29th MELBOURNE MONEY & FINANCE CONFERENCE 2027

"Protection of the Financial System, Institutions and Consumers"

Event Sponsors:
APRA and RBA

Date:
MONDAY 15th (1-9pm) and
TUESDAY 16th (8am-5pm)
FEBRUARY 2027

Event type:
29th MELBOURNE MONEY & FINANCE CONFERENCE

Registration commences:
Monday from 1pm
Tuesday from 8am

Time:
Monday 15 February = 1pm -9pm (includes Dinner)
Tuesday 16 February = 8.30am – 4.30pm

Location:
Lecture Theatre 3
Melbourne Business School
200 Leicester Street, Carlton,
Victoria 3053, Australia

Conference Registration Fee (incl gst):
1+1/2 day Conference **$770** per person

Full Time Academics – FREE of charge but limited tickets, email kevin.davis@unimelb.edu.au for availability in the first instance (Accommodation is an **additional cost**)

Accommodation Fee $220.00
includes continental breakfast on Tuesday16th February 2027

Registration Closing Date:
Thursday 4th February, 2027 or when booked out

Attire: Neat casual

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About the Conference

We are pleased to advise that the 29th Melbourne Money and Finance conference will be held in February 2027. We are also pleased to announce that APRA and the RBA have agreed to continue their longstanding financial support for the conference, for which we are most grateful.

The Melbourne Money and Finance (MMF) Conference has been a longstanding "prac-ac" conference series initiated at the University of Melbourne, and organised from 2006-2019 by the Australian Centre for Financial Studies. It is now organised by the Department of Finance at the University of Melbourne. First held in 1987, it has provided a forum for Australia's financial experts to discuss key issues facing the financial services industry.

Through the open exchange of views and opinions from delegates of various backgrounds, MMFC has been successful in identifying key developments in the Australian and global financial services sector relevant for public policy, academic research, and industry practices.

Twelve papers (limited in size to around 3,000 words) are selected for presentation and distributed to attendees to read prior to the conference. 45 minutes is allocated to each paper, with the presenter limited to 15 minutes, a discussant limited to 5 minutes and the remainder of the time (25 minutes) available for discussion and commentary by attendees.

Papers presented at some past conferences have been published in books and academic journals individually or together as a special conference edition.

The conference has a strong policy focus, aiming for papers drawing on empirical work, industry knowledge, and theoretical insights which are relevant for influencing policy and understanding current and likely future developments. Authors are expected to provide papers which are written in such a way as to be accessible and of interest to practitioners, regulators and academics.

The success of this conference series has also been attributable to the calibre of delegates attending and the quality of discussion under Chatham House rules.

The conference is by invitation only, and limited to between 70-80 individuals (one third from academia, one third from industry, one third from regulatory bodies). It provides an excellent forum for building relationships between academics, practitioners and regulators with common interests.

The theme of the conference is selected annually and is aligned with current issues affecting the financial services industry. In 2027, the theme will be based around ***"Protection of the Financial System ad Financial Consumers".*** **(**A list of papers presented at the 2026 conference on **The Digital Economy, Technology and the Finance Sector** can be found here). It is planned that there will be an interesting mix of papers from academia, industry and regulatory agencies. A non-exhaustive "thought-starter" outline of possible areas is attached. Individuals interested in presenting a paper at the conference (or with suggestions for possible presenters) are invited to contact Professor Kevin Davis at kevin.davis@unimelb.edu.au, ideally by the end of August

Please find attached, information regarding this year's Conference, a preliminary programme and registration details. If you wish to attend, please complete the registration process by **THURSDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2027** (please note: to avoid disappointment book asap, as seats are **STRICTLY LIMITED** and by **invite only**). If unable to attend, please inform us as soon as possible.

The conference is generously sponsored by **APRA and the RBA.**

PROGRAM:
MONDAY 15th February 2027

1 – 1.45pm **REGISTRATION and SANDWICH LUNCH** *(on arrival)*

1.45-2pm **WELCOME and ADMIN ARRANGEMENTS**

Systemic Risk/Safety of Financial System

2 - 2.45pm *D1P1* - **Duncan McEwin, Manager, Stress Testing (APRA)**
System Risk Stress Test
Discussant: TBA ( )

2.45 – 3.30pm *D1P2* – **Dr Geoff Warren, Associate Professor and David Bell, Executive Director (Conexus)**
Systemic impacts of 'big super'
Discussant: TBA ( )

3.30 – 4.00pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

AI and Risk

4.00 – 4.45pm *D1P3* - **Joe Dalessandro (APRA)**
Rethinking Risk and Assurance for Agentic AI
Discussant: TBA ( )

4.45 – 5.30pm *D1P4* - **Maria Klyuchagina, Project Administrator (Infosys)**
AI, Financial Inclusion and Protection of Vulnerable Consumers
Discussant: TBA ( )

5.30 – 6.15 pm **PRE – DINNER DRINKS**

6.15 - 9pm **DINNER**
6.15 - 7pm – Dinner Speaker
7pm – Entree
7.30 - Main
8pm – Dessert

6.15 – 7pm **DINNER SPEAKER – Alan Kirkland Commissioner ASIC**
Alan commenced as an ASIC Commissioner for a five-year term on 20 November 2023.

He has more than 20 years experience in consumer protection, social services, law reform and justice in the public and not-for-profit sectors.

Most recently, Alan was the CEO at CHOICE where he represented the interests of Australian consumers for more than 11 years.

Earlier, Alan was the Executive Director of the Australian Law Reform Commission, the CEO of Legal Aid New South Wales, Chair of the National Legal Assistance Advisory Body, and Executive Director of the NSW Council of Social Service.

From 2016 to 2017, Alan was a member of the panel for the Ramsay Review, which led to the establishment of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority and Compensation Scheme of Last Resort.

He holds degrees in Arts and Law from the University of NSW, an Executive MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Appointment as Commissioner, Treasurer's media release, 25 August 2023.

9pm **DAY 1 ENDS**

PROGRAM:
TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2027

8 – 8.30am	***MORNING COFFEE*** *(on arrival)*
	Retirement Issues
8.30 – 9.15am	D2P1 – **Jeremy Duffield, Co-Founder and CEO (SuperEd)** ***The cost of delay in Age Pension applications*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
9.15 – 10.00am	D2P2 – **Dr Kristle Romero-Cortes, Associate Professor (UNSW)** ***Closing the Superannuation Death Benefit Loophole in Financial Abuse Cases*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
10 – 10.30am	***MORNING TEA***
	Investor Safety
10.30 – 11.15am	D2P3 – **Jeremy Cooper, Chair, Superannuation Advisory Committee (Future Group)** ***Vetting MIS Scheme suitability for retail Investors*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
11.15 – 12noon	D2P4 - **Rhys Bollen (ASIC)** ***A Retrospective on Australia's Product Intervention Power and Design and Distribution Obligations*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
12 – 1pm	**LUNCH**
	Methods of Financial Consumer Protection
1pm – 1.45pm	D2P5 - **Andrew Hall , Executive Director and CEO (Insurance Council of Australia)** ***Protecting consumers, preserving choice: Rethinking consumer outcomes in financial service*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
1.45 – 2.30pm	D2P6 - **Prof Andrew Godwin, Associate Dean (Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne)** ***Financial Wellbeing in the Age of Fintech and AI*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
2.30 – 3.00pm	**AFTERNOON TEA**
	New Financial Products and Consumer Safety
3.00 – 3.45pm	D2P7 - **Dr Eugene Zaid, Chief Enterprise Architect (Westpac)** ***Is Money Still Money? Equal Value, Unequal Protection, and Machine-Directed Payments*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
3.45 – 4.30 pm	*D2P8* - **Joshua Funder, CEO & Managing Director (Household Capital)** ***Australian Home Equity: the $3trillion housing and funding opportunity for an ageing economy*** *Discussant: TBA ( )*
4.30 – 4.35pm	**CLOSING REMARKS – KEVIN DAVIS AM,** **Emeritus Professor of Finance, The University of Melbourne**

(Program updated 29/10/26 and subject to change.)

The Conference Organisers gratefully acknowledge the financial support of:

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REGISTRATION OPTIONS: (incl GST)

Conference ONLY: (Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th February 2027, incl Dinner Monday night excl Accommodation) **$770 per person**

Accommodation: (Monday night and includes continental breakfast on Tuesday 16th February) **$220.00 per room**

Speakers: Conference is free of charge (unless company dictates otherwise), accommodation incurs an additional fee

Academics: there are a limited number of free registrations available for academics. If interested, please contact Kevin Davis kevin.davis@unimelb.edu.au

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:
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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: Please notify at time of registration

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