



September 2021

# NEWSLETTER

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## 2021 - 2022 Research Grants Round 2

The AFAANZ Research Fund (ARF) Annual Grants Program is designed to encourage and support members by providing funding for research projects. The 2021 Round 2 will focus on quality projects that address or respond to contemporary and future challenges to, and/or have implications for, accounting and finance practice, policy and/or the professions. Grants are competitive, and are primarily intended to support small-scale projects of up to one year's duration or to assist in seed funding for larger scale projects.

Applicants must demonstrate their ability to conduct the proposed research and show how the project will benefit the research profile of the individuals and the discipline.

Round 2 funding will be funded from AFAANZ reserves, ***so access to the ARF will be open to all AFAANZ individual members.***

To view categories, eligibility and application process please see [HERE](#).

Closing Date: 30 September 2021

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## [AFAANZ AWARDS](#)

Applications are now open for Awards to be granted to AFAANZ members at the 2022 Conference.

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 [HERE](#) for the criteria and application. Applications must be received by 19th November 2021.

### ***Outstanding Contribution to Education Award***

The aim of this award is to recognise outstanding contributions to accounting and finance education 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 19th November 2021. Applications details are available [HERE](#)



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## **IASB's *Management Commentary* Exposure Draft**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 16:00-18:00 (AEST)**

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in conjunction with the Accounting & Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand (AFAANZ) and the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) will hold a virtual seminar on **14 September 2021 at 16:00-18:00 (AEST)**. The seminar will provide an overview of the IASB's *Management Commentary* Exposure Draft. The IASB's Exposure Draft sets out a proposed comprehensive new framework for preparing management commentary that meets investors' information needs.

The IASB's objective is to provide a robust basis for bringing together in a single report financial, sustainability and other information about the matters that are fundamental to a company's long-term prospects. To put these proposals in context, AASB staff will present their research comparing narrative reporting requirements applicable to for-profit entities in various jurisdictions and Professor Roger Simnett will give his view of the current narrative reporting landscape. The purpose of the session is to obtain feedback from academics on the proposals in the IASB's Exposure Draft.

The seminar will be structured in three sections:

- 1) Introduction to the Management Commentary project
- 2) The objectives-based approach to disclosure in management commentary;
- 3) Selecting and presenting information in management commentary.

Each section will include a short presentation by the IASB and observations from AASB staff or Professor Simnett followed by questions and comments from the audience to be addressed by the presenters and IASB member Ann Tarca.

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

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

All previous Insight Series events can be viewed by going to the Insight Series [webpage](#).

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### University of Auckland students win MYOB IT Challenge 2021

Congratulations to Team Members Nicholas Kondal, Laith Saeed, Sonia Wang and Emily Zou, who developed Rev-you, a functional prototype app for the MYOB marketplace designed to help SMEs automatically collect and analyse customer feedback.



The MYOB IT Challenge, which has now been running for seven years in partnership with the Management Consulting Club, is designed to develop, support and foster the skills of up-and-coming tech talent. The challenge sees students combine business and digital technology skills, as they tackle real-world business issues using tech-led solutions, presenting to senior industry professionals in the Trans-Tasman Final.

Read the full media release of this year's winners [HERE](#):

Also check out our latest guide to managing and growing your business – [A Brighter Future: How accountancy firms will succeed in a new world](#).

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**Product Update  
and 2022 Planning**

accountingpod

How is everyone doing in these are very challenging times? What's brewing at AccountingPod?

Here's a chance to join our Product update presentation in September **and** be part of our 2022 roadmap

Date and Time: **1pm AEST, Wednesday 15 September 2021 - Register [HERE](#)**

#### A few things currently brewing:

- Tech: more feedback and insight, smarter content and algorithmic creation
- Content: consolidations, budgets & forecasts, data analytics, tax, payroll & BAS cases
- Connections: things we plug-in to – cloud accounting, integrated reporting, Tableau, MSFT, PowerBI, Excel

#### Xero Learn retirement:

Offer to get you started: XeroLearn YAML templates conversion – reach out now for 2022.

#### Short demo

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

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## 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](#)

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## SEMINARS

### ASIA PACIFIC INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN ACCOUNTING THOUGHT LEADERSHIP EVENT

#### *Critical issues in the Qualitative Accounting Research Tradition*

After Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal's first two APIRA thought leadership events for 2021, the final 2021 event 3 to be held on September 9 features:

Presenters:

- Professor Ileana Steccolini, University of Essex and
- Professor Brendan O'Dwyer, University of Amsterdam & University of Manchester

(Q&A moderated by Distinguished Professor Lee Parker)

The 90 minute event will be recorded and available to registrants on the APIRA webpage for a period of one week after the actual event.

Register now for this event on the APIRA webpage: <https://apira.onlive.events/>



#### Orchestrating the Quality of Professional Work in Auditor-Client Interactions with *Alan*

*Lowe*

- 17 September 11:00-12:30 NZ time, Zoom details [HERE](#)

[Andrew Baker](#) - 3 November 11.00-12.30 NZ time. Zoom details [HERE](#)

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The **Accounting for Social Impact Research Group** at AUT will host the Accounting for Social Impact Case Competition on Friday, 26 November 2021, in Auckland, New Zealand. 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. See more [HERE](#)



**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](#)**

**Virtual Accounting Student Research Day 2021**

Deakin Business School - Department of Accounting is calling for Expression of Interest from current/recently completed Honours and Masters (with a research component) Students in accounting to showcase your thesis/research proposals. Submission Date: Friday 17 September 2021. Full details [HERE](#)

**19th ANCAAR Audit Research Forum**

The 19th ANCAAR Audit Research Forum will take place on the 3rd and 4th of December 2021 (in person, COVID permitting). Preference will be given to papers that have not previously been presented at a conference or submitted to a journal. Your submission email should include a statement in this regard. As in previous years, we strongly encourage submissions from PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 24 September 2021. Enquiries to [ancaar@anu.edu.au](mailto:ancaar@anu.edu.au). The Forum is generously supported by the ANU Research School of Accounting.

**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**.

**CIMA Early Career Researcher Grants**

The CIMA General Charitable Trust is making up to £3,000 available to Ph.D. students and £5,000 to post-doctoral researchers from anywhere in the world. CIMA is particularly keen to fund projects on innovative topics that address the latest thinking in management accounting. Download the flyer [HERE](#). The closing date for applications is Friday, 19 November.

**Special issue call for papers from *Meditari Accountancy Research*  
*Accounting in and by the Extractive Industries***

Full call for papers and further information are available [HERE](#). Submission deadline: 30 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 2022 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ISAIS)  
July 6-8, 2022 - Call for Papers and Registration**

The Centre for Accounting and Industry Partnerships, Department of Accounting, University of

Melbourne, Australia is pleased to announce the tenth International Symposium on Accounting Information Systems (ISAIS). ISAIS is rotated annually between the USA (Michigan State University), Europe (Hasselt University, Belgium) and Australia (University of Melbourne).

ISAIS 2022 will be online/virtual for all participants. Additionally, for those that can attend in person and network with colleagues, a meeting room will be available in the Faculty of Business and Economics Building at the University of Melbourne for all sessions. For all information, click [HERE](#)

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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