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PROGRAM SCHEDULE


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All times are AEST*





DAY ONE: Tuesday 28 October 2025 MASTERCLASSES		
8am	REGISTRATION & ARRIVAL TEA/COFFEE	
8:30 – 10:10am	JONES ROOM Masterclass 1 (part 1) Gifts -in Wills Gifts in Wills Bootcamp: Elevate and future-proof your GIW program ANDREW SABATINO, Co-Founder, Director, Donor Republic	HARRIS ROOM Masterclass 2 (part 1) Major Gifts Capital & capacity campaigns: where do I begin? TESSA IRWIN, Group Account Director – Philanthropy & Partnerships, Donor Republic
10:10 – 10:30	MORNING TEA	
10:30 – 12:00	Masterclass 1: (part 2) Gifts-in-Wills	Masterclass 1: (part 2) Major Gifts
1200 – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 3:10pm	HARRIS ROOM Masterclass 3 (part 1) Corporate Partnerships Beyond sponsorship: building brave, values-aligned partnerships that last CATHERINE BROOKS, CEO, Equitable Philanthropy GILL WHELAN, General Manager, DECJUBA Foundation & TANK Foundation	
3:10 – 3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:30 – 5pm	Masterclass 3: (part 2) Corporate Partnerships	






DAY TWO: Wednesday 29 October 2025

MAJOR GIFTS/ GRANTS

0830	REGISTRATION & ARRIVAL TEA/COFFEE	
0900 - 1020	<p style="text-align: center; color: #800080;">WATTLE/THOMAS/BROADWAY/JONES ROOM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Major gifts in 2025: lessons from leaders</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAT FISHER, Senior Consultant, Xponential // MOLLY MASIELLO, Director, FR&C Plus: PANEL TO BE CONFIRMED</p>	
1020-1050	MORNING TEA	
1050 - 1140	MAJOR GIFTS WATTLE/THOMAS	GRANTS BROADWAY/JONES <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> <i>Sponsored by</i>  Genero </div>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 6A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From \$5K to \$50K (and far beyond): how strategic leveraging unlocked major funding at Plan International Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAYLEY SMITH, Philanthropy Lead, Plan International Australia // ZACHARY FLETCHER, Philanthropy Advisor, Plan International Australia</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 6B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Follow the money: how to position your charity for funding from PAFs, PUAFs and Sub-Funds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CATHERINE BROOKS, CEO & Founder, Equitable Philanthropy</p>
1145 - 1235	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 7A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Building Wairarapa Station: How Wellington Free Ambulance raised \$8.5M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLAIRE CARRUTHERS, General Manager of Fundraising and Communications, Wellington Free Ambulance // RACHEL WILSON, Head of Communications, Wellington Free Ambulance</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 7B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How Learning Links secured a multi-year grant from Paul Ramsay Foundation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JO GARNER, CEO of Strategic Grants // HEATHER MONK, General Manager, Fundraising, Learning Links</p>
1235 - 1335	LUNCH	
1335 - 1425	MAJOR GIFTS WATTLE/THOMAS	GRANTS BROADWAY/JONES <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;"> <i>Sponsored by</i>  Genero </div>
	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 8A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Making the intangible tangible: How to communicate big, complex goals to build belief, attract funders and lead change</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SARAH JENKINS, Strategic Communications Manager, Menzies Leadership Foundation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SESSION 8B</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From grants to growth: how AMCS boosted organisational giving by 80% in five years</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SARAH WETTON, Grants Manager, Australian Marine Conservation Society // TOONI MAHTO, Campaigns Director, Australian Marine Conservation Society // PHIL HARGRAVE- SMITH, Philanthropy Development Manager, Australian Marine Conservation</p>

1430 - 1520	SESSION 9A Less is more: How to build Major Gift pipelines that convert, with more intel and less time JESS WALKER, Philanthropy Manager ChildFund Australia// KATIE DUDLEY, Partnerships & Business Development Manager, Dataro	SESSION 9B The crossover strategy: how to turn grant writing strategies into corporate wins ANNA DEASON, Grants Manager Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand // ANNABEL LUSH, Business Manager Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand
1520 -1550	AFTERNOON TEA <div>Sponsored by  Gembridge</div>	
1550 - 1700	WATTLE/THOMAS/BROADWAY/JONES SESSION 10 The art and science of the high stakes ask: how to lead conversations that secure the gift DR ERICA MYERS-DAVIS, Chief Provocateur, Xponential (The big gift specialists) SIMONE PLUNKETT, Senior Consultant, Xponential (The big gift specialists)	
1700 - 1800	NETWORKING DRINKS	

DAY THREE: Thursday 30 October 2025				
GIFTS-IN-WILLS /CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS				
0830	REGISTRATION / ARRIVAL TEA & COFFEE			
0900 - 1000	CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS WATTLE/THOMAS	<i>Sponsored by</i> 	GIFTS-IN-WILLS BROADWAY/JONES	<i>Sponsored by</i> 
	SESSION 11A The million-dollar question: how much should you ask for in a Corporate Partnership? SHARON DANN, Co-founder, Stellar Partnerships // LINDA GARNETT, Co-founder, Stellar Partnerships		SESSION 11B Is your Gifts in Wills program up to scratch? ANDREW SABATINO, Co-founder & Director, Donor Republic	
1000 - 1030	MORNING TEA <i>Sponsored by</i> 			
	CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS WATTLE/THOMAS	<i>Sponsored by</i> 	GIFTS-IN-WILLS BROADWAY/JONES	<i>Sponsored by</i> 
1030 - 1120	SESSION 12A The power playbook: how to win corporate partnerships that actually matter MELISSA WILLIAMS, Head of Fundraising and Marketing, Variety Victoria		SESSION 12B Gifts in Wills without the guesswork: how Garvan's planning for the long game MEGAN MAYA, Consultant, More Impact //, CHRISTEL WILSON, Head of Fundraising, Garvan Institute of Medical Research// RACHAEL ARROTT Future Giving Manager, Garvan Institute of Medical Research	

1125 - 1215	SESSION 13A Building the plane while flying it: how Peter Mac launched a corporate partnerships program from the ground up SARAH HORNBY, Head of Philanthropy, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation // ERIN KEFALAS, Corporate Partnerships Manager, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation	SESSION 13B A tale of two charities: How World Animal Protection and Jesuit Mission grew their Gifts in Wills programs LISA MILLER, Account Director, Synergy Fundraising// HAYLEY GALLERY, philanthropy Manager, World Animal Protection// PAULA O'SULLIVAN, Social Media Strategist & Owner, Possum Digital// SUSAN VAZ, Supporter Relations & Retention Manager, Jesuit Mission Australia
1215 - 1315	LUNCH <i>Sponsored by</i> 	
1315 - 1405	CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS WATTLE/THOMAS <i>Sponsored by</i> 	GIFTS-IN-WILLS BROADWAY/JONES <i>Sponsored by</i> 
	SESSION 14A How to build a Gold Standard partnership – Specsavers and The Fred Hollows Foundation STEPHNE VAUGHAN, Relationship Manager, The Fred Hollows Foundation NZ// BRONTE PHILLIPPS, Global Partnerships Manager, The Fred Hollows Foundation// CATHY RENNIE MATOS, Head of Sustainability, Specsavers	SESSION 14B How Australia for UNHCR has inspired a generation of Gifts in Wills using an integrated, omni-channel approach, including DRTV AYLIN SALT, Senior Philanthropy Manager – Gifts in Wills and Major Donors, Australia for UNHCR // LAUREN SCHILG, Senior Producer, DTV Group
1410 - 1500	SESSION 15A Building big: how a small nonprofit secured a million-dollar partnership with Coles ELIZABETH TREWHELLA, National Philanthropy Manager, Fitted for Work // SUSIE PAVEY, Partnerships Manager, Fitted for Work	SESSION 15B Pack your bags fundraisers: A global tour of bold Gifts in Wills campaigns JON JACQUES, Global Fundraising Specialist – Legacies, Amnesty International // NAOMI VAUGHAN, Legacy Specialist, Amnesty International
1500 - 1530	AFTERNOON TEA	
1530 -1620	CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS WATTLE/THOMAS <i>Sponsored by</i> 	GIFTS-IN-WILLS BROADWAY/JONES <i>Sponsored by</i> 
	SESSION 16A How to find corporate partners (and when you do, what to give them and how to keep them) RACHEL WILSON, Head of Communications, Wellington Free Ambulance	SESSION 16B The Gold Standard: How RSPCA QLD transformed its bequest program with data-driven, targeted stewardship THERESA SCANLAN, Philanthropy Manager, RSPCA Qld

<p>1625 - 1715</p>	<p>SESSION 17A Corporate Partnerships panel discussion SARAH HORNBY, Head of Philanthropy, Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation // BRONTE PHILLIPPS, Global Partnerships Manager, The Fred Hollows Foundation// MELISSA WILLIAMS, Head of Fundraising and Marketing, Variety Victoria// LINDA GARNETT, Co-founder, Stellar Partnerships// RACHEL WILSON, Head of Communications, Wellington Free Ambulance</p>	<p>SESSION 17B Gifts in wills acquisition success - a campaign case study from Cerebral Palsy Alliance EMMA FEATHERSTONE, Relationship Manager Gifts in Wills, Cerebral Palsy Alliance // BRIDGETTE BIRDSALL, Senior Digital Experiences Manager, Cerebral Palsy Alliance</p>
<p>1715 - 1720</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p>

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