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2023 SEMINAR ON REPORTING
Reporting in the
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9.15am

REGISTRATION

9.40am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND OPENING REMARKS



Seminar Chair, **Bronwyn Wellings**, Deputy Chair ARA

9.45 – 10.30am

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION : KEEPING STAKEHOLDERS IN THE LOOP



Mohd Azli Ishak, Chief Financial Officer, PETRONAS Chemicals Group Berhad

Mohd Azli Ishak leads the overall financial and fiscal management of PETRONAS Chemicals Group (PCG) Malaysia and its subsidiaries. He started his career in Audit & Advisory in KPMG and joined PETRONAS 20 years ago, holding various roles in M&A, corporate finance, joint venture management and venture capital investment. In 2010, he jointly led the various workstreams in the listing of PCG on the Malaysian stock exchange, Bursa Malaysia. Azli graduated from Monash University, Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting and Finance. He is a fellow of the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

Azli is a passionate and motivated leader who works closely and communicates regularly with internal and external stakeholders including investors, analysts, regulatory authorities, and Government. He is a key driver of PCG's financial success and plays a vital role in shaping the company's future.

As Chief Financial Officer of PCG he is well placed to outline the impact of climate change on PCG's business and how PCG is addressing this challenge while keeping all stakeholders informed and engaged during the process. This involves regular communication, updates on progress and taking meaningful action to mitigate the effects of climate change and create a sustainable future.

At this keynote, Azli will share how PCG has been taking urgent climate action to mitigate climate risks and adapt to climate change. One of its initiatives include publishing PCG's first Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) in 2022. This TCFD standalone report was critical for PCG to improve its own understanding of its long-term climate-related risks and opportunities and provide transparency on how it manages climate-related issues.



PCG is proud to have achieved ARA Gold Awards in 2021 and 2022 and a Silver Award for Sustainability Reporting in 2022.

Moderator: **Vivian Au**, Director - Corporate Affairs (Communications), CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd

10.35 - 11.00am

BREAK FOR MORNING TEA

11.00 to 11.45am

IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY – AND A GREAT WAY TO LEARN!



Stephen Varady CSM Chair, ARA Awards Committee & Director
Tulip Penney who will take up the role of Chair from the 2024 Awards

George Bernard Shaw once said, "Imitation is not just the sincerest form of flattery - it's the sincerest form of learning".

To help you to learn how to achieve a high standard in annual reporting, Stephen Varady and Tulip Penney will share some 'how to' secrets by highlighting examples from the best of this year's entries that demonstrate the achievement of excellence.



Moderator: **Stephen Varady CSM**

11.45 to 12.30pm

THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF GENERATIVE AI**Professor Fahim Khondaker**

Partner, Data Analytics & Insights at BDO, Brisbane
Professor of Practice, University of NSW

Fahim has extensive experience across operational and commercial analysis, strategy and stakeholder engagement. He is particularly interested in the identification and analysis of key drivers for organisations, and developing new insights to deliver value. He is passionate about helping managers and executives to make informed decisions on complex issues.

At UNSW, his focus is on integrating practical analytics and insights into accounting, finance and business courses, and engaging with industry and thought leadership on data analytics and insights in an accounting, finance and business context. In 2021, Fahim was recognised by the Australian Financial Review as a BOSS Young Executive of the Year.

Fahim will provide a broad overview of how generative AI works, which parts of our work it may impact, and how we may be able to adapt to make the most of it.

The world around us is changing rapidly on multiple fronts and technological advancement continues to be a key driver of this change. Recently, generative AI and large language models like Chat-GPT have broken into our everyday conversations.

The adoption rate of these models, and the rate at which they are improving, make this feel like a defining moment for humanity. The way we work is almost certainly going to change going forward.

Moderator: Dr Maria Balatbat, ARA Director



12.30 to 1.15pm

BREAK FOR LUNCH

1.15pm to 2.00pm

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ESG AND WHY**Nathan Kessey, Director, CFO Advisory, KPMG**

Nathan is in KPMG's CFO Advisory Practice and holds a leadership role in the Better Business Reporting Group. Nathan has over 15 years' experience in Financial Services specialising in Superannuation, Investments and Banking.

Nathan's experience is focused on strategic financial business partnering, assisting executive teams and boards improve their decision making, as well developing corporate reporting strategies with consideration for an increasingly complex external environment and integration of ESG and other non-financial information.

Nathan will discuss the current status of ESG and what is driving interest in it – such as global, regulatory and capital market issues. He will also provide insights on what some organisations are doing in this space, and comment on how to ESG in your organisation – including building capacity and capability.

Moderator: Bronwyn Wellings, ARA Deputy Chair and Seminar Chair

2.00pm to 3.00pm

OUTSTANDING SPECIAL REPORTS

Join a discussion of entrants from Special Award winning organisations
Examples and tips on how to ensure the report communicates the issue clearly and puts the right emphasis where needed. All you'll need to know to gain a Special Award.

Governance Reporting Award: Wesfarmers Limited - Vicki Robinson

Vicki Robinson is Executive General Manager, Company Secretariat and Company Secretary of Wesfarmers Limited, one of the largest listed companies and one of the largest employers in Australia. Its diverse business activities include the Bunnings home improvement and Kmart general merchandise retail chains, and industrial operations in chemicals, energy, fertilisers and safety products.

Previously Vicki was General Manager, Legal (Corporate). Since joining Wesfarmers in 2003 she has played a significant role in many of Wesfarmers' key mergers and acquisitions. She has also held a number of non-executive director roles in the not-for-profit sector.

Vicki will discuss matters considered by Wesfarmers when developing and designing its annual Corporate Governance Statement. This will include how Wesfarmers considers evolving market practice and how it incorporates feedback from key stakeholders to continuously improve its disclosures. The development and effective communication of the Group's governance framework, and the Board's approach to overseeing Wesfarmers' diversified operations, will also be covered.

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Integrated Reporting Award: CPA Australia - Emma Sweet

Emma Sweet is an accomplished planning, reporting and research specialist with more than 25 years' experience across a diverse range of industries including music, tourism and professional associations. She is currently Senior Manager ESG Reporting and Market Research for CPA Australia.

Emma holds two master's degrees, one in business and the other in entrepreneurship and innovation. She has a particular interest and expertise in integrated thinking and reporting.

Integrated thinking, reporting and the benefits of assurance: CPA Australia has been using the Integrated Reporting Framework since its release in 2013. Emma Sweet will speak about the benefits of integrated thinking and reporting and why assurance is important for the credibility of reporting.



Work Health and Safety Award: Main Roads WA - Alan Colegate

Alan Colegate is an Executive Director with Main Roads Western Australia and leads the strategy and communications functions. He also represents Australia and New Zealand on an International Committee looking at performance of road and transport administrations. Alan has been actively involved with the ARA for the past 15 years as a Sector Coordinator and Member of the Awards Committee. He was appointed ARA Chair in July 2021. He is continuing as a Sector Coordinator and a member of the Awards Committee.

Across Western Australia, Main Roads is delivering an unprecedented amount of roadworks creating risks for employees, contractors and the public. There is a strong focus on engaging with employees to deliver better safety outcomes and creating a culture that supports good mental health. That culture is built around Thriving at Work – to mitigate illness, prevent harm and promote wellbeing.



Best Cover Design: DesignDavey – Sean Aley

Sean Aley is account director for DesignDavey and has been a designer, brand strategist and design manager for 25 years working in Australia, the USA, China and Europe for major clients.

Sean was an executive board member of the Australian Graphic Design Association for 14 years and has spoken on the subject of design at over 50 seminars and conferences in Australia and abroad.

Sean will draw attention to what needs to be considered in selecting the cover design for an annual report by commenting on the winner of the 2023 Best Cover Design Award. *Announced at the Awards Presentation Dinner – Thursday, 15 June.*

Moderator: Alan Colegate, ARA Chair and Coordinator

3.00pm

CLOSE OF SEMINAR

Closing remarks by **Bronwyn Wellings**, Seminar Chair

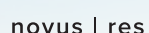
The educative activities of the Australasian Reporting Awards are intended to facilitate informed discussion within organisations about actions that should be taken to meet stakeholder and community expectations, and also how to inform stakeholders and the community about the actions that actually have been taken, and the outcomes. Please note, the upcoming 2023 ARA Seminar on Reporting addresses 'Reporting on Performance in the Era of Climate Change', which is pertinent to current media and community concerns.

Members of Professional Associations should confirm that the 2023 ARA Seminar on Reporting meets their Association's requirements for Continuing Professional Development.

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