

Agenda

Wednesday, February 4

8:30am - 11:00am **Transfers - Melbourne Airport to Sorrento**

Depart from **Melbourne Tullamarine Airport by 8:30am**

11:00am - 12:00pm **Registration and casual lunch on arrival**

12:00pm - 12:05pm **Welcome remarks**



Colin Tate AM

Founder and
managing director,
Conexus Financial

CHAIR

12:05pm - 12:50pm **Keynote: Government's superannuation agenda**

The minister will outline the Albanese government's top priorities for the 2026 calendar year and second term, addressing policy debates including the financial advice and member standards reforms, Your Future Your Super performance test review and super tax changes, alongside broader economic reform issues.



**The Hon Dr
Daniel Mulino
MP**

Assistant Treasurer,
Minister for Financial
Services

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Colin Tate AM

Founder and
managing director,
Conexus Financial

CHAIR



Aleks Vickovich

Editor-in-chief,
Conexus Financial

CHAIR

12:50pm - 1:40pm **Panel: Big picture in superannuation leadership**

This session will hear from leading members of the chair community on the big issues facing superannuation, with a focus on mitigating the key operational, reputation, legal and market risks facing funds as the sector grows past \$4 trillion in assets. It will assess a range of commercial and regulatory challenges and opportunities facing trustee boards and management teams.



Damien Frawley
Chair, Hostplus



Jim Minto
Chair, Mercer Super



The Hon Nicola Roxon
Chair, HESTA



The Hon Wayne Swan
Chair, Cbus Super



CHAIR

Colin Tate AM
Founder and
managing director,
Conexus Financial

1:40pm - 2:40pm

Workshop: Trustee board composition, diversity and governance

This interactive session will provide a 'sneak peek' on exclusive unpublished research conducted by The Conexus Institute mapping the skills matrices, competencies, operating models and conflicts of super trustee boards. It will tap the collective wisdom of the delegation and debate what best practice board governance looks like.

Includes table discussion



Dr David Bell
Executive director,
The Conexus
Institute



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2:40pm - 3:10pm

Afternoon tea

3:10pm - 4:10pm

Keynote: Priorities in prudential and corporate regulation

Senior representatives of ASIC and APRA will separately outline their enforcement priorities in the superannuation sector for the 2026 calendar year, including compliance with then Retirement Income Covenant, privatisation of markets and member and customer engagement.



Margaret Cole
Deputy chair,
Australian Prudential
Regulation Authority



**Simone
Constant**
Commissioner,
Australian Securities
and Investments
Commission



Aleks Vickovich
Editor-in-chief,
Conexus Financial

CHAIR

4:10pm - 4:55pm

In conversation: Financial stability, liquidity stress and super

The Reserve Bank of Australia will continue its strategic engagement with superannuation leaders, examining the systemic risks facing and emanating from the \$4 trillion system. This session will unpack the central bank's current work around financial shocks and stability, liquidity stress and testing and blockchain/central bank digital currencies, with a view to drawing out the implications for super investors.



Dr Brad Jones
Assistant Governor,
financial system
group, Reserve Bank
of Australia



Dr David Bell
Executive director,
The Conexus
Institute

CHAIR

4:55pm - 5:45pm

In conversation: Public life, popularity and the press

Drawing on his unique experience as the uber-popular former Premier of Western Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mark McGowan AC will reflect on his time as a rare national figure in state politics to draw out the lessons for governance and leadership in the superannuation sector.



**Mark McGowan
AC**
Premier of Western
Australia, 2017-23



Colin Tate AM
Founder and
managing director,
Conexus Financial

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5:45pm - 5:50pm

Closing remarks

Colin Tate AM
Founder and



managing director,
Conexus Financial

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5:50pm - 7:00pm **Pre-dinner drinks on the Sunset Terrace**

7:00pm - 10:00pm **Aperitif and dinner**

Thursday, February 5

7:30am - 8:45am **Private chairs breakfast**

The private breakfast is attended by chair delegates only (**no non-chair trustee directors, speakers, sponsors or staff**) and affords those in attendance the opportunity to speak directly, and in-confidence, about issues of common concern and interest. Ahead of the breakfast, delegates will be invited to submit questions and issues on-notice for discussion.



Danielle Press
Chair, MLC Super

CHAIR

8:30am - 8:55am **Arrival refreshments**

8:55am - 9:00am **Welcome remarks**



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9:00am - 9:50am **In conversation: Health, happiness and humanity**

Australia's mental health crisis continues to escalate amid an inefficient and over-governed federal structure and a string of social and economic accelerators. This session will take a candid, expert look at the mental health crisis, brain science and federal health policy, and ask what role

the superannuation industry can play in prevention of illness and encouragement of wellness.



Professor Steve Moylan
Chair, Lifeline
Australia



CHAIR

Colin Tate AM
Founder and
managing director,
Conexus Financial

9:50am - 10:50am **Workshop: Member experience and retirement preparedness**

As the government prepares to release minimum service standards for super members, and regulators continue to list customer service and retirement strategy as an enforcement priority, this session will provide chairs with a snapshot of exclusive research on how funds rank on these critical measures. The presentation will be followed by an interactive discussion on how the super industry can meet regulator and member expectations.

Includes table discussion



Andrew Inwood
Global chief
executive, CoreData
Group



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Conexus Financial

10:50am - 11:20am **Morning tea**

11:20am - 12:10pm **Panel: Advice, guidance and decumulation**

As millions of members transition to retirement, super funds are being encouraged to provide more advice and guidance to members. But the laws governing advice remain fraught and new risks are emerging on the horizon. This panel will examine the implications of the government's financial advice law reform agenda and fallout from the Shield and First Guardian scandals.



Mark Armour
Chair, UniSuper



Jo-Anne Bloch
Audit and risk
committee chair,
CFS Super; chair,
Compensation
Scheme of Last
Resort



Jeremy Cooper
Chair, The Conexus
Institute Advisory
Board; External
chair, carbon
advisory board,
Future Group



Nick Hamilton
Managing director
and chief executive,
Challenger



Helen Rowell
Chair, Australian
Retirement Trust



Aleks Vickovich
Editor-in-chief,
Conexus Financial

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12:10pm - 1:00pm Panel: AI, cyber and tech transformation

Super funds are being called on to improve their cybersecurity efforts amid an escalating prevalence of online scams and cybercrime targeting the system. Meanwhile, rapidly developing AI technology presents both risk and opportunities. The session will examine how super funds are implementing technology change in ways that meet regulatory and member expectations, and the role for trustee boards.



Michelle Bower
Chief executive,
Gateway Network
Governance Body



Tony Brain
Chair, AMP Super



**Christine
McLoughlin AM**
Chair, Aware Super



Ash Priest
Chief executive,
Novigi



Geoff Lloyd
Chair, Conexus
Financial

CHAIR

1:00pm - 1:50pm Lunch

1:50pm - 2:35pm Keynote: Geopolitical risk and the new world order

This session will present an expert hypothesis on the geopolitical risk facing global investors and financial institutions amid a dramatic reworking of international security and economic relations and foreign and domestic policy pronouncements from an unorthodox US government.



Ben Weiss
Chief executive,
Veracity Worldwide



Colin Tate AM
Founder and
managing director,
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2:35pm - 3:25pm Panel: Super's role in a volatile and deglobalised world

Reflecting on the previous expert keynote, this closing session of the conference will reflect on the role of super funds as investors in a rapidly changing world in which the role of global free trade and the US dollar and economy are being questioned as mainstays of institutional portfolios. The panel will examine how funds are considering and mitigating geopolitical risk and the opportunities and challenges inherent in their increasingly global role as an extension of Australian soft power.

Includes table discussion



The Hon James Merlino
Chair, Rest Super



Danielle Press
Chair, MLC Super



Linda Scott
Chair, CareSuper



David Whiteley
Global head of external relations,
IFM Investors



Aleks Vickovich
Editor-in-chief,
Conexus Financial

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3:25pm - 3:30pm Closing remarks



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3:30pm - 6:00pm Transfers - to Melbourne Airport

Arrive at **Melbourne Tullamarine Airport by 6:00pm**
