

Cryptocurrency Conference

18 - 19 October, 2023



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Pre-Conference Webinars

Time (AEDT)	Clarendon Room
Monday, October 16 2:00pm - 3:00pm	● Digital Assets (Crypto/NFTs) compliance in an SMSF Deanne Firth & Jacob Kewley - Directors, Tactical Super
Tuesday, October 17 2:00pm - 3:00pm	● Practical Guide on Crypto Tax Marc Phillis - Co-founder, Cryptocate

CPD Competency Area

● Technical & Product Knowledge ● Management & Professional Skills ● Professional & Ethical Standards

Wednesday, 18 October

Time (AEDT)	Clarendon Room
8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome Danielle Weber - MC
9.15am	<p>● Blockchain & Digital Assets in Australia - How this Effects SME Accountants</p> <p>Simon Callaghan - CEO Blockchain Australia & Greg Valles - FIPA FFA & Blockchain Australia Treasurer</p> <p>Blockchain and digital assets will be the infrastructure that underpins future financial services. The development of Central Bank Digital Currencies and regulated stablecoins, will enable the tokenisation of real-world assets. It is important that SME accountants familiarise themselves with these new and evolving technologies, in order to serve an increasing customer-base, with nearly 25 percent of Australians owning digital assets.</p>
9.45am	<p>● Pursuing the Future of Crypto Together</p> <p>Electra Frost FIPA FFA - Blockchain Accounting Concierge, Electrafi, Dr Elizabeth Morton - Research Fellow & Lecturer of Taxation, RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub & Steve Vallas - Managing Director, Blockchain APAC</p> <p>As we look towards what the future of digital assets might look like, our experts will discuss: Opportunities and threats, The ATO's update on guidance, being crypto fit and ready for action and building for the next decade.</p>
10.30am	Morning Tea
11.00am	<p>● Cryptocurrency Changes & Uncertainties</p> <p>Danny Talwar - Head of Tax, Koinly & Dr Mark Pizzacalla - Partner, BDO</p>
11.30am	<p>● Objection! Can I even Ask That? Demystifying Australian Law and Crypto</p> <p>Damian Lloyd - Senior Associate, Cadena Legal, Harrison Dell - Director, Cadena Legal, Joni Pirovich - Principal, badast & Michael Bacina - Partner, Piper Alderman</p> <p>The world of digital assets can be confusing and complex with rules (or lack thereof), regulation and grey area. Our crypto law professionals will discuss how you can guide and assist your clients in getting it right or how to avoid legal implications.</p>
12.15pm	<p>● DeFi and Tax: Magic Internet Money and Magic Internet Tax</p> <p>Dr Elizabeth Morton - Research Fellow & Lecturer of Taxation, RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub</p> <p>What "tax mess" can we create when we play around with DeFi (Decentralised Finance)? In this presentation, we present a step-by-step experience of participating in several DeFi activities. Activities we explore include setting up a wallet, airdropping, trading, becoming a liquidity provider in a liquidity pool, bridging and staking.</p>
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	<p>● Demystifying Scams and Fraud - A Spotlight on Exchanges</p> <p>Lee Eaton - National Head of Business Development, Independent Reserve</p> <p>Scammers are consistently evolving and finding ways to exploit the cryptocurrencies as they are not easily recovered. Hear from Lee Eaton on how Australia's Crypto Exchanges are leading the way and working with traditional finance methods to fight back against scams and fraud in the digital asset space and what you can do to protect yourself and your clients.</p>
2.15pm	<p>● Traditional Financial Practices vs The Digital Revolution</p> <p>Caroline Bowler, CEO - BTC Markets, Hari Janakiraman, Head of Industry & Innovation, ANZ Banking Group, Jackson Zeng - CEO, Caleb & Brown & Lee Eaton - National Head of Business Development, Independent Reserve</p> <p>Facilitated by Simon Callaghan - CEO Blockchain Australia</p> <p>As the industry faces new challenges, the collaborations between institutions is increasingly important. Explore the areas of exchanges, banking, brokerage and understand how each viewpoint affect the financial ecosystem.</p>
3.00pm	<p>● Troublesome Transactions: A Guide to Stress Free Reporting</p> <p>Marc Phillis - Co-founder, Cryptocate, Danny Talwar - Head of Tax, Koinly & Mathieu Mingant, Partnerships Manager - CryptoTaxCalculator</p> <p>Facilitated by Lisa Greig - FIPA FFA & Principal - Perigee Advisers Pty Ltd</p> <p>Deciphering and decoding crypto data can be overwhelming. Join our panel of tax software experts and understand how solution based software can assist you, in producing stress free, accurate financial reporting to meet the needs of you and your clients.</p>
3.45pm	Day 1 & Stream Conclude
4.00pm	<p>Networking Drinks and Canapes</p> <p>Not finished mingling and having fun yet? Join us for drinks and canapes, network, discuss topics from the days experts and build relationships in the industry.</p>

Thursday, 19 October

Time (AEDT)	Clarendon Room
9.00am	Registration
9.30am	<p>● Networking Breakfast</p> <p>Start your day right and join us for a breakfast, get to know your peers while enjoying some breakfast goodies.</p>
10.30am	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Danielle Weber - MC</p>
10.40am	<p>● The NFT Disruption – not all Bored Apes and games</p> <p>Danielle Weber - NFT Artist & MC, Deanne Firth - Director, Tactical Super, Electra Frost FIPA FFA - Blockchain Accounting Concierge, Electrafi & Theo Kanellopoulos - Director, Lucky NFT</p> <p>On the surface, NFT's might seem like colourful digital playing cards but they are so much more. From interrupting traditional creative avenues to collectors and hobbyists finding themselves in a CGT mess. Hear from creatives and subject experts as they explore on real-life issues and their own experiences with NFT's.</p>
11.25am	<p>● Ethics & Crypto - What is Fraud? Where's the Line?</p> <p>Dr Aneesha Varghese-Cowan - Managing Director, Global CFO Solutions</p> <p>What "ethics" means in the world of Web3 and Crypto - A presentation focussing on founder accountability, fraud and the meaning of ethical conduct. Between 2017 and 2021, \$27B+ was raised via token based fundraising or ICOs. This industry is largely unregulated or perceived to be so, resulting in a complete lack of founder accountability.</p> <p>Crypto "scams" are rife and most of the time are driven by a lack of understanding of a founder's fiduciary responsibility to those that have "invested" in their project as well as an "investor's" understanding around what they are investing in.</p> <p>Many founders are first time founders, often lacking experience in financial management and governance - two key areas that help boost a company's chance at long term financial sustainability. It is time that finance and accounting professionals turned their minds to this lack of governance and financial management in the sector, assisting their clients understand their duties - both legally and from an ethical point of view.</p>
11.55am	<p>● Tackling accounting and tax compliance for DAOs (Decentralized Autonomous Organisations)</p> <p>Joni Pirovich - Principal, badaSl</p> <p>Preparing financial accounts for a DAO can go haywire at the earliest stages when you realise there is no DAO-activities specific chart of accounts. Should you map everything manually in excel? What crypto-accounting software is available? How do the accounting standards apply to the issuance or airdrop of a token from the perspective of the DAO? Do you need separate crypto-tax software as well? Join this practical session to gain some tips and insights to equip yourself to tackle accounting and tax compliance for DAOs.</p>
12.25pm	<p>● Crypto Tax Calculations: Manual vs Software</p> <p>Mathieu Mingant, Partnerships Manager - CryptoTaxCalculator</p> <p>Learn about the potential risks and pitfalls of manual calculations, including errors and time-consuming processes, contrasted with the efficiency and precision of crypto tax software solutions. Discover the benefits of automation, real-time data retrieval, and tax optimisation offered by software tools. Gain insights to make informed choices in navigating the complex cryptocurrency tax landscape.</p>
12.55pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<p>● Workshop: Introduction to Crypto and Tax</p> <p>Damian Lloyd - Senior Associate, Cadena Legal</p> <p>More and more taxpayers are engaging in crypto transactions, whether holding them directly or on-boarding onto existing crypto exchanges. While the ATO has published guidance on the fundamentals of the tax treatment of crypto assets, dealing with the diverse nature of crypto activities can leave you scratching your head. This presentation provides a high-level overview of the questions you should keep in the back on your mind when tackling your first matter involving crypto assets.</p>
2.30pm	<p>● Massive Change: Fintech, Digital Currencies, Real World Assets</p> <p>Peter Cook - Executive Director, Novatti</p> <p>A simple thought - Ledgers have gone from scratchings on clay tablets to handwritten notepads to complex databases inside large financial systems. Now the recording and nature of those underlying assets are being changed.</p> <p>The rate of convergence of financial technology, digital currencies, and traditional assets forces change for consumers, businesses, financial markets, regulators, and the accounting profession.</p> <p>In this session, we will unravel the disruptive forces driving fintech innovation, reshaping the way we invest, transact, and manage wealth. Discover how digital currencies, such as cryptocurrencies, stablecoins and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), are rewriting the rules of finance and commerce.</p> <p>Moreover, gain insights into the intersection of digital and real-world assets, including the tokenization of real estate, art, and more. Learn how these innovations are democratizing investment opportunities and challenging traditional accounting and auditing practices.</p> <p>Specific Use Cases surrounding Faster Payments and settlements via Smart Contracts, Tokenisation of Real World Assets, and Auditing of a Stablecoin will be discussed.</p>
3.00pm	<p>● Preparation for a Digital Asset Future, a Practitioner's Perspective</p> <p>Electra Frost FIPA FFA - Blockchain Accounting Concierge, Electrafi, Greg Valles - FIPA FFA & Blockchain Australia Treasurer & Oliver Woodbridge, Director - Tax on Chain</p> <p>Facilitated by Lisa Greig - FIPA FFA & Principal - Perigee Advisers Pty Ltd</p> <p>Hear real world examples and experiences from like-minded practitioners who have dealt with crypto curious clients to seasoned traders and those alike, while arming you with practical advice to take on the complex world of crypto.</p>
3.45pm	Announcement of Business Card Draw Winners
4.00pm	Afternoon Tea, Event and Stream Conclude