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2025 NATIONAL HEADS OF TAX FORUM

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, SYDNEY
11 JUNE 2025

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PROGRAM

10:00 AM **REGISTRATION | ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE**
GROUND FLOOR FOYER

10:30 AM **WELCOME ADDRESS**
CTA Vice President - Jerome Wood, Commonwealth Bank

10:40 AM **SESSION ONE: GETTING REAL ON TAX POLICY AND TAX REFORM
- TIME TO STOP THE SUGAR HITS**
Recent US tax disruption and Australia's budgetary position underpin that Australia can't continue to tinker with tax changes but needs real tax and spending reform. How should tax advocates proceed from here to ensure the strongest foundations for a better tax system for all Australians? This panel will explore options for developing medium and long-term tax reform.

Melinda Cilento - CEO, CEDA
Stephen Walters - Chief Economist, Business Council of Australia
Aruna Sathanapally - CEO, Grattan Institute
Chair: Michelle de Niese - Executive Director, CTA

11:50 AM **SESSION TWO: JUSTIFIED TRUST 3.0 - THE CHALLENGE IN
RESHAPING ASSURANCE AND COMPLIANCE**
With the recent Federal Budget extending and expanding the Tax Avoidance Taskforce, senior ATO executives will discuss their vision of the next stages in the Justified Trust program to 2029.

Rebecca Saint - Deputy Commissioner Public Groups, ATO
Fiona Knight - Deputy Commissioner Public Groups, ATO
Chair: Paul Suppree - Assistant Director, CTA

1:00 PM **LUNCH**
GALLERIES 1-3, GROUND FLOOR

2:35 PM **SESSION THREE: LEADING AND LEAVING THE TAX FUNCTION**
A panel of Heads of Tax with extended roles discuss how their personal journey as a tax professional into a wider business role has been influenced by promoting the value of the tax function to the broader organisation.

Kate Boyd - Suncorp
Janelle O'Hare - Santos
Anita Au - Frasers Property
Chair: Kamlesh Dave - AGL

3:45 PM **SESSION FOUR: HEADS OF TAX PANEL & NEXT ACTIONS FOR
THE CTA**
A panel of Heads of Tax will provide their assessment and lead a discussion with attendees on today's discussions and consider actions for the CTA in 2026 and beyond.

Stephen Southon - National Australia Bank
Adele Raj-Manning - Endeavour Group
Michelle de Niese - CTA
Chair: Brett Andersen - Balmoral

4:50 PM **WELCOME ADDRESS**
CTA Committee Member - Darren Day, Woolworths

5:00 PM **DRINKS & CANAPES**
GRAIN BAR, GROUND FLOOR

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