures including structuring for listed inbound and privately owned businesses, and assistance with ATO and Revenue office audits.

**Jodie Robinson, CTA** is an Accredited Tax Law Specialist and Special Counsel in the tax team with McCullough Robertson Lawyers. Jodie is passionate about providing clients with results-driven, commercial advice and solutions for their taxation and business needs. Jodie regularly advises on the tax consequences of the sale of significant businesses, business restructures, including applicable rollovers and duty exemptions, and holding company interpositions. Jodie also assists clients and their advisors in obtaining private binding rulings and dealing with payroll tax self-review audits.

# Presenters

**Sian Sinclair, CTA**, is a Partner in the Tax Group and the current Brisbane Office Chair for Grant Thornton Australia. Prior to that, she held both National and Global leadership roles in the Real Estate & Construction Industry Group with Grant Thornton. Sian's expertise draws on 30 years' experience in taxation, accounting and general business consulting.

Advising clients from the start-up and growth phases of business through to those looking to realise their wealth via exit strategies. Her input is focused and practical with real insight into the issues impacting businesses in the industry, with deep experience managing tax risk for large private groups, advising on significant transactions and group consolidations. Sian oversees the compliance and planning needs of many Australian and international business groups in the real estate and construction sector.

**Shilam Singh** is a Senior Director working in the ATO's Energy & Resources Strategy team in Public Groups and is based in Brisbane. Shilam has over 20 years tax experience across various roles in the ATO, including client experience, tax technical, audit and strategy roles.

**Kara Singleton, ATI**, is a Partner in Deloitte's Trust & Governance Team

with over 20 years experience providing tax advisory and end-to-end compliance services, with a focus on tax risk management. Kara is passionate about tax governance and working with clients to ensure appropriate and robust processes and controls are in place to manage their key tax risks.

**David Stevenson** is an Assistant Commissioner in Public Groups currently leading the ATO's Energy & Resources Strategy along with the Brisbane based Engagement & Assurance income tax and GST teams. David has over 20 years of experience across various roles in the private sector and ATO.

**Chris Stewart, ATI**, is a Partner at PwC with over 20 years experience in providing corporate and international tax advice and compliance services to listed, private and foreign-owned multinational organisations across a variety of industries. Chris has extensive experience in advising on cross-border investment, corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions and income tax reporting, and leads PwC Australia's Pillar Two team. Chris is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and is admitted as a Legal Practitioner in Queensland.

**Linda Tapiolas, CTA**, is a Partner in the Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers Commercial team. She provides a range of support services to accountants, financial planners, and other professional advisers. This includes technical advice on complex tax, CGT and Div 7A issues, as well as acting on business sales and acquisitions to ensure clients achieve commercial and tax-effective outcomes. Prior to joining Cooper Grace Ward, Linda worked as an accountant for 18 years advising clients on capital gains, business acquisitions and restructuring. She also conducted seminars and training sessions on various topics including CGT small business concessions.

**Tom Walrut, FTI**, is a Special Counsel at Cooper Grace Ward Lawyers experienced in providing tax advice to clients on both State and Federal tax issues. Tom primarily works with SME clients in a broad range of industries advising on tax planning, transactional matters, structuring and general commercial matters. He also regularly acts for clients in taxation objections and disputes with both State and Federal Revenue Authorities.

**Natasha Wilson, ATI**, is a Manager in Tax & Business Advisory at Vincents.

She provides taxation advice to clients and professional advisors, providing technical tax support internally at Vincents to existing clients from various divisions, as well as externally to lawyers and other accountants. Natasha advises private groups, small and medium-sized businesses, corporate entities, and high net worth individuals across areas including, Division 7A, CGT, small business concessions, trust tax issues, business structuring, GST, and tax residency issues. She works closely with lawyers and other advisors on taxation issues arising out of family law settlements, deceased estates, and ATO reviews and disputes. Natasha is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Master of Taxation from UNSW.

# Venue and accommodation



## The Westin Brisbane

111 Mary St, Brisbane City QLD 4000

The Westin Brisbane is centrally located in the heart of the city, just a short walk from Queen Street Mall, Eagle Street Pier and Brisbane City Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a riverside stroll up to Howard Smith Wharves or across the Story Bridge to Kangaroo Point Cliffs. Southbank, Queensland Museum, QPAC and the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre are an easy walk away.

### Getting there

Ideally situated in the heart of central Brisbane's business and shopping districts, this hotel is conveniently located within a 30-minute drive of Brisbane Airport with the closest bus stop a two-minute walk to Charlotte Street.

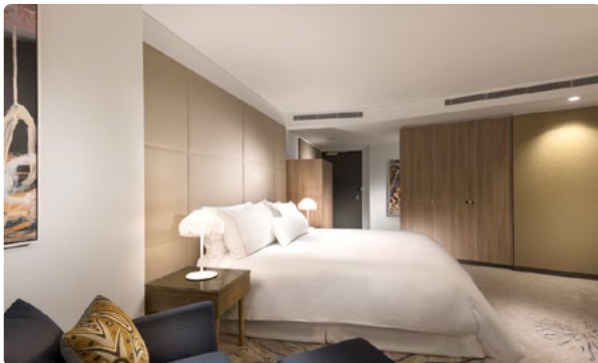
### Parking

Valet and onsite parking are available from \$60 p/day at The Westin Brisbane. Alternatively, offsite parking is available a short walk at [Wilson Parking](#) on Mary Street.

### Accommodation

Retreat to The Westin Brisbane and unwind with an extensive range of rooms and suites. Well-appointed suites complemented with luxurious amenities are designed with your comfort and convenience in mind. From the chic Renewal Suites, which include Westin Club access and impeccably appointed guest rooms, you'll find everything you need for a relaxing stay in Brisbane.

Please note the hotel booking and cancellation policies prior to booking in your accommodation. All additional hotel incidentals, including breakfast, remain the responsibility of delegates, and individuals will be responsible for payment of the balance of their account when checking out of the hotel. Please note that extra charges may be incurred for additional guests and will be charged to individual room accounts upon checkout.



# Event information

## Confirmation of registration

Please note you will receive two separate emails in the form of a tax invoice at the time of payment and a confirmation email at registration completion.

## Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Attendance at the event counts for 12 hours of CPD with The Tax Institute.

## The Tax Institute's attendee hub

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## Delegate list

A delegate list will be included on the attendee hub to assist with networking. Please indicate at the time of registration if you do not want your name to be included. Alternatively, you can edit your profile visibility settings in the virtual attendee hub at any time during the event.

## Dress code

Business or business casual attire is suitable for the duration of the event including the Networking Function.

## Special dietary and accessibility requirements

Please indicate any special dietary requirements at the time of registration. Please email us with any accessibility requirements at [nationalevents@taxinstitute.com.au](mailto:nationalevents@taxinstitute.com.au)

## Networking function

A Networking function will be held directly following the last session on Thursday from 5.00pm, poolside at The Westin Brisbane. The networking function is included

in the conference registration fee for delegates. Additional tickets are available to purchase for accompanying persons at a cost of \$80. Please indicate your requirements, including dietary requirements, at the time of registration.

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It is a condition of acceptance of registration that an administration fee of 20% of the registration fee be charged for cancellation if you can no longer attend the event. Cancellations must be received in writing by The Tax Institute five working days prior to the event. No refund will be given for cancellations received within five working days of the event. A replacement may be nominated. If the replacement is not a member, the non-member registration fee will apply. CPD hours will be allocated to the designated attendee.

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# Registration

## Registration inclusions

	Online access to presentations and technical papers	Morning/ afternoon tea/ forum lunches	Forum Networking function*
<b>Full registration</b> This registration option entitles one delegate to attend the entire event.	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
<b>Employer registration</b> This registration option allows one registration to be shared between multiple attendees from the same firm.	✓✓✓		

\*Additional tickets to the networking function can be purchased on the registration form.

## Discounts

### Early bird registration

All registrations received and paid on or before **Friday, 1 May 2026** will be entitled to an early bird discount.

**Please note:** The registration fee does not include accommodation, hotel incidentals or transfers.

### Group discounts

Purchase four full registrations (early bird or standard) and receive a fifth full registration for free. The free fifth registration must be of equal or of less value to the four paid registrations.


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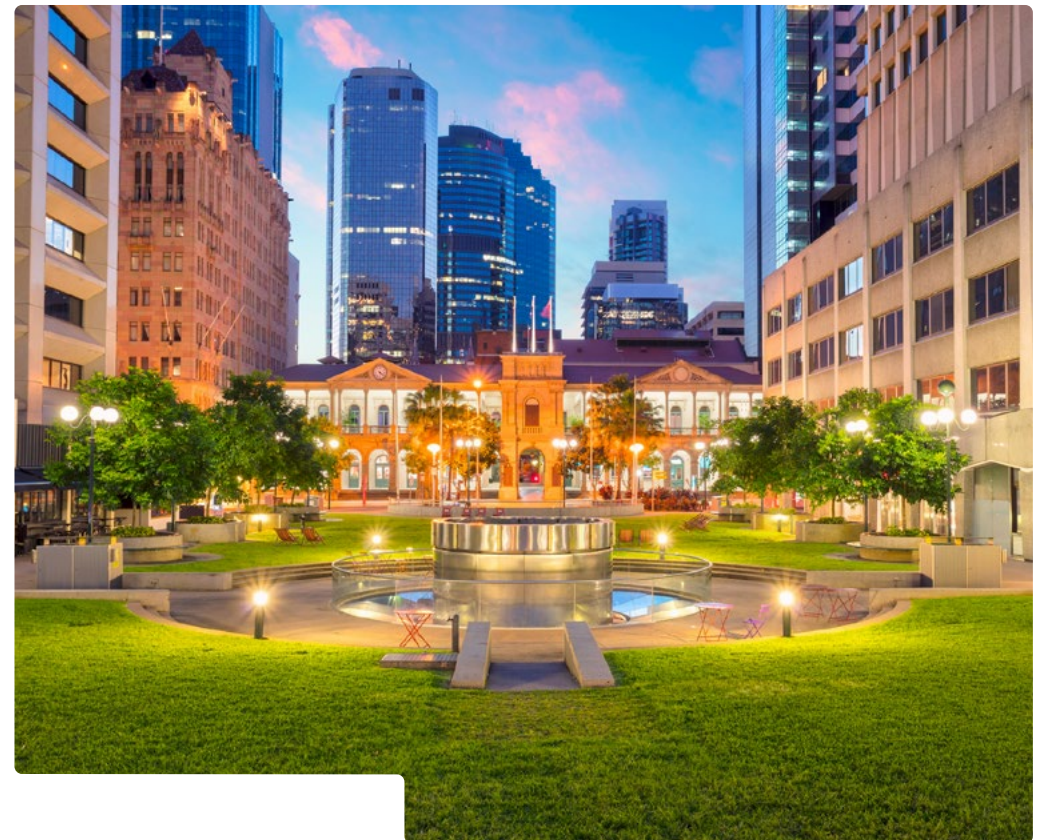
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### 1 Registration

Please see page 18 for registration inclusions.

#### Full registration – 12 CPD hours

	Member	New member*	Non-member
<b>Early bird registration</b> Register on or before Friday, 1 May 2026	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,695	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,090	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,995
<b>Standard registration</b> Register after Friday, Friday, 1 May 2026	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,895	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,290	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,195

I understand that the registration fees do not include printed materials. Access to materials will be electronic.

#### Networking reception

The networking function is INCLUDED in the registration fee for delegates attending the full forum.

#### Thursday, 28 May 2026 poolside at The Westin Brisbane

- Yes, I WILL be attending the Networking function OR
- No, I WILL NOT be attending the Networking function
- Yes, I require additional tickets for the Networking function at \$80 per person

No.  x tickets at \$80 each: \$

Dietary requirements:

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I hereby apply for membership of The Tax Institute and declare that I am a person of good fame, integrity and character. I agree to be bound by the Constitution of The Tax Institute.

Signature:

Date of signature:

**JOIN TODAY**

### 2 Delegate contact details

Member no.:

If your member details are up-to-date, you can skip this section.

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms      Date of birth:

First name:

Last name:

Position:

Company:

Address:

Suburb:       State:       Postcode:

Telephone:       Mobile:

Email:

Please tick this box if you do not wish your name to be included on the delegate list provided to all attendees for networking

### 3 Breakout session options

Please tick the breakout sessions you would like to attend during the conference:

#### DAY ONE – Thursday, 28 May 2026

- 10:30–11:30am  Session 2A  Session 2B
- 11:30am–12:30pm  Session 3A  Session 3B
- 1:30–2:30pm  Session 4A  Session 4B
- 2:30–3:30pm  Session 5A  Session 5B
- 4:00–5:00pm  Session 6A  Session 6B

#### DAY TWO – Friday, 29 May 2026

- 9:30–10:30am  Session 8A  Session 8B
- 11:00am–12:00pm  Session 9A  Session 9B
- 12:00–1:00pm  Session 10A  Session 10B
- 2:00–3:00pm  Session 11A  Session 11B
- 3:30–4:30pm  Session 12A  Session 12B

## 4 Payment summary

Registration fees \$

Additional guest tickets – Networking function (\$80 each) \$

**Total payable** \$

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## 5 Payment method

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- Cheque payable to The Tax Institute** (in Australian dollars)
- Credit card** Card type:  AMEX  Visa  Mastercard  Diners

Name on card:

Card no.:  Expiry date:

Cardholder's signature:

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## 1 Employer Ticket types

Employer Tickets offer a flexible option for employers to send multiple attendees to an event. We have different options to suit you and your team.

	Classic	Plus	Premium	Tailored
<b>Early bird</b> on or before Friday, 1 May 2026	\$3,450	\$4,950	\$6,450	
<b>Standard</b> after Friday, 1 May 2026	\$3,650	\$5,150	\$6,650	
<b>Best for</b>	SME	Mid-Tier	Corporate	
<b>Flexibility</b>	Your choice of 20 sessions	Your choice of 40 sessions	Your choice of 60 sessions	<a href="#">Contact us</a> to tailor a quote today for you and your team to attend multiple events.
<b>Team attendance</b>	Up to 5 attendees	Up to 10 attendees	Up to 15 attendees	
<b>Session formats</b>	Face-to-face	Face-to-face	Face-to-face	
<b>Networking</b>	5 networking passes	10 networking passes	15 networking passes	

### All Employer Ticket attendees receive:

- Electronic access to download available technical papers and presentations
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- CPD hours allocated according to attendee

1 session = 1 CPD hour per attendee

### Session selection

- Coordinators will be contacted with a session selection form to complete on behalf of attendees, based on the Employer Ticket type selected.
- The session selection form must be completed in full to ensure proper allocation of CPD hours post-event.

## 1 Employer Ticket types

Promotional code:

Ticket type	Cost	No. of tickets	Sub-total
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic			
<input type="checkbox"/> Plus			
<input type="checkbox"/> Premium			
<b>Total payable \$</b>			

## 2 Delegate contact details

Member no.:  If your member details are up-to-date, you can skip this section.

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