

September 2022

NEWSLETTER

Vale Frank Finn 2 Sept 1944 - 10 August 2022

Emeritus Professor Frank Finn passed away peacefully aged 77. He leaves behind his beloved wife Lyn, son Tony, daughter in law Magda, grandchildren Jacob and Sophie, and sister Cathy.

Frank was a Life Member of AFAANZ, a Past Editor of *Accounting & Finance*, and a lifelong contributor to the accounting and finance discipline. He spent his entire academic career at the University of Queensland which spanned almost 40 years, and served as the Head of Commerce on multiple occasions.

In addition to many notable personal achievements, Frank inspired and taught many students who went on to careers in academe. He was renowned for his zest for life, sense of fun, and care for his students and staff. On his retirement, the University of Queensland established the Frank Finn Chair in Finance and the Frank Finn Scholarship to support Commerce students in their Honours Year.

Frank's impact will live on in through his individual research but most of all in the enduring culture that his passion for research helped create. We will miss a great Professor, a great mentor, and a great friend. Frank was one of a kind and there will never be another Frank Finn.

A more fulsome tribute to Frank will appear in Accounting & Finance.









Building Confidence in Academics: MA SIG Insight Series Workshop

Academic performance, like performance in many areas of human endeavour, is influenced by both competence and confidence. While we typically focus on the development of competence in academics, we often don't pay a lot of attention to confidence. Working in an environment that consists of receiving constant critical feedback and at times unfounded criticism from students, university administrators, colleagues, practice, and especially reviewers, can have a profound influence on an academics' confidence. There is often very little institutional support to help academics navigate this adversarial environment: unless you're lucky enough to have a great mentor. The challenges associated with the pandemic have only served to make this structural problem more salient. Buzzwords such as grit, resilience, and antifragile are bandied about as solutions to this problem. However, how we achieve these outcomes is less clear. How do we build and maintain confidence in such a critical environment and not just give up, lead a life of 'quiet desperation', or let a lack of confidence consistently impact our teaching, research and engagement performance? This workshop will draw together a panel of experts, moderated by Professor David Brown (UTS, Sydney), to explore the research on confidence, it's interaction with competence, and ways, as a community of scholars, we can increase our overall level of confidence.

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AFAANZ Insight Series

QualRAN SIG Workshop
Prof.Ingrid Jeacle
(University of Edinburgh)



Using Netnography in Qualitative Accounting Research

Netnography (Kozinets, 2002) is a new research method that has become increasingly popular within the social sciences. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce the accounting scholar to this new methodology and suggest its role in qualitative accounting research. The key components of netnography are first outlined before reviewing recent scholarship in qualitative accounting that has used the method. The advantages and challenges of netnography are explored together with the opportunities it presents for researching new modes of accountability in the digital age.

OCT 18 • 17:00 - 18:30 AEST

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AFAANZ Education Forum

"Accounting has changed - where do we fit?

Tuesday 29th November

CA ANZ Office, Melbourne

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 HERE

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

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: https://www.afaanz.org/accounting-history-journal 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 info@afaanz.org 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





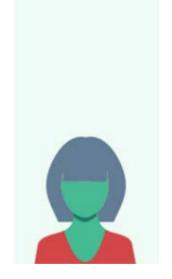
Australia's and New Zealand's SMEs: Snapshot 2022

With roughly 2.4 million small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Australia, and SMEs accounting for 97% of all NZ businesses, they play a crucial role in our economic growth and productivity. MYOB has combined its latest insights - based on the MYOB Business Monitor and a range of other data sources - to share a profile of Australian and New Zealand's SMEs today.

Read the full AU Report here and the full NZ Report here

Product Update, 2023 Planning

September 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 September **and** be part of our 2023 roadmap

Register HERE: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yTnDB5g1S8qya9Jv0FU9Ww Date and Time: 1pm AEST, Wednesday 21 September 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 September update. Meantime, check out this link: https://accountingpod.com/teaching/

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

Talk soon! Team AccountingPod





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:c.clune@unsw.edu.au
- Ralph Kober, Monash University, email: ralph.kober@monash.edu
- 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, shan.zhou@sydney.edu.au)
- Professor Louise Lu (Australian National University, <u>louise.lu@anu.edu.au</u>)
- Dr Xinning Xiao (Monash University, <u>xinning.xiao@monash.edu</u>)





Calls for Papers

Accounting History Research in the Age of Digitalisation Submission deadline: 15th September 2022

'SAGE Publications has established a new Editors' Choice Collection for Accounting History on the theme "Accounting and Historiography". The articles in this new collection are freely available for a limited period from 1st April-30th June 2022 and are found at the following link: https://journals.sagepub.com/page/ach/collections/editors-choice/accounting-and-historiography

This replaces a prior Editors' Choice Collection on the same topic from 2015, which has been archived. That page can be also found at the end of the page at the above link.

There are now 22 Editors' Choice Collections for *Accounting History*, with the series designed to cover key themes within the accounting history field. These are updated and refreshed from time to time. Details relating to the other Collections are available at the following link: https://journals.sagepub.com/page/ach/collections/editors-choice/index.

In order to receive journal Contents alerts, please click on the "Sign Up" button located in the "Connect with us" box on the journal home page found at: http://journals.sagepub.com/home/ach

We hope that you find the newly-added collection, as well as the previous ones, to be helpful and enjoyable reading!'



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.







DIFFERENCE MAKERS"

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 HERE 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 (mpinnuck@unimelb.edu.au) and Dr Mark Wallis (m.wallis@business.uq.edu.au)

SEMINARS

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: https://apira.onlive.events/



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 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 (yinka.moses@vuw.ac.nz) 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: dmigirian@swin.edu.au

CALL FOR PAPERS



21st Australasian Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (A-CSEAR) Conference

Emerging Scholars Colloquium – Call for Submissions

The 2022 A-CSEAR Conference is pleased to invite submissions for the Emerging Scholars Colloquium (ESC) – a one-day event on 12 December for emerging scholars working in the social and environmental accounting space. Full details are available HERE

Call for Papers: "Democratising accounting"

We look forward to welcoming you to the 21st Australasian Centre for Social and Environmental Accounting Research (A-CSEAR) Conference to be held in-person at the Wellington School of

Business and Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. The main conference will be held on 13-14 December. Full details are available HERE

Key dates and information:

Deadline for full paper submissions: 30 September 2022 Notification of decision to authors: 31 October 2022

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 HERE

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



Professor/Associate Professor

Edith Cowan University Closes: 26 September 2022

Lecturer - Financial Planning

Griffith Business School (Gold Coast) Closes: 25 November 2022

Lecturer - Financial Planning

Griffith Business School (Nathan Campus)

Closes: 25 November 2022

Management Accountant

Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand Closes: 16 September 2022

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