



ICA's 2022 Annual Conference: Speakers and bios



Ellen Fanning, Host

Ellen Fanning is an award-winning current affairs journalist. She appears daily and hosts the ABC TV's program, The Drum, a panel discussion program that focusses on the news of the day. Ellen Fanning was the first woman to host one of ABC Radio's national current affairs programs. Two years at the helm of PM were followed by several years anchoring AM on ABC Radio and serving as occasional host of ABC TV's 7.30 Report. Ellen served as the ABC's Washington correspondent and has been a reporter for the Nine Network's 60 Minutes and Sunday programs. She was the last presenter of the Nine Network's prestigious Sunday program and a columnist on legendary The Bulletin magazine. Ellen Fanning has had extensive experience moderating political, business and community events in Australia. As a facilitator her strength lies in her ability to clarify goals, define roles and reach agreed outcomes across both cultural and language barriers.



Andrew Hall, Executive Director and CEO, Insurance Council of Australia

Andrew joined the Insurance Council of Australia in September 2020 from the Commonwealth Bank, where he served as Executive General Manager, Corporate Affairs, for seven years. At CBA he was responsible for the management of CBA's corporate reputation, public affairs and sustainability. He was previously Director of Corporate and Public Affairs for Woolworths Limited for six years, overseeing a similar portfolio and participating as a member of the Management Board. Andrew's professional career started as a journalist in regional New South Wales in 1994, before moving to Canberra in 1996 where he worked in federal politics for 10 years as a ministerial media advisor. From 2001 to 2007 he was the Federal Director of the Nationals, leading the party as campaign director for federal elections. His expertise in the corporate affairs profession has been recognised with admission to the Arthur W. Page Society, recognition in the International Top 50 Corporate Affairs Professionals (Salt & Shein 2014) and in the inaugural award of Top 50 Outstanding LGBTI Leaders in Australia (Deloitte 2016) for his work

in leadership roles, diversity and on the Board of Equality Australia for the marriage equality campaign. He has extensive experience in governance, both in the corporate and not-for-profit sectors. He serves on the boards of Rural Aid and The Avner Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

President's speech



Nick Hawkins
Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, IAG and
President, Insurance Council of Australia

Nick Hawkins became IAG's Managing Director and CEO in November 2020. He previously held the role of Deputy CEO, accountable for the management and performance of IAG's day-to-day operations. Nick previously spent 12 years as IAG's Chief Financial Officer, responsible for the financial affairs of the company. Prior to this Nick was the Chief Executive Officer of IAG New Zealand and also held a number of roles within finance and asset management since joining the Group in 2001. Before joining IAG, Nick was a partner with KPMG. He is a Fellow of Chartered Accounts of Australia & New Zealand and a graduate of the Harvard Advanced Management Program. The Board of the Insurance Council of Australia appointed Mr Hawkins to the position of President at its December 2021 meeting.

The 2022 floods panel



Brendan Moon AM
Coordinator-General, National Emergency Management
Agency

Brendan Moon AM commenced as the first Coordinator-General of the National Emergency Management Agency in October 2022.

Brendan brings with him extensive expertise and experience in disaster response, recovery, preparedness and risk reduction.

He spent 10 years with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), starting as the General Manager, Operations in 2011 until his appointment as Chief Executive Officer in 2016.

While with QRA, Brendan led operations for Tropical Cyclones Oswald and Marcia, and state-wide reconstruction and recovery efforts from all significant natural disasters in Queensland since late 2015, including Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017, the Central Queensland Bushfires in 2018, the North and Far North

Queensland monsoon trough flooding event in early 2019 and the Queensland Bushfires of late 2019.

He was previously General Manager, Environment, Biodiversity and Sustainability of Wyaralong Dam Alliance, where he was responsible for the procurement and delivery of what was, at the time, the largest vegetation and carbon offset project in Queensland.

Brendan is a regular contributor to national and international dialogue on disaster risk and resilience and has addressed the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction's Asian Ministerial Conferences on multiple occasions. He is a passionate advocate for cooperation and collaboration across international, national, state and local agencies for disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Brendan is a graduate of the University of Queensland.



Emma Curtis
**Lead Ombudsman – Insurance, Australian Financial
Complaints Authority**

Emma Curtis has 25 years' experience in financial services law and governance, including over 10 years as a regulator. Emma leads the AFCA decision makers who make decisions about life insurance, general insurance and insurance broker complaints. Before joining AFCA as Lead Ombudsman - Insurance Emma was the Senior Executive Leader - Insurers with ASIC, leading the insurance supervision team. Emma was joint acting Executive Director of ASIC's Financial Services Group through the period that included the 2019-20 bushfires and the unfolding of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emma also has prior experience in senior in-house legal roles with Australian financial services firms.



Steve Krieg
Mayor of Lismore

Steve Krieg has a background in operating a variety of businesses in Lismore since 2007. Previous to this he was a high school teacher for thirteen years. Steve's dedication to business and economic management is balanced through a strong belief in social justice and environmental protection.

Steve's primary objective whilst mayor of Lismore is to foster and strengthen Lismore's economic growth, whilst maintaining its strong environmental and cultural heritage.



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Session with the regulators panel



Karen Chester
Deputy Chair, ASIC

Karen Chester is ASIC Deputy Chair having been appointed in January 2019. Karen chairs the Commission Regulatory Committee and represents ASIC on the Council of Financial Regulators.

Before joining ASIC, Karen was the Deputy Chair of the Productivity Commission having joined as a Commissioner in 2013. Karen presided on over 10 inquiries and reports, including on superannuation, retirement and housing decisions of older Australians, natural disaster funding, intellectual property and overcoming indigenous disadvantage.

Previously, Karen was a Partner and Global Head of Infrastructure at Mercer. Before joining Mercer, Karen was a Partner at Access Capital Advisers and the CEO of Access Economics. Karen has held directorships on infrastructure company boards.

Before moving to the private sector, Karen held senior economic policy roles in the Australian Treasury and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Karen has a first class honours degree in Economics from the University of Queensland, was awarded an honorary doctorate in Economics by the University in 2017 and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Karen is a member of Chief Executive Women.



Helen Rowell
Deputy Chair, APRA

Helen Rowell was appointed as Deputy Chair of APRA in November 2015, and reappointed for a further five-year term from 1 July 2018.

Mrs Rowell joined APRA in 2002 as General Manager, Industry Technical Services and held a number of senior roles, including in supervision, policy development and supervisory support, prior to her appointment as APRA Member, with primary responsibility for superannuation, from 1 July 2013. Helen assumed primary responsibility for insurance from 1 July 2021, and in April 2022 added the cross-industry portfolio to her responsibility.

Mrs Rowell is currently Chair of the Council of Financial Regulators' (CFR) Climate Working Group, the APRA representative on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Working Party on Private Pensions, and President of the International Organisation of Pension Supervisors. Helen also

represents APRA on the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) Executive Committee and has been appointed as the IAIS Diversity, Equality & Inclusion champion.

Mrs Rowell has previously represented APRA on various IAIS sub-committees, the Financial Security Board's Supervisory Intensity and Effectiveness Group and as co-Chair of the Joint Forum Financial Conglomerates Committee.

Prior to joining APRA, Mrs Rowell was a partner at the international consulting firm Towers Perrin; she is also a Fellow and past President of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.



Dr Sean Carmody
Executive Director – Insurance Division, APRA

Dr Sean Carmody is the Executive Director of the Insurance Division of APRA. The division is responsible for the prudential supervision of the insurance industry, covering general insurance, life insurance and friendly societies and private health insurance. Prior to this, Dr Carmody was the Executive Director for the Cross-Industry Insights and Data Division of APRA, which is responsible for providing APRA with cross-industry data and insights, specialist advice and forward-looking analysis to strengthen supervisory judgement, policy development and strategic decision-making.

Dr Carmody joined APRA from industry in 2017 as the Executive General Manager, Risk and Data Analytics. He has over 25 years of experience across banking, financial markets and funds management. In these roles Dr Carmody has consistently focused on the use of data and analytics to inform decision-making and his qualifications include a PhD in Pure Mathematics from St John's College, Cambridge.

A changing economic landscape panel



Dr. Michael Menhart
Chief Economist, Munich Re

Dr. Michael Menhart is Munich Re Group's Chief Economist and Head of the Economics, Sustainability & Public Affairs Central Division, and he reports to the CEO.

In this role, he is responsible for Economic and Insurance Market Research at Munich Re. He also leads the Corporate Responsibility team and the Group's Government Relations activities.

Before joining Munich Re in 2005, Dr. Menhart worked as a business consultant at McKinsey & Company, where he advised global companies operating in the High-Tech and insurance sector.

Dr. Menhart graduated with a degree in Economics from the University of Augsburg, where he also obtained his doctorate from the Faculty of Business and Economics with a dissertation on innovation dynamics in the German insurance market. He obtained his M.A. in Economics at Wayne State University in Detroit, USA.



Nicki Hutley
Climate Council

Nicki Hutley is a highly experienced economist, with broad-based expertise gained over three decades of practice in financial and investment markets and in economic consulting.

After many years in the corporate world, including most recently as a partner with Deloitte Access Economics, Nicki is now an independent economist and consults with Social Outcomes, developing social impact programs and finance solutions.

In 2020, Nicki was appointed as a Councillor for the Climate Council and admitted as an expert faculty member (economics) to Singularity University.

Nicki is particularly interested in the intersection of economy, society and environment. Her research covers both macroeconomics and microeconomic policy across a broad field of issues.

Nicki is President of the Economics Society of Australia (NSW), and an advisory board member to the Financy Women's Index and Climate Subak Australia. Nicki is also a frequent commentator in the media and is a regular guest on both The Drum and The Project.

Keynote address — Senator Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Minister for Emergency Management



Murray Watt was elected as a Senator for Queensland in 2016. He is the Albanese Government's Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and Minister for Emergency Management.

Murray is Brisbane born and bred, and has strong family ties to regional Queensland, with both sides of his family having a long history in farming and teaching.

For over 20 years, Murray's working life has been spent as an advocate for others, as a lawyer, a public servant and as Chief of Staff to former Premier Anna Bligh. Murray also served one term as a Queensland State MP and Assistant Minister in health and economic portfolios.

Since his election in 2016, Murray played a key role in Senate Estimates and a range of Senate Committees including the Rural and Regional Affairs Committee. As a Senator and Shadow Minister, he led a number of Senate inquiries into issues including regional development, energy and resources, emergency management and health care.

Towards net zero panel



Dr Kar Mei Tang
Head of Australasia, Principles for Responsible Investment

Dr Kar Mei Tang is the Head of Australasia for the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI). She has over 20 years of public and private sector experience covering the sustainability and financial services sectors, having previously held senior executive roles in the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, Environment Protection Authority and the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Prior to that she was Head of Policy and Research with the Australian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (now Australian Investment Council). She began her career as a financial regulator. Kar Mei is currently the Chair of NSW Women in Economics and sits on the Sustainability Advisory Council for the Gateway Bank and Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Human Research Ethics Committee.



Behyad Jafari
CEO EV Council

As the CEO of the Electric Vehicle Council, Behyad Jafari works with industry, government and the media to accelerate the electrification of road transport, for a more sustainable and prosperous Australia.

With experience advising politicians, businesses and non-profits, Behyad has a strong understanding of Australia's political, corporate and media landscape.



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Anna Malos
Country Lead, Climateworks

Anna heads the Australian Country Context team which takes an outward facing approach to enhance Climateworks' understanding of the political and economic landscape. Anna focuses on influencing policy and investment, and managing relationships with senior stakeholders. Her role includes building our ability to partner with stakeholders and funders, supporting external partners to engage across the full range of our work and ensuring our teams make the most of opportunities to create systems change.

Prior to Climateworks, Anna was Assistant Director at the Climate Change Authority. She also worked on climate policy, including as Director of the Climate Action Network Australia and in the Victorian Government. Anna's climate policy expertise builds on her policy roles in government in the on environment and sustainable development. She also has experience in international development – including working in Latin America – and in urban conservation.

Anna holds a Masters in Forestry and Land Use from Oxford University and a Bachelor in Ecological Science (Ecology Hons) from Edinburgh University. She also completed post-graduate modules in Urban Regeneration at the University of London.

Building resilience in our workforce



Heidi Dening
Resilience and motivational speaker

Heidi Dening believes that education changes lives and when combining the insights she has learnt from surviving a paralysing illness, a gunpoint kidnapping, a life-threatening tsunami and petrol bombs, with her science-backed education, she has a unique ability to empower leaders and their teams to find the courage to work at their fullest potential, despite change, stress and uncertainty. She has dedicated her career to inspiring thousands of people globally with resilience, self-leadership and wellbeing programs from small children on remote pacific islands to professional teams across 19 different industries. She has recently been named 'Best International Keynote Speaker' in the Asia Pacific region at the Influential Businesswoman Awards, is a best-selling author and often appears in the media as an expert on resilience.



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The future of insurance panel



David Harrington
Partner, EY Port Jackson Partners

David is a partner with EY Port Jackson Partners in their Sydney office. He is a leader in EY PJP's strategy, financial services, insurance, and data & advanced analytics practices.

He commenced his strategy consulting career with McKinsey & Company working in their Sydney Melbourne and New York Offices. He later left McKinsey to join Microsoft as a strategy executive in Microsoft's Interactive Media Division in Redmond.

For the past 9 years David worked as a senior insurance executive with IAG including as Group Executive for Strategy and Corporate Development.

David is an adviser to insurance companies on:

- Setting the enterprise purpose and growth ambition
- Evaluating the drivers of growth and economic value
- Evaluating future scenarios and disruption
- Shaping strategy choices about where to play and how to win
- Creating stronger ESG ambition and aligning it to the strategy
- Aligning the organisation with strategy



Drew McRae
Policy and Advocacy Officer at Financial Rights Legal Centre

Drew is the Senior Policy & Advocacy Officer at the Financial Rights Legal Centre in Sydney.

Drew has worked in policy development and advocacy for over 20 years. Prior to his work in the financial services sector, Drew worked in film, television and media sector policy focusing on the rights of actors, directors, journalists, and local technicians and crew, as well as support for local content rules. Drew has also worked as a journalist for outlets such as ABC TV's Media Watch and TV Week.

At the Financial Rights Legal Centre Drew has focused on insurance policy issues including producing the Guilty Until Proven Innocent Report into insurance investigations, the recent Future of Insurance research series into the impact of the consumer data right on general insurance and has worked on both the General and Life Insurance Codes of Practice. He has also worked in credit and debt space, including the Banking Code of Practice, Royal Commission and more recently, the implementation of open banking.

Drew has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of NSW and a Bachelor of Arts (Mass Communications) from Macquarie University



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Simone Dossetor
CEO, Insurtech

Simone is the CEO of Insurtech Australia, a national not-for-profit organisation with a vision to create a world leading insurtech ecosystem which aims to foster a diverse community of insurance innovation and collaboration across the Australian insurance industry. An experienced leader in the general insurance industry, Simone has held senior executive roles in both Australia and the UK and also has management consulting experience. Her previous role was that of Chief Operating Officer for Munich Re in Australasia. Additionally, she has been a Non-Executive Director of the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF) since August 2018