

October 2022

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AFAANZ Education Forum 2022

"Accounting has changed – where do we fit?"

The **AFAANZ Education Forum** will be held at the CA ANZ offices in Melbourne on 29 November 2022.

This years theme is "Accounting has changed, where do we fit?". Included in the program are two panel sessions debating the changed nature of accounting as a profession. One panel with industry professionals, and one with academics. We also have a variety of presenters who will share their research and insights on the theme, all with differing perspectives. The forum will be forward focused, thought provoking and useful for all AFAANZ members. We hope that you can join us in person at this exciting event.

We invite you to register by clicking on the button below. The registration fee is \$50. AFAANZ and RMIT are offering a 10% discount if you register for both the AFAANZ Education Forum and also the RMIT Accounting Educator's Conference.

https://www.afaanz.org/education-forum

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AFAANZ 2023 Conference and Survey

The AFAANZ Board look forward to welcoming you to the 2023 AFAANZ Conference at The Star on the Gold Coast, beginning with the SIG events on July 1, and the conference running from Sunday July 2 to July 4. Please note: at this stage the 2023 conference will be in person with no online option for attendance.

The Call for Papers will be announced in the December member newsletter.

The AFAANZ board is also seeking your feedback about conference funding, as we want to understand the challenges that members are facing right now. We really appreciate you providing us with this information so that we can better understand the current environment.

Click https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MZ8LSCL to go to the short survey

How to future-proof accounting professionals

Key topic explored by academics and professionals at the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) stand during the 2022 AFAANZ conference.



Chartered Accountants ANZ took the opportunity to ask some important questions on the topic to the 2022 AFAANZ Conference attendees.

When asked how they thought the accounting profession was evolving and the capabilities needed to future-proof accounting graduates, there were two clear themes in their answers:

- understanding advances in data analytics and technology, and
- the impact of environmental, social and governance factors on financial performance.

Professionals of the future need to be able to embrace new technologies and global challenges, see the whole picture and communicate the solutions back to stakeholders.

Discover how leading accounting academics and professionals can keep up with the changing nature

of the accounting profession and future-proof their teaching. Read the responses at https://www.youunlimitedanz.com/be-inspired/articles/how-to-future-proof-accounting-professionals

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Congratulations to the MYOB Education Partner of the Year and MYOB Educators of the Year 2022.

As part of the MYOB Partner Awards this year, MYOB also recognised their education partners and educators from across Australia and New Zealand who have gone above and beyond to help their students succeed. Congratulations to Learner Link, Julia Yonghua Wu from University of Canterbury and Nikki Schonfeldt from University of Western Australia for taking out the education awards. For full details of all the winners and awards please visit: <u>https://www.myob.com/au/blog/myob-partner-awards-2022-celebrating-the-winners/</u>





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RMIT Accounting Educators' Conference 2022

The RMIT Accounting Educators' Conference will be held in hybrid mode at the offices of CPA Australia, Melbourne. The conference is dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practices of accounting education and promotes collaborative excellence between members and institutions from practice and education. The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity for academics and professionals with cross-disciplinary interests to bridge knowledge gaps, strive for excellence in research and promote the evolution of accounting education in the development of future accounting professionals.

Date: Monday 28th November 2022 Time: 9:00am (AEDT) Venue: CPA Australia, Level 20/28 Freshwater Place, Southbank (Melbourne) Registration Fees: In-person attendance \$50; Online attendance \$20 For any queries, please contact the Convenors: <u>Meredith Tharapos</u>, <u>Pavithra Siriwardhane</u> or visit the <u>Conference Website</u>

The registration fee is \$50. AFAANZ and RMIT are offering a 10% discount if you register for both the AFAANZ Education Forum and also the RMIT Accounting Educator's Conference.

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AFAANZ AWARDS

Applications are now open for Awards to be granted to AFAANZ members at the 2023 Conference.

AFAANZ Life member is granted to members who have made an outstanding contribution to AFAANZ and an outstanding contribution to at least one of scholarship, education or the profession. Click <u>HERE</u> for the criteria. Applications must be received by 18th November 2022

The *Fellow of AFAANZ Award* is granted to members who have made a significant contribution to AFAANZ's activities over a sustained period of time. Click <u>HERE</u> for the criteria and application. Applications must be received by 18th November 2022.

Outstanding Contribution to Practice Award

The aim of this award is to recognise outstanding contributions to accounting and finance practice by members of AFAANZ. This award may be made to more than one recipient provided nomination(s) are of a sufficiently high merit and meet the selection criteria. Applications must be received by 30th October 2022. Applications details are available <u>HERE</u>

AFAANZ AAA & EAA PhD Colloquium Representatives

A great opportunity is now open for PhD students to represent AFAANZ at the American (AAA) and European (EAA) Accounting Association PhD colloquiums in 2023.

The AAA colloquium details are yet to be confirmed, but most likely late July 2023 in Denver, **Colorado**; and the EAA will be held in Hanasaari (just 6 km from Helsinki City, Finland) during May 20-23, 2023. Students need to have attended a prior AFAANZ Doctoral Symposium and be a current member alongside other listed criteria.

Please note that in-person attendance will be determined by travel requirements in place at that time. Alternatively, AAA and EAA may offer an online colloquium.

Details on both colloquiums can be found and the AFAANZ website at <u>https://www.afaanz.org/doctoral-symposium</u>

Applications close Friday, 11 November, 2022 and must reach the AFAANZ office by email on info@afaanz.org

AFAANZ Members Areas of Expertise

To enable better collaboration between AFAANZ Members and our main sponsors – Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and CPA Australia – we are collecting information around areas of expertise of our members. The member portal has been updated to allow for selection into topic areas. Should our sponsors require expertise in a certain area, AFAANZ will be able to provide connections to provide opportunities for engagement.

To enter this information, enter your AFAANZ member portal and click on the Additional Profile Information tab and select the Personal Information tab. Click on the edit/create button and the areas of expertise multiple check-box topics will appear along with an areas of interest text box to enter your information. Email info@afaanz.org if you have any questions.

Accounting History

The Accounting History joint editors, the conference convenor and co-chairs of the technical committee of the 11th Accounting History International Conference (11AHIC) held in Portsmouth from 7th to 9th September 2022 wish to thank the AFAANZ Accounting History Special Interest Group of (AHSIG) and AFAANZ members for their support to this engaging face-to-face event. It was great that the AHSIG convenor and a few of its members could attend the conference in Portsmouth.

Seven contributions were presented at the Accounting History Emerging Scholars' Colloquium held before the Conference. Two of the participants were from Australia and their attendance was possible due to the generous financial support provided by the AHSIG.

At the conference, 37 full papers from 15 national affiliations were presented through 15 conference streams. The conference had a plethora of highlights, including two highly engaging keynotes on industrial heritage (from Professor Luca Zan) and on Henry Benson, a well-known accounting professional in the African continent (by Professor Grietjie Verhoef). The conference program was completed by an informative panel on "What makes a Special Issue special" and a presentation by Dr Garry Scarlett of Portsmouth University on the historical information embedded in the animal and human remains of the Mary Rose warship.

The historical locations chosen by the convenor to best represent the glory of Portsmouth (the Warrior, the Mary Rose Museum and the Boathouse) provided a unique landscape to the social and networking moments of the conference.

The passing of Queen Elizabeth II, which occurred during the conference, gave a special historical imprint to this Portsmouth event.



We are pleased to announce that, as part of your annual membership, AFAANZ members now have complimentary access to *Accounting History*. The journal is acknowledged as a premier journal in its field and is a prized resource for academics, practitioners and students who seek to augment understanding of accounting's past and use that understanding to elucidate accounting's present and its possible future development. You need only you log into your AFAANZ member account and navigate through to: <u>https://www.afaanz.org/accounting-history-journal</u> which accesses *Accounting History* through the Sage Publications page. We are sure AFAANZ members will enjoy this additional benefit!

Call for Volunteers

AFAANZ is looking for volunteers for 2023 for:

- Research Grants Committee
- Conference Technical Committee
- Social Media

If you are interested, can you please email <u>info@afaanz.org</u> to register your interest. If you wish to apply for the grants and technical committees, please provide the following details:

- Title
- Name
- Affiliation
- · Area of expertise
- Methodology of expertise

Product Update 2023 Planning

October 2022

accountingpod

How is everyone doing as we bounce forward from the pandemic? What's brewing at AccountingPod?

Here's a chance to join our Product update presentation in October and be part of our 2023 roadmap

Register <u>HERE</u> Date and Time: 1pm AEST, Wednesday 12 October 2022

A few things currently brewing:

Learning Experience Update: Xero, QBO, Excel, Google Sheets, Power BI, Tableau, Alteryx, Python NoteBooks and more. Data Update: Innovate Accountancy with Data Science, ESG Assessment Update: Invigilation Content Creation Update: Algorithmic Tools for Publishers and Authors

Short demo

If you need a primer on "what is AccountingPod", we'll run through a short demo starting 15 minutes prior to the update. Meantime, check out this link: <u>https://accountingpod.com/teaching/</u>

AccountingPod – smart technology that connects your learners' hands-on to the real tools of business and saves teachers' time!

Talk soon! Team AccountingPod

ACCOUNTING & FINANCE



Call for Papers

Special Issue on Qualitative Research with practical relevance and impact in Accounting

The due date for submissions for this special issue is 1 May 2023. All details are available <u>HERE</u> The guest editors are

- Conor Clune, UNSW Sydney, email: <u>c.clune@unsw.edu.au</u>
- Ralph Kober, Monash University, email:<u>ralph.kober@monash.edu</u>
- Paul Thambar, Monash University, email:paul.thambar@monash.edu

Special Issue on Reporting and Assurance of Climate-related and Other Non-financial Information

The due date for submissions for this special issue is 1 August 2023. All details are available <u>HERE</u> The guest editors are

- Dr Shan Zhou (University of Sydney, <u>shan.zhou@sydney.edu.au</u>)
- Professor Louise Lu (Australian National University, <u>louise.lu@anu.edu.au</u>)
- Dr Xinning Xiao (Monash University, xinning.xiao@monash.edu)



Nominations for the 2023 <u>Australian Accounting Hall of Fame Awards</u> are now open.

Throughout Australia's long and distinguished accounting history, there have been many individuals whose achievements, both alone and in combination with others, have been significant and whose impact on the discipline has been profound. The Australian Accounting Hall of Fame seeks to identify and recognise these individuals and their contributions.

You are encouraged to nominate your peers for this prestigious award. To do so, access the <u>Nomination page</u>, download the nomination pack and follow the enclosed instructions. The nomination period closes on 23 October 2022.





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A teaching benchmark reference tool for staff and students teaching financial reporting, auditing, financial statement analysis, corporate finance and investment subjects.

CA ANZ and the University sector have formed a partnership to conduct research to produce an annual benchmark report of the normal, high, and low values of the key ratios that measure a company's performance and overall financial position that can be used to evaluate growth and margins, working capital management, capital structure and liquidity and overall performance. The report is available <u>HERE</u> at the link below (scroll to bottom and download the report).

This report will be produced on an annual basis and feedback in regard to the research for future editions can be provided to Professor Matt Pinnuck (<u>mpinnuck@unimelb.edu.au</u>) and Dr Mark Wallis (<u>m.wallis@business.uq.edu.au</u>)

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APIRA 2022 INTERDISCIPLINARY ACCOUNTING RESEARCH WEBINARS

Continuing on from 2021, the 2022 AAAJ's APIRA thought leadership webinars will offer major interdisciplinary accounting research presentations and panel forums. They will be 90 minute webinars on three occasions through 2022. Each live session will also be recorded and available to registrants on the APIRA webpage.

October 12th, 2022 Accounting, auditing, and digital transformation: Implications and critical issues Presenters and Panel: Prof Indrit Troshani (Australia) Prof Giuseppe Grossi (Norway) Prof Jodie Moll (Australia)

Please spread the word to colleagues and doctoral students.

You can register now for the first APIRA 2021 events, on the APIRA webpage: <u>https://apira.onlive.events/</u>





'Accounting for an Ever-Changing World'

Registration is now open for this 2022 academic joint conference from the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and *The Accounting Review*.

Date: 2-4 November 2022 Venue: New York Marriott Marquis Hotel

This event will provide a forum for the presentation of academic research papers that support the IASB and the FASB in their post-implementation reviews of the recent major standards covering revenue recognition, leases and financial statements. There will also be panels of practitioners, preparers and users, a luncheon speech by the SEC's Acting Chief Accountant, Paul Munter, and a fireside chat between FASB Chairman Rich Jones and IASB Chairman Andreas Barckow moderated by Professor Mary Barth.

In-person registration is limited to 155 attendees and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for virtual attendance is also available with unlimited slots, however. More information about the conference and registration is available on the <u>conference website</u>.

You can also view a promotional video by IASB member, Ann Tarca HERE.

The Accounting for Social Impact Research Group at Auckland University of Technology (AUT) is hosting the **2022 Accounting for Social Impact Case Competition** online Thursday, 17 November 2022. The event aims to promote students' understanding of how accounting technologies and



practices can be used to develop innovative solutions to address real-world problems. For all details, click $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}$

CALL FOR RESEARCH



CALLING APPLICANTS AND ASSESSORS IN THE AFAANZ GRANTS SCHEME

Have you ever submitted an application for an AFAANZ grant? Have you previously assessed AFAANZ grant applications?

If you are interested in participating in a research project that explores the grant process and associated outcomes, please email Dr Yinka Moses (<u>yinka.moses@vuw.ac.nz</u>) to schedule an online interview. We seek to interview both successful and unsuccessful applicants, so please get in touch if you have made an application. The research team comprises Dr Chelsea Gill, Dr Yinka Moses, Dr Vishal Mehrotra, Dr Binh Bui, Dr Keith Godfrey and is sponsored by Professor Robert Faff.

This is your ONE chance to, among other things, help AFAANZ authenticate and enhance its research grant process with a sound evidence base of information from key end users and stakeholders. Without your crucial feedback, we will never know what works and what does not! Please, help us to help you!"

Dear colleagues,

I am writing this email to request your participation in research conducted by Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia. This research is funded by CPA Australia and is a global study

examining the (potential) use of digital technologies for sustainability reporting.

We are conducting interviews with various professionals with expertise on this topic from around the world. We need people with expertise either in accounting, finance, sustainability, information technology or information systems.

Interview: The interview may take around 45 minutes and can be conducted via MS Teams / Zoom / Skype or telephone. Your rights and interests as a research participant are protected by this project being compliant with the rules and guidelines of Swinburne University's Human Research Ethics Committee.

What you should do next: Please reply to the email given below (preferably including a contact phone number) indicating your willingness to be interviewed for this research study. More information about this study is attached to this message.

We will then contact you to organise a time convenient for you for conducting the interview. We are available most weekdays during your office hours (in your time zone) but please note that the research team is based in Australia.

Your privacy is important to us-please be assured that your responses will be anonymous and will be kept confidential.

Purpose of the research: Advancements in digital technologies are ushering in a diverse range of solutions that greatly enhance the ability of companies to predict, monitor, and report on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risks facing their businesses. However, a recent report by the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) found that the deployment of digital technologies to report on sustainability information is insufficient. This is despite regulators and stakeholders increasingly requiring companies to undertake ESG reporting, to standardise it, as well as to be more transparent about the sustainability of their own activities and supply chains.

Explanatory Statement and Consent Form

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely, Diana Migirian Email: <u>dmigirian@swin.edu.au</u>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Meditari Accountancy Research

Accounting as technical, social and moral practice for shaping a better world

This Special Issue is concerned with accounting as a combined technical, social and moral practice with an overarching concern for shaping a better world from tomorrow, including by means of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other key mechanism. This special issue aims to facilitate the focus of minds around the effects of accounting, whether intended or unintended; accounting may have narrow premises or roles or potentially concerning consequences for the world we pass on to our children and future generations.

The last date for submission of papers for consideration for publication in this Meditari Accountancy Research Special is **15 February 2023**. All details are available <u>HERE</u>

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and sustainability accounting: Opportunities and Challenges for public, non-governmental and hybrid sector organisations

Special issue call for papers from Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management

What is this special issue about?

The adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations in 2015 has been a well-received and globally accepted iteration of the sustainable development agenda (Abhayawansa et al., 2021; Adams et al., 2020; Bebbington and Unerman, 2018). With 17 holistic goals and 169 targets, the SDG agenda aspires to stimulate action in areas that are of critical importance for humanity and the planet including hunger, poverty, inequality, health and well-being, clean energy and quality education (United Nations, 2015). Given the critical importance of SDGs, this initiative has drawn considerable attention in the policy debate and research. A number of conceptual studies have set the agenda and directions for advancing and achieving SDGs and the role of accounting and finance therein. However, little is known about how organisations, especially in the public, non-governmental and hybrid sectors are addressing and implementing the SDG goals and targets, and account for sustainability performance

All details are available HERE

Closes: March 31, 2023



Lecturer - Financial Planning Griffith Business School (Gold Coast) Closes: 25 November 2022

Lecturer - Financial Planning Griffith Business School (Nathan Campus) Closes: 25 November 2022

Senior Finance Business Partner Monash University Closes: 12 October 2022

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