Public sector members hear from the chair of the IPSASB

On 28 February 2017, Ian Carruthers, chair of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) and Kris Peach, chair of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) spoke to an audience of senior public sector finance professionals about their ongoing projects and the future focus areas.

Following their presentations, they participated in a session and were joined on the panel by Karen Sanderson, Executive Director, NSW Treasury and Karen Johnson, Assistant Auditor General, Queensland Audit Office. This offered an opportunity to the attendees to quiz the panellists on a range of topical public sector reporting and financial management and governance issues.

'Become a CPA' Information Sessions

In the lead-up to the semester 2 of the CPA program, CPA Australia continues to present 'Become a CPA' Information Sessions open to the public and private sectors. The sessions are designed to help interested people discover how becoming a CPA can benefit them and support their career goals. Someone you know may be interested in attending to enhance their knowledge or to find out more about enrolling in the CPA program – view upcoming dates for the ‘Become a CPA’ Information Sessions.
Webinar: Financial Literacy - cutting through the numbers

Presented by Alan Sweeney and Neil Morgan FCPA, and tailored to a not-for-profit audience – this webinar from CPA Australia, in conjunction with Visual Finance, will help you and your organisation to have a better understanding of:

- income statements, balance sheets and how they interact
- the difference between cash and profit
- what ratios of numbers are really telling you.

Access the webinar recording and other resources:

- video
- audio
- manual
- book and transcript
- CPA Australia Guide to understanding the financial reports of not-for-profit entities

This webinar was presented as part of the Mentor the Treasurer program, created and managed in a partnership between Pro Bono Australia and CPA Australia. The program helps small not-for-profit organisations better manage their funds, achieve financial independence and more easily find a suitable reviewer or auditor with a minimum of fuss

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Supporting the not-for-profit sector

CPA Australia supports the Australian Scholarship Foundation (ASF) to enhance the management and accountability of not-for-profit organisations, through annual scholarship opportunities.

In 2017, five scholarships have been granted to managers and financial officers of registered charitable organisations to enhance their knowledge and skills, and help them contribute to the management and accountability of the organisation. The scholarships aim to do this by funding 100 percent of the recipients’ CPA Program subject fees.

In 2017, the five scholarships were awarded to candidates from:

- True (relationships and reproductive health), Queensland
- Teach for Australia, Victoria
- Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland, Queensland
- New Horizons, New South Wales
- NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Inc., New South Wales.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is In Conversation with Alex Malley

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani admits the moment his emotions changed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks was when he saw a man jump out of a window of the World Trade Center. “I grabbed the police commissioner’s arm when that happened and said this is much worse than we’ve ever handled before – we’re just going to have to go on our gut and instinct and pray we get it right.”

During In Conversation with Alex Malley, Giuliani also reveals what we can expect from the Trump presidency and why he supported his campaign. “I did it because I believe my country is heading in the wrong direction,” he says.

View the episode online.
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