



July 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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A banner for the 2021 AFAANZ Virtual Conference. The background is dark blue with abstract, glowing white and light blue lines and dots, suggesting a digital or networked environment. The text '2021 AFAANZ Virtual Conference' is written in a white, sans-serif font.

## 2021 AFAANZ Virtual Conference

The AFAANZ Board wishes to thank our AFAANZ Members for the record registrations for our second virtual conference. We had 690 members and exhibitors register for our event over the 3 days, capped off with a very successful hub event in Melbourne. The conference had a plethora of highlights, including two highly engaging keynotes from Professors Gary Monroe and Phillip Stocken, numerous informative panels and sponsor keynotes, and 170 presentations from AFAANZ members.

Thank you to our Platinum Sponsor: Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, our Gold Sponsor: CPA Australia and our Bronze Sponsor MYOB for their support and contribution to the conference.

Congratulations goes to Professor Tom Smith and Professor Garry Carnegie for becoming AFAANZ Life Members. Tom also received the Outstanding Contribution to Accounting & Finance Education Award. Congratulations also to Jing Shi, Ray de Silva Rosa, Chris van Staden and Tom Smith who were awarded Fellowship Membership of AFAANZ for their continuous contributions to AFAANZ. The Peter Brownell Manuscript Award winners Nhung Hong Dao, Vijaya Bhaskar Marisetty, Jing Shi and Monica Tan; and Emma McDaid who won the Best PhD Award. Also, congratulations to the Best Paper Award winners and also the Outstanding Reviewers Award winners. All winners and categories are listed [HERE](#). AFAANZ round 1 research grants were also announced, click [HERE](#) to view the grant recipients by Institutional Member Universities.

There are far too many people to thank individually - but to all the presenters, panelists, keynotes, reviewers, sponsors and exhibitors - this conference would not be a success without you all. Also thanks to the SIG convenors who ran their own successful online events - and opened their seminars to include both SIG members and non-members.

And special thanks to Yaowen Shan and Nicola Beatson for taking the reins this year - and to Jacqui Bates and her team at OnAIR for bringing it all together online. The online Doctoral Symposium also was a success with 42 students taking part over 3 days - thank you to Marvin Wee and Maria Dyball for coordinating this event and the 14 faculty who volunteered their time to run the PhD student group sessions.

As our main sessions were recorded; the sponsor keynotes, plenary sessions and panel sessions are available to be viewed on our conference [website](#) page.

I hope you're all looking forward to Melbourne 2022!

**Jac Birt & Tom Scott**

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On behalf of the board of AFAANZ, we'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new board members, Professor Lisa McManus and Professor Michaela Rankin.

We'd also like to thank our outgoing board members. Professor Jac Birt for her valuable 11 years of service since her appointment to the board in 2011 and her last 2 years serving as President (Australia); and also Associate Professor Maria Dyball for her past 2 years of service to AFAANZ.



### **The MYOB IT Challenge is back!**

Encourage your students to sign up to the MYOB IT Challenge – a fusion of business and technical analysis – driving real solutions for real business problems by university students. The competition is online, and open to **EVERY university student from Australia and New Zealand** and has a prize pool of \$8,500 to be won.

#### **Students will put into practice and develop**

**Business Skills:** think from a commercial perspective and understand the market and the customer

**Technical Skills:** build a prototype solution and understand human-computer interaction

**Presentation Skills:** pitch and persuade a panel of professionals

**Agile & Teamwork Skills:** work within a team to go from understanding the problem to a working solution in a limited timeframe.

#### **How does it work?**

Students form a team of 1-4 and register your participation before 18th July

On 19th July the case outlining the context and problem students will solve is released

In one week teams provide a viable solution, creating a 5-10 min video pitch and a one page executive summary

Judges will mark the submissions to choose the top 6 participants for the final round in August

For more information and to register visit: <http://myobitchallenge.co.nz/>

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## Free for AFAANZ members - PD for Accounting Instructors

### Get to know Xero with AccountingPod

🕒 1.5 hours

- Recognising cloud accounting platform basics
- Examine cloud accounting information systems
- Recognise methods for teaching in the cloud with Xero

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### Hands-on with Xero

For Accounting Instructors Only. [Click here to register.](#)

AccountingPod is offering AFAANZ members a free on-demand course that will introduce cloud accounting principles. The course is a self-paced program that takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete. The course utilizes automated guidance and examples of task level feedback, auto grading and additional pedagogical learning insights.

Key outcomes for this self-paced program include:

- Recognising cloud accounting platform basics
- Examine cloud accounting information systems
- Recognise methods for teaching in the cloud with Xero

The free course experience will be available for AFAANZ members during the whole month of July 2021 so [register now](#).

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## **IFRS Foundation Workshop: Third Agenda Consultation**

**Wednesday 28 July 2021 16.00-17.00 (AEST)**

**Presenters: Ann Tarca IASB Member and Rafal Markowski, IASB Technical Staff**

This workshop will provide an overview of the Third Agenda Consultation and seek feedback from practitioners and researchers on what the IASB's priorities should be over the next five years. The IASB is interested in hearing about any research relevant to decisions about potential projects.

The objective of the Agenda Consultation is to seek feedback on:

- 1) the strategic direction and balance of the IASB's work;
- 2) the criteria for assessing the priority of financial reporting issues; and
- 3) the priority of financial reporting issues that could be added to the work plan.

In March 2021 the IASB published Request for Information for public comment. The comment period will end on 27 September.

For more details and to register for this workshop, go to: <https://www.afaanz.org/afaanz-insight-series>

For more details and to register for this event, click [HERE](#).

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# QUALRAN SIG

## WRITING THE QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHOD SECTION

**Time and Date:** 5pm (Melb time), Thursday 19 August 2021

**Session length:** 90 minutes (45 minute presentation and 45 minutes discussion)

**Presenter:** Professor Chris Chapman, University of Bristol



### DETAILS

Writing the methods section of qualitative research papers can be a challenging process. Researchers are faced with the issue of how to explain their analysis in a comprehensive manner that displays the discipline and rigour their processes.

However, this must be done with consideration given to the boundaries set by journals, e.g., overall word limits, thus making the research methods section a challenging section to get right. In this workshop Chris will discuss these challenges and strategies that researchers may wish to employ to communicate the skill and rigour of their qualitative research process.

To register for this event, click [HERE](#).



### 2022 Australian Accounting Hall of Fame Awards

Nominations for next year are open from 1 August to 23 October 2021, and the event will be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2022. Registrations will open in January. The event will take place as a dinner and will be recorded for those who cannot attend.

The nomination form and full details are available [HERE](#)

### Post-Implementation Review of AASB 1049 Whole of Government and General Government Financial Reporting

Dr Kim Langfield-Smith has been engaged by the Financial Reporting Council to undertake an independent Post-Implementation Review of AASB 1049. The purpose of this review is to evaluate the extent to which AASB 1049 and the budgetary disclosure requirements in AASB 1055 Budgetary Reporting have been successful in harmonising GFS and GAAP reporting, whether the benefits outweigh the costs, and whether any improvements to one or both Standards are needed to assist the

Standards to meet their objectives.

A Consultation Paper has been prepared with questions for comment aimed specifically at users of government financial statements and at preparers of government financial statements. If you would like to contribute to this review, please contact Dr Kim Langfield-Smith directly by email [langfieldsmithconsulting@outlook.com](mailto:langfieldsmithconsulting@outlook.com), or on 0417 327 088.

Due Date for submissions is Monday 9 August 2021.

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## UPCOMING SEMINAR

Alan Lowe - 17 September 11:00-12:30 NZ time, Zoom details to be confirmed

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## Registration is now open for the 2021 Center for Accounting Research and Education Conference – *Accounting for Sustainability and Responsible Investing*

**VIRTUAL - 22 Sept 2021 & 29 Sept 2021**

**OVERVIEW:** There is no denying the global climate is changing. 2019 was the second warmest year on record, and ended the warmest decade on record. Climate change is affecting every continent on earth, disrupting the economy and affecting lives. The Paris Agreement, adopted in 2015, aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change through appropriate financial flows and new technology frameworks; additionally, the UN Secretary-General has proposed six climate-positive actions for governments to take as they begin to individually and collectively begin to build back the economy post-pandemic. Companies will need to adopt long-term systemic shifts to address the changes necessary to comply with the Paris Agreement. This conference will discuss some of the changes that will be necessary to create the accounting framework for sustainability and responsible investing necessary moving forward. All details are available [HERE](#)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS and EXEMPLARS

### **The 2021 PMA Conference and related Special Issue of MAR welcome research on performance measurement and management in a dynamic environment.**

The 2021 PMA Conference will be at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, on July 4-7, 2021. Authors are welcome to submit their papers for consideration in a special issue of Management Accounting Research. Submission deadline is August 31, 2021. Click [HERE](#) for further details.

### **Hawaii Accounting Research Conference Call for Papers**

Conference dates: 3 Jan 2022 - 5 Jan 2022

Submission Deadline: August 15, 2021

The Hawai'i Accounting Research Conference (HARC) is an annual global accounting conference organized by the Shidler College of Business at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM). The conference will provide an enjoyable and affordable venue for attendees to engage in lively discussions about intellectually stimulating accounting research. For more information, click [HERE](#)

### **Environmental, Social and Governance for sustainability Conference**

The Victoria University Business School and Institute for Sustainable Industries & Liveable Cities with the support of CMA Australia is hosting a research conference on Friday the 29th October 2021 (Hybrid Event).

We invite papers /abstracts that investigate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues such as ESG reporting, assurance, regulations, UN sustainability goals, ESG measurement, circular economy, investor expectations and involvement of different sectors including not for profit and public sector. This year, the conference will also focus on the impact of COVID 19 and future priorities.

Deadline for papers/abstracts: 31st of August 2021. For more details, click [HERE](#)

### **A-CSEAR Conference 2021 Learning from the Past; Accounting for the Future**

The Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (CSEAR) is an international

membership-based network that aims to mobilise accounting scholarship to enable a more sustainable society.

A-CSEAR (the Australasian division) aims to foster a supportive and inclusive community of emerging and established scholars investigating research on the social and environmental aspects of accounting theory and practice. The annual A-CSEAR conference provides an international forum in which to showcase this work and to foster much needed interdisciplinary research in accounting.

The deadline for paper submissions is 9 August 2021. More details are available [HERE](#)

### **Journal of Accounting Education**

The *Journal of Accounting Education* (JAED) invites papers on any aspect of sustainability in accounting education for a special issue. Possible topics include but are not limited to incorporating the UN Sustainable Development Goals into accounting curriculum, preparing future accountants to contribute to a broader reporting landscape including the Global Reporting Initiative and Sustainability Accounting Standards Board Standards and the International Integrated Reporting Council Framework, student perceptions of sustainability in accounting education, incorporating sustainability related case studies into the accounting curriculum, facilitating interdisciplinary approaches in accounting education, and sustainability related work integrated learning for accounting students. For more details, click [HERE](#)

The deadline for submissions is **1 November 2021**.

The **International Journal of Auditing** is going to have a special issue on “Auditing and Assurance for Small Entities.” Please click here for the [Call for Papers](#). The closing date is Feb 28, 2022

The **International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and The Accounting Review (TAR)** have issued a joint call for academic research papers on how key standards are performing in the capital markets. Selected papers will be presented at a joint conference titled Accounting for an Ever-Changing World, currently scheduled for 2-4 November 2022 in New York City, and will be considered for publication in TAR (a publication of the American Accounting Association). For full details click [HERE](#)

The deadline to submit papers is 15 May 2022

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