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Western Australia Internal Audit Conference

11 & 12 September 2025

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Welcome message

IIA-Australia is delighted to invite you and your team to attend the 2025 Western Australia Internal Audit Conference.

Marking the 50th Anniversary of the Western Australia Chapter, this conference will bring together industry experts to provide strategic insights and technical guidance, while allowing delegates to connect and discuss the key issues impacting the internal audit, risk, compliance and governance profession with peers based in Western Australia.

The program will address a variety of topics, including, insights on the macro issues that are shaping the operating environment; technical sessions addressing critical risks; practical “how to” sessions on internal audit methodologies; and sessions to build your professional skills.

Beyond the rich technical content, this conference offers something equally valuable: face-to-face connection and celebration. Conference attendees can take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate and network with peers at the WA Chapter 50th Anniversary at the post-conference networking celebration.

We look forward to seeing you in Perth.



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THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

7.30AM – 8.45AM CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE BREAKFAST FORUM

This is an exclusive invitation only event limited to CAEs which will focus on the challenge of the blurred lines between risk management and internal audit and what it means under the new Standards. This interactive forum will provide the opportunity for you to engage with, debate, question and discuss various issues at strategic level with your peers, as well as provide insight into senior executives' and stakeholders' expectations of internal audit.

**8.30am – 9.00am
REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL REFRESHMENTS****9.00am – 9.10am
CONFERENCE WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS****9.10am – 10.00am
KEYNOTE 1****First wave – The (clean) tech tsunami crashing on our shores**

- › Overview of how sustainability is re-shaping global and local economies as we move to electrification and decarbonization
- › Building economic resilience through sustainability – Opportunities and challenges for Western Australia
- › Insights on the WA economy current performance and future outlook
- › Risk management of prediction – Responding appropriately to disruption
- › How can we be least wrong?

Professor Ray Wills, Managing Director, Future Smart Strategies

**10.00am – 10.50am
KEYNOTE 2****The evolution of risk and audit – What is on the minds of risk and audit leaders**

- › What is keeping that Board and audit and risk leaders awake at night – Emerging risks from cyber and climate to AI and geopolitical tensions and how they are impacting the way organisations do business
- › Changing risk profiles – How risk appetite, velocity and interconnectedness have changed and what that means for risk management frameworks
- › Addressing the impact of increasing regulatory pressure on organisation and stakeholders
- › Rethinking audit reporting – The importance of delivering insights, clarity and prioritised actions that resonate with Board and audit and risk leaders
- › Bridging the expectation gaps – Unpacking disconnects between audit committee / Boards and management needs with internal audit outputs – What effective alignment looks like

Panellists include:

Caroline Spencer, Auditor General for Western Australia, The Office of the Auditor General

Michelle Andrews, Independent Chair of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority's (NOPSEMA) Audit and Risk Committee

David Coyne, Non-Executive Chairman, Peninsula Energy

Joanne Farrell, Chair, Safe Work Australia

Facilitator

Iara Morris PMIIA CIA, Managing Director, National Internal Audit Leader and WA GEO Lead, Scyne

**10.50am – 11.20am
MORNING NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITION VIEWING****11.20am – 12.10pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1****1A The role of the internal audit and assurance in organisational sustainability**

- › Identifying and auditing emerging risks in ESG disclosures, regulatory reporting and reputational impact
- › Collaborating effectively with external auditors, sustainability teams and other assurance providers
- › Auditing the reliability of sustainability data, controls over data collection and adherence to evolving standards
- › Reviewing the robustness of data models, metrics and assumptions used in sustainability performance reporting
- › Determining when and how to place reliance on third-party verifications or management attestations
- › What does good look like in delivering effective assurance over sustainability reporting

Liza Maimone, Chief Executive Officer, Fyfe & Board Member, Australian Accounting Standards Board (presenting via Zoom)

1B Providing assurance over organisational reforms – Managing risk, complexity and performance

- › Identifying and assessing risks associated with large-scale reforms, including culture, structure and stakeholder impact
- › Providing assurance over service levels during transitions and monitoring potential disruptions
- › Addressing challenges around integrating new and legacy systems, data migration and cyber resilience during reforms
- › Evaluating whether reform objectives have been met – Performance metrics, stakeholder feedback and lessons learned
- › Ensuring reforms are embedded, monitored and aligned with strategic objectives over time with effective reporting
- › Reviewing process readiness and systems integration

Brad Pearce PMIIA, Chief Auditor, Professional Standards, Regulation and Legal, Department of Communities

Will Parada Ayala PMIIA CIA, General Manager Internal Audit, Strategic Business Innovation Division, Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

**12.10pm – 1.00pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2****2A Auditing information management – Safeguarding data and cyber resilience**

- › Mapping information assets
- › Auditing access controls and cybersecurity protocols
- › Ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory and operational requirements
- › Auditing data assets for security, integrity and compliance risk
- › Reviewing organisational readiness for privacy law changes

Ayna Davies, Manager, Technology Audit, BHP

2B Understanding psychosocial risk – Are your controls enough?

- › Understanding psychosocial risk in today's workplace
- › Case studies of instances of being prosecuted
- › Role and responsibilities of the Executive
- › What constitutes of reasonably practicable
- › Examples of effective control
- › How can internal audit support organistaions in managing psychosocial risks and provide assurance

Shane Entriiken, Partner, Piper Alderman

**1.00PM – 2.00PM
LUNCH NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITION VIEWING**

2.00pm – 2.50pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

3A Tackling fraud, corruption and misconduct – Prevention, detection and assurance

- › Exploring gaps between perception and actual risk exposure and the impact on trust and accountability
- › Removing barriers to reporting wrongdoing – Insights into cultural, procedural and psychological obstacles
- › Practical strategies and tools for identifying and responding to red flags before misconduct escalates – How to create a safe reporting environment
- › Strengthening audit and assurance roles in monitoring integrity, assessing controls and driving ethical culture
- › From policy to practice – Lessons learned from successful and unsuccessful approaches to embedding integrity across the organisation

Tracey Polmear, Director, Executive, Corruption and Crime Commission

3B Race against the clock – Lessons learned from cyber BCP failures and recoveries

- › Recovery readiness is non-negotiable – Insights on the true cost of delayed or untested cyber business continuity plans
- › Compliance alone is not enough – Why compliance must be paired with capability
- › Every minute counts – Insights on why fast recovery makes a difference between disruption or disaster
- › End to end data protection – Common pitfalls in securing cloud, on-prem and SaaS environments
- › Why testing and assurance matters – The role of internal audit in ensuring your organisation is BCP fit

Scott Schwartz, Director, Cyber & Technology, Scyne
Renee Portsch, Director, Cyber & Technology, Scyne

2.50pm – 3.40pm KEYNOTE SESSION 3

Putting AI into IA – Where are we now and what does the future hold?

- › Overview of how AI is currently being used for risk assessment, anomaly detection and audit automation
- › Practical examples on how AI can streamline testing, analysing large data sets, develop audit scopes, reporting and more
- › Understanding the risks, limitations and ethical challenges of using AI in assurance functions
- › The competency landscape of the future – What internal auditors need to learn to work with (and audit) in the AI enabled world
- › The future of AI in business and assurance – Emerging trends and what is next after generative AI
- › The role of internal audit in responsibly leading the AI revolution

Dr Peter McLeod PMIIA GradCertIA, Associate Director (Internal Audit), The University of Queensland

3.40pm – 4.10pm AFTERNOON NETWORKING BREAK AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

4.10pm – 5.00pm KEYNOTE 4

Story telling – Presenting with impact

- › How storytelling can transform reports into compelling narratives that spark engagement
- › Understand the science why stories resonate and stick – More than slides or spreadsheets ever can
- › How to use stories to surface complex truths and shift perspectives in risk, control and governance discussions
- › Techniques for building concise, relatable stories that simplify technical concepts and highlight key messages
- › Getting stakeholder attention by applying storytelling strategies to cut through noise, create clarity and prompt meaningful action

Neville Smith, Facilitator, WeTrain

5.00pm – 5.15pm CLOSING REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.30pm – 7.00pm WA CHAPTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY NETWORKING CELEBRATION

Leave the conference room and connect with your professional colleagues in a relaxed and informal atmosphere at the iconic Bob's Bar. The networking celebration drinks will provide an opportunity to reflect on the growth of the profession in Western Australia, have real conversations with likeminded professionals and engage with your local internal audit and wider assurance community.

Attendance at the networking celebration is complimentary for conference attendees. But please indicate if you will be attending. Other guests can attend for a small cover charge.

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2025 – OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS

8.15am – 8.30am REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL REFRESHMENTS

8.30am – 12.30pm WORKSHOP 1 – AUDITING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

With increasing scrutiny on the effectiveness, efficiency and integrity of program and projects, it is essential that internal audit functions are well-equipped to provide assurance and insights. This workshop will explore the audit lifecycle, risk management strategies and practical techniques for delivering high-impact audits in a dynamic and complex environment.

Key areas to be covered

- › Identifying key objectives, risks and controls in programs and projects
- › Aligning audit focus with strategic priorities and value delivery
- › Effective scoping techniques and stakeholder engagement in the planning phase
- › Approaches to fieldwork, evidence collection and documentation
- › Assessing project governance, delivery performance, financial management and benefit realisation
- › Tools and techniques for auditing in agile, waterfall and hybrid environments
- › Using assurance maps to identify gaps and duplication
- › Structuring audit reports for clarity and impact to communicate findings and recommendations to senior leaders and audit committees

Key learning outcomes

- › Understand the unique aspects of auditing programs and projects, including key governance and risk considerations
- › Apply structured audit planning and execution techniques to assess program and project performance effectively
- › Communicate audit findings with clarity to drive accountability and improvement
- › Coordinate assurance activities to enhance oversight and reduce duplication across complex initiatives



Presenter:
Kumar Srinivasan, Director – Risk & Insurance, University of Technology Sydney

Kumar Srinivasan is the Director of Risk & Insurance at the University of Technology Sydney, with over 25 years of experience. He has led assurance activities, developed enterprise risk frameworks and specialized in risk and assurance roles across various sectors, including infrastructure, utilities, property and higher education. Kumar has held senior roles, including being the Chief Risk Officer of Sydney Metro. Kumar also offers independent risk consulting through G K Services Australia Pty Ltd, a risk and assurance advisory firm.

Kumar has played a pivotal role in driving transformative change and ensuring that organisations successfully navigate uncertainties to achieve their strategic objectives. His expertise encompasses providing assurance for change programs, which enables businesses to adapt and prosper in dynamic environments.

Kumar holds a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Technology Sydney. He is the Chapter Councillor of the Institute of Internal Auditors Australia, NSW Chapter and the State President of the Risk Engineering Society, NSW – Engineers Australia. Additionally, he is also a Honary Fellow of the Governance Institute of Australia and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Engineers Australia.

12.30pm – 1.00pm LUNCH FOR THOSE ATTENDING BOTH WORKSHOPS

1.00pm – 5.00pm WORKSHOP 2 – GETTING STARTED WITH DATA ANALYTICS

This workshop will provide you with the essential starting points to set-up and use Data Analytics in your audit function.

Participants will be provided with resources from the session that can be utilised to, analyse data including identifying exceptions and highlighting organisational risks. Resources will include tools, scripts and artefacts that can be modified and utilised in your own organisations. (It is recommended that you bring a laptop to the workshop to gain maximum hands-on value)

Key topics to be covered

- › How to get started in data analytics
- › Tools and techniques that are available
- › Data Quality and attributes
- › Creating an integrated approach to internal audit, risk and Data Analytics
- › Data Analytic techniques

Key learning outcomes

- › Understand how Data Analytics can be utilised for risk management and internal auditing
- › Develop a Data Analytics action plan
- › Learn techniques and practices that can be put into practice
- › Understanding what analytics are appropriate to different circumstances



Presenter:
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Dr Peter McLeod is the Associate Director (Internal Audit) at the University of Queensland. Prior to beginning a career as an internal auditor Peter worked within the Accounting and Information Technology industries. Peter made a transition from being audited to auditing others in 2019. His Information Technology background enabled Peter to implement continuous controls monitoring, robotic process automation and data visualisation in internal audit. Peter is a firm believer that Internal Audit should set the benchmark for business to maintain credibility, utilise resources effectively and ensure that sampling bias does not exist. This ensures that Internal Audit maximises the value of the business especially when artefacts are handed back to management post audit.

Peter progressed to Professional Membership of the Institute of Internal Auditors-Australia based on the outcome of his external quality assurance assessment conducted by the Institute of Internal Auditors-Australia in 2021. Peter completed his Graduate Certificate in Internal Auditing in 2022. Peter was awarded the Emerging Internal Auditor of 2023 by the Institute of Internal Auditors-Australia for his contribution to the profession.

Peter has written several fact sheets, white papers and presented at a variety of institute of Internal Auditor conferences including SOPAC® over the last few years. Peter is also a Fellow of the Certified Practising Accountants (CPA), Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and holds a PhD in Artificial Intelligence.

HOW TO REGISTER

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Registration forms

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Please complete and return the registration form along with full payment. Each delegate must complete a separate registration form.

Conference fees

All fees are quoted in Australian Dollars and are inclusive of the 10% compulsory goods and services tax (GST).

CPE

Attendance at the conference will provide 7.5 CPE hours.

Attendance at each workshop will provide 4 CPE hours.

Venue details

Conference

Parmelia Hilton Perth
14 Mill Street
Perth WA 6000

WA Chapter 50th anniversary networking celebration

Bob's Bar
Print Hall – Brookfield Place
11/125 St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6000

Western Australia Internal Audit Conference 2025 – Registration Fees

Early Bird	Register before or on 29 August 2025
Early Bird Member	\$990
Early Bird Non-Member	\$1180
Standard	Register after 29 August 2025
Standard Member	\$1165
Standard Non-Member	\$1385
Workshops	Register anytime
Attend One Workshop – Member	\$440
Attend One Workshop – Non-Member	\$540
Attend Both Workshops – Member	\$780
Attend Both Workshops – Non-Member	\$980
WA Chapter 50th anniversary networking celebration	Register anytime
Conference Attendees	Complimentary
Additional Guests	\$35

Groups – 3 or more people from the same organisation booking at the same time receive a 10% discount.



Internal Audit is **uniquely positioned** to shape a risk-aware culture and **influence the behaviours** of those around it.



Registration form & tax invoice

Western Australia Internal Audit Conference – Thursday 11 September, 2025
Western Australia Internal Audit Workshops – Friday 12 September, 2025



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Member	\$1,165
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Optional Workshops

1 workshop – Member	\$440
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Both workshops – Member	\$780
Both workshops – Non-Member	\$980

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Additional Guests	\$35

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3. INDICATE ATTENDANCE AT WA CHAPTER 50TH ANNIVERSARY NETWORKING CELEBRATION

Thursday, 11 September 2025, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Yes, I will attend the Networking Celebration

No, I am unable to attend the Networking Celebration

I would like to register a guest/s to attend the Networking Drinks @ \$35pp

Guest Name:

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4. INDICATE CONCURRENT SESSION PREFERENCES

11.20am – 12.10pm

1A The role of the internal audit and assurance in organisational sustainability

1B Providing assurance over organisational reforms – Managing risk, complexity and performance

12.10pm – 1.00pm

2A Auditing information management – Safeguarding data and cyber resilience

2B Understanding psychosocial risk – Are your controls enough?

2.00pm – 2.50pm

3A Tackling fraud, corruption and Misconduct – Prevention, detection and assurance

3B Race against the clock – Lessons learned from cyber BCP failures and recoveries

5. REGISTER FOR WORKSHOP/S (ADDITIONAL FEE APPLIES)

Workshops – Friday, 12 September 2025

8.30am – 12.30pm WS1 – Auditing programs and projects

1.00pm – 5.00pm WS2 – Getting started with Data Analytics

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