

We continue to detail the challenges, risks, and emerging issues you and your team need to know about

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Starting in November, our 12 new GAAPinars will provide the latest insights into auditing, financial and sustainability reporting, SMSF, and business risks.

We'll explore the newly released AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – the foundational standard that you MUST know. We'll also cover current financial reporting issues, including climate risk disclosures and fraud.

The journey continues with a focus on audit quality and group audits, as well as deep dives into share-based payments, financial instruments, and Australian Financial Services Licences.

Let's summarise the sessions and who should participate.

	Audit team members	Other public practitioners and their team members	Accountants in commerce, industry and NFPs
Auditing			
Further audit-quality lessons for the audit team			
Understanding the revised ASA 600 Audits of a Group Financial Report (Including the Work of Component Auditors) – Part 2	•		
An introduction to Australian Financial Services Licence regulatory requirements and audit guidance – Part 1	•		
Revisiting the fraud risk – governance and audit perspectives	•		
Financial reporting			
AASB 101 to AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – the changes	•	•	•
Refreshing our understanding of share-based payments and employee benefits	•	•	•
Getting back to the basics of financial instruments – Part 1	•	•	•
Self-managed superannuation funds			
Contemporary SMSF compliance and audit issues	•	•	
Business risks			
What's new with accounting, auditing, ethical standards, and the regulators?	•	•	•
New legislation and AASB standards on climate risk disclosures	•	•	•
Latest NFP and ACNC developments and insights	•	•	•
Reporting and auditing considerations for 31 December reporters	•	•	•

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Joining them are Chanelle Pienaar (Principal, Audit Assist), Jessica-Anne Saayman (Director, QA Assist) and Shelley Banton (Head of Technical, ASF Audits).









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### SESSION 1: Thursday 7 November (12.00pm to 1.30pm)

# What's new with accounting, auditing, ethical standards and the regulators

### A FREE session with Carmen Ridley and Colin Parker

Much has happened since our last GAAPinars in April-June. Time to find out what you have missed, confirm what you know, and importantly, what you need to do and when. Let the experts share their insights and outline how this series can help you.

This free session brings accountants and auditors up-to-speed with the latest significant developments in financial and sustainability reporting, auditing, and ethical standards. Business risks, corporate governance, and the regulatory activities of ASIC, APRA, ACNC and NZ FMA are also covered.

Other GAAPinars in this year's spring series will detail key issues for 31 December reporters. But our recaps and revisions are vital for everyone in auditing and accounting.

Developments should find their way onto corporate risk registers, audit planning, and training programs.



### SESSION 2: Thursday 7 November (2.30pm to 4.00pm)

# AASB 101 to AASB 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements – the changes

### With Carmen Ridley

Under AASB 18, entities will be able to tell their story better through their financial statements. Users will benefit from greater presentation consistency in income and cash-flow statements and more disaggregated information.

AASB 18, the IFRS 18 equivalent, replaces AASB 101/IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements*. AASB 18 has a new objective – it sets out requirements for the presentation and disclosure of information in general-purpose financial statements to help ensure that they provide relevant information faithfully representing an entity's assets, liabilities, equity, income, and expenses.

The revised standard is likely to affect many aspects of how information is reported in the income statement. Certain 'non-GAAP' measures – management-performance measures – will now form part of audited financial statements. Changes will need to be made to the extent of information disclosed in the notes to financial statements. Financial-reporting systems, processes, and controls will all need updating. Given the enhanced flexibility in AASB 18, it is likely to be a consideration for early adoption.

### Session topics include:

- What are the key changes and why were they made?
- Differences between the for-profit and NFP standard
- Pros and cons of early adoption
- What changes to financial reports need to be made with early adoption?
- What remains unchanged?
- What to disclose for 'issued and not yet operative standards'
- How is interim reporting affected? and
- What is in store for AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Tier 2 Entities?

Now is the time to get ready to report under the new standard. It is effective from 1 January 2027 and applies retrospectively. This means that for companies with December year-ends, changes to systems, processes, and controls will need to be in place from 1 January 2026. In addition, companies will be required to present the new income-statement categories and subtotals in interim financial statements in the first year of AASB 18.

Not-for-profit private and public-sector entities as well as superannuation entities will apply AASB 1056 Superannuation Entities a year later.

Details and audit issues will be followed up in future GAAPinars.





### SESSION 3: Thursday 14 November (12.00pm to 1.30pm)

### Further audit-quality lessons for the audit team

### With Colin Parker and Jessica-Anne Saayman

Audit quality is a never-ending quest. This session continues our focus on audit quality based on recent developments – ASIC's latest audit-inspection report along with those of other regulators, including NZ's Financial Markets Authority, the themes from *GAAP Consulting's* audit-file inspections and other quality developments.

With the objective of enhancing the auditor performance, regulators and accounting bodies regularly report their findings into audit quality. Auditor's must heed the lessons by incorporating them into quality management and audit planning.

#### This session will:

- Analyse inspection findings of regulators and accounting bodies
- Describe generic findings from audit-file inspections and the role of engagement-quality reviewers by the presenters. Issues for discussions include implementation of ASA 315, substantive analytical procedures, service organisations, NOCLAR and NAS
- Describe recent enforcement activities of ASIC against auditors
- Report on the ATO-SMSF auditor case outcomes 2023-24
- Recap key audit-quality principles, and
- Explain what actions auditors should take.



### SESSION 4: Thursday 14 November (2.30pm to 4.00pm)

# New legislation and AASB standards on climate risk disclosures

### With Carmen Ridley and Colin Parker

We continue our journey on climate change with a recap on the legislation, a high-level review of AASB S1 General Requirements for Disclosure of Climate-related Financial Information and AASB S2 Climate-related Financial Disclosures, regulators' focus areas, and enforcement actions.

Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures) Bill 2024 has passed through parliament. The legislation introduces mandatory climate-related financial-disclosure requirements, commencing with large businesses and emitters from 1 January 2025. Entities will have to prepare a sustainability report if they meet certain reporting thresholds.

#### This session will cover:

- Key requirements of Treasury Laws Amendment (Financial Market Infrastructure and Other Measures)
   Bill 2024
- The principles of the climate-change standards AASB S1 and S2
- The Sustainability report
- ASIC's report on Interventions on greenwashing misconduct: 2023–2024 and regulatory guidance, and
- Assurance and ethical requirements





### SESSION 5: Thursday 21 November (12.00pm to 1.30pm)

# Refreshing our understanding of share-based payments and employee benefits

### With Carmen Ridley

Share-based payments are increasingly being used to remunerate directors, management, and staff. Such payments are also made for goods and services. The measurement and disclosure can often be complex. This session will explain the requirements and issues with AASB 2/IFRS 2 Share-based Payment, AASB 119/IAS 19 Employee Benefits and remuneration reporting under the Corporations Act.

The session will cover:

- What is a share-based payment transaction and types?
- Recognition of SBP
- Equity-settled SBP transactions
- Cash-settled SBP transactions
- Provision of loans to employees to purchase shares
- SBP transactions among group entities
- Disclosures
- · Interaction with employee-benefits standard, and
- Principles and issues with the remuneration report.



### SESSION 6: Thursday 21 November (2.30pm to 4.00pm)

# Understanding the revised ASA 600 Audits of a Group Financial Report (Including the Work of Component Auditors) – Part 2

### With Colin Parker and Chanelle Pienaar

ASA 600 Special Considerations—Audits of a Group Financial Report (Including the Work of Component Auditors) is operative for 31 December audits.

In our most recent GAAPinar series, we covered the first of three training sessions on ASA 600/ISA 600 that examined key changes from the old to the revised standard. This GAAPinar will address the standard's mandatory requirements from the perspectives of the group and component-audit auditor.

Two scoping issues need emphasis:

- The group may consist of a parent and one or more subsidiaries, joint ventures, and investments accounted for by the equity method. The group may be organised by geography, by other economic units (including branches or divisions), and by functions and business activities, and
- ASA 600 is also useful in a non-group audit when the engagement team includes individuals from another firm.

### The session will cover:

- Leadership and new ethical responsibilities
- Overall group-audit strategy and plan
- Understanding the group's system of internal control
- · Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement
- Materiality
- Responding to the assessed risks of material misstatement
- Evaluating the work of the component auditor, and
- Audit evidence and documentation.





### SESSION 7: Thursday 5 December (12.00pm to 1.30pm)

# Getting back to the basics of financial instruments – Part 1

### With Colin Parker and Carmen Ridley

Accounting for financial instruments can be very challenging. There are three inter-related standards that need to be understood – AASB 132/IAS 32 *Financial Instruments: Presentation*, AASB 9/IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, and AASB 7/IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosure* plus several interpretations. In this session, we will start the journey on understanding the fundamentals of financial instruments in an easily comprehensible way.

This introductory session will cover:

- What is a financial instrument?
- What is a compound financial instrument?
- Business model and classification rules
- What are embedded derivatives?
- Measurement amortised and fair-value
- When to use FVTOCI
- Impairment
- What is hedging?
- What really needs to be disclosed?
- What interpretations need to be considered?



### SESSION 8: Thursday 5 December (2.30pm to 4.00pm)

# An introduction to Australian Financial Services Licence regulatory requirements and audit guidance – Part 1

### With Colin Parker

Many auditors undertake AFSL engagements. This session details the regulatory requirements of AFSLs, the risks and compliance issues ASIC identifies, and GS003 Assurance Relating to Australian Financial Services Licenses issued under the Corporations Act 2001.

Under ASA/ISA 315 *Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and Its Environment* auditors must understand such matters as the industries they're auditing, regulatory, and other external factors, and applicable financial-reporting framework.

This introductory session will cover:

- Who needs to hold an AFSL or a credit licence?
- What are requirements when holding a licence
- Regulatory guidance ASIC has provided
- What are auditors' obligations?
- Complexities groups and authorised representatives
- What enforcement actions has ASIC undertaken?





### SESSION 9: Thursday 12 December (12.00pm to 1.30pm)

## Revisiting the fraud risk – governance and audit perspectives

### With Colin Parker and Chanelle Pienaar

Frauds come in many guises. Let's look and learn from them. The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners estimates that organisations lose five per cent of revenue to fraud each year.

Fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations is a governance responsibility. What should a board be doing? Managing risks and encouraging whistleblowing? How does risk affect assessment under ASA 315/ISA Risk of Material Misstatement and ASA/ISA 240 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of a Financial Report? We will explain.

This session will cover:

- Examples of recent corporate and NFP frauds
- The insights and lessons from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners The Occupational Fraud 2024: A Report to the Nations
- Governance responsibilities under corporate and ACNC legislation, and corporate-governance principles and recommendations for listeds and NFPs
- The ethical principles for preparers, and
- The key principles of relevant auditing standards relating to fraud risk.



### SESSION 10: Thursday 12 December (2.30pm to 4.00pm)

## Contemporary SMSF compliance and audit issues

### With Shelley Banton

The SMSF industry continues to face significant risks from legislative changes, ATO rulings, legislative changes, and enforcement. There have been numerous developments since our June update.

It's timely to examine those relevant to SMSF auditors and auditing staff so that risks are identified and appropriate actions taken.

This session will cover:

- ATO updates and rulings
- The strict interdependency criteria
- New rules for income streams
- Focus on asset titles
- Common trust-deed disasters
- Market-valuation mayhem
- Is it business real property?, and
- Challenges for auditors





### SESSION 11: Tuesday 17 December (12.00pm - 1.30pm)

## Latest NFP and ACNC developments and insights

### With Carmen Ridley and Colin Parker

There are more than 600,000 not-for-profit entities in Australia, including 60,000 registered charities. It is important for preparers and auditors to know about recent developments so that risks are identified and managed. NFPs are exposed to business risks such as wages underpayment, fraud, and cyber-attacks.

The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's legislation and activities affect registered charities. Many in the NFP sector view ACNC requirements as best-practice, and issues faced by some charities often have relevance for other NFPs here in Australia and New Zealand. Let's see what we can apply.

This session will focus on:

- Compliance risks, such as wages underpayment and fraud
- AICD's third edition of its Not-for-Profit Governance Principles
- New resources on Al
- NFPs help on cyber-security
- Recent ACNC activities 10th edition of the *Australian Charities Report*, ACNC corporate plan, insights from the ACNC's annual report, and governance-standards reminders
- Charity fraud findings
- NDIS compliance risks and fraud
- ATO reporting requirements organisational details, income-tax exemption eligibility, and summary and declaration
- Update on the AASB's 3rd-tier reporting standard, and
- Other contemporary external reporting issues affecting NFPs



### SESSION 12: Tuesday 17 December (2.30pm - 4.00pm)

# Reporting and auditing considerations for 31 December reporters

### With Carmen Ridley and Colin Parker

Every reporting period has unique challenges for accountants and auditors, ranging from new accounting standards to ASIC's and the ACNC's regulatory targets.

This session will focus on:

- Accounting standards operative for 31-December reporters
- Changes to current/non-current classifications in AASB 101/IAS 1 with examples
- Lessons to be learned from ASIC-inspired corporate restatements
- ASIC targets, and the results of its financial-reporting surveillance
- Corporate-governance developments, and
- · Auditing developments and issues.

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