

2026 SOUTH AUSTRALIA INTERNAL AUDIT CONFERENCE

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Crowne Plaza Adelaide



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Conference Program

8.50am - 9.00am **Welcome and opening remarks**

9.00am - 9.45am **Session 1**

Taking a risk on innovation – Lessons from South Australia’s space industry

- How South Australia positioned itself as a leader in the space sector through bold strategic decisions and risk-taking
- Balancing innovation, investment, and uncertainty in emerging industries
- Governance, risk, and assurance considerations when pursuing innovation
- Lessons for organisations on enabling innovation while maintaining effective controls
- The role of internal audit in supporting, challenging, and enabling innovation agendas

Federico Tata Nardini, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy & Investment Officer, Fleet Space Technologies

9.45am - 10.30am **Session 2**

Managing change and transformation risk

- Key risks arising from large-scale transformation, including integration, governance, and stakeholder alignment
- Managing change risk across people, processes, technology, and culture
- Role of internal audit in providing assurance during transformation programs
- Balancing speed of change with effective controls and oversight
- Lessons learned and practical insights for auditing complex organisational change

Bruce Lines, Executive Director, University Integration, Integration Management Office, Adelaide University

10.30am - 11.00am **Morning networking break**

11.00am - 11.45am **Session 3**

Auditing the use of AI

- Identifying where and how AI is being used across the business
- Key risks including bias, hallucinations, and model decision-making
- Evaluating governance frameworks and AI “guardrails”
- Assessing data quality and integrity underpinning AI outputs
- Providing assurance to Boards on responsible and effective AI use

Ellie Knight PMIIA CIA, Head of Internal Audit - Technology, Projects and Data Analytics, TAL

11.45am - 12.30pm **Session 4**

Auditing data governance – Practical approaches to assessing controls

- Scoping the audit – Identifying critical data, key data flows and governance risks across the data lifecycle
- Assessing governance and controls – Evaluating ownership, accountability, data access, classification and privilege management
- Understanding data lineage – Mapping data flows, dependencies and interfaces across complex environments
- Testing data quality and integrity – Applying practical audit techniques, analytics and testing to assess control effectiveness

Dongju Han PMIIA CIA, Director, Business Advancement & Assurance, Bentleys

Peter Kalala CIA, Manager, Business Advancement & Assurance, Bentleys

12.30pm - 1.30pm **Networking lunch**

1.30pm - 2.30pm **Session 5**

White Board Warriors – The Three Lines Unpacked: Who Does What in Organisational Assurance

This interactive session will explore the roles, expectations, and responsibilities of each Line to strengthen organisation-wide assurance.

- Roles and relationships – Who are the assurance players, what do they do, and where do they sit within the assurance model?
- Assurance reporting – How do we present a clear, integrated view of assurance across the organisation?
- Action ownership – Who is responsible for raising, managing, and closing actions?
- Independent verification – Who provides independent assurance, and where does this sit?

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2.30pm – 3.15pm Session 6

Auditing organisational resilience – Why it matters now

- Why resilience matters – Understanding the impact of geopolitical, economic, technology and supply chain disruption
- What resilient organisations do differently – Assessing resilience across people, processes, technology and culture
- Internal audit's role – Evaluating resilience capability and providing assurance to Boards and Audit Committees
- Applying audit methodologies such as the Topical Requirements to strengthen resilience assurance

Karen Huxley AMIA, Chief Audit Executive (General Manager), Group Internal Audit, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank

3.15pm – 3.45pm Afternoon networking break

3.45pm – 4.30pm Session 7

Skills of the future – How to stay relevant and what are you looking for in your next hire?

- Evolving skill sets in internal audit – shifting from compliance-focused assurance to insight-driven, value-adding roles
- Practical and technical capabilities – growing importance of data literacy, technology awareness, and understanding emerging risks such as AI
- Communication and influence – engaging stakeholders, delivering impactful messaging, and shaping decision-making at senior levels
- Mindset and behaviours – curiosity, proactivity, adaptability, and the ability to challenge while building trust
- Attracting and developing talent – what future auditors need to succeed and how the profession can appeal to the next generation

Kim Cheater, Independent Non-Executive Director

Sally Warner, Director, Warner Recruitment Partners

Libby Skrpan PMIA, Head of Internal Audit, Elders Limited

Representative from Flinders University

4.30pm – 5.15pm Session 8

Staying positive in a world of bad news

- Understanding why our brains struggle with negativity and disruption
- Building personal resilience and wellbeing
- Tools and techniques to sustain motivation, energy & focus
- Strategies to help you help yourself and support your teams through uncertainty

Michelle Bakjac, Director | Psychologist | Coach | Trainer, Bakjac Consulting

5.15pm – 5.20pm Close of Conference

5.30pm – 7.00pm Networking drinks

Leave the conference room and connect with your professional colleagues in a relaxed and informal atmosphere with no speeches and no formalities. The networking working drinks will provide an opportunity to have real conversations with likeminded professionals and engage with your local internal audit and wider assurance community.

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

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Registration forms

If you require an invoice, registration forms can be scanned and emailed to conferences@ija.org.au

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Venue details

Conference

Crowne Plaza Adelaide, 27 Frome St, Adelaide SA 5000

Networking Drinks

The Howling Owl, 10 Vaughan Pl, Adelaide SA 5000

Conference fees

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

CPE

Attendance will provide 8 CPE hours.

Registration Fees	
Early Bird- Register before 14 August 2026	
Member	\$775
Non-member	\$920
Standard - Register after 14 August 2026	
Member	\$975
Non-member	\$1120
Networking Drinks	
Conference Attendees	Complimentary
Additional Guests	\$30

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