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# David Garry Boymal AM

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## CITATION

### **David Garry Boymal AM**

David Garry Boymal's contributions to accounting through standard-setting and service to the profession and wider business community are extensive. From his appointment to the Australian Accounting Research Foundation's Accounting Standards Board (ASB) in January 1982 to his retirement as chair of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) in November 2008, David was involved in national and international standard-setting for nearly three decades. This service encompassed the profession's ASB and Urgent Issues Group, the International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) and the statutory AASB, culminating in his appointment as chair of the latter during 2003–08. David's contribution to international standard-setting is demonstrated by his membership of the IASC working parties which drafted the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements and the very complex IAS 32 Financial Instruments Disclosure and Presentation. Domestically, as AASB chair during 2003–08, David guided the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards into Australia, perhaps the most important change in financial reporting experienced in this country. Another major project was harmonising the macro-economic oriented Government Financial Statistics with GAAP-based financial reporting requirements for Australia's three levels of government. Trans-Tasman collaboration was also progressed on his watch through joint meetings of the Australian and New Zealand (NZ) standard-setting boards and moves towards common financial-reporting requirements. Earlier, during 1994–95, David was Australia's observer on NZ's Accounting Standards Review Board when the policy of closer economic relations with NZ was written into Australian Corporations Law. David's reputation in standard-setting also saw him invited to give presentations at important national and international conferences and events, culminating in the 63rd CPA Australia-University of Melbourne Annual Research Lecture. David's standard-setting work coincided with a twelve-year stint as councillor and office-bearer for CPA Australia. Senior offices held included Victorian Division President (1992–93) and National President (1998–99). Then followed three years as Australia's representative on the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), including membership of its Board of Directors. He is the only Australian to have served both as a director of IFAC and a member of IASC. As practitioner and audit partner with Ernst & Young, David was responsible for a number of major audit clients and held senior roles in the firm's national and international operational and policy committees. His reputation as practitioner brought appointments to key audit roles with the Australian National Audit Office and Australian Securities Investment Commission. Following his retirement, David has used his extensive knowledge of accounting standards to act both as expert witness and contributor to accounting education and research. In 2000 David was awarded life membership of CPA Australia. In 2010 he was made a Member in the Order of Australia (AM) “for services to accountancy and to the development and implementation of financial reporting standards in Australia”.

The Australian Accounting Hall of Fame honours David Garry Boymal as an international accounting standard setter, office holder and practitioner.



Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Burrows read the citation for David Boymal



David Boymal



David Boymal and wife Rachel Boymal

# William Rodney Edge

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## CITATION

### **William Rodney Edge**

William Rodney (Bill) Edge's contribution to accounting is characterised by important contributions as an auditing standard setter, accounting and auditing regulator and extensive involvement in firm-based initiatives enhancing professional standards and developing risk and quality policies. Bill's role in auditing standard setting started in 2001 as a member of the Australian Auditing Standards Board and from 2004 he served as chair of the board, overseeing the adoption of many CLERP9 reforms introduced by government. He remained on the board until 2006. In 2014 his focus shifted to regulatory oversight over both accounting and auditing when he was appointed by the government to the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). In recognition of his leadership skills Bill was appointed chair in 2016 with a second three-year term agreed in 2019. In 2020 Bill established the FRC COVID-19 Working Group, comprising senior representatives from standard setting and regulatory bodies to continuously monitor financial reporting and auditing issues and consequent regulatory and standard setting implications of COVID-19 in a time of extreme uncertainty. Bill Edge has also provided extensive service to the profession, universities and academia as office holder for both Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and CPA Australia and membership of Advisory Boards at Melbourne, Deakin and La Trobe universities. Following a ten-year period in academia (1980-1989) Bill Edge developed a reputation as a strong advocate of the profession supporting academic research, acting on many occasions as a conduit between the profession and academia. Bill Edge's contribution to accounting was underpinned by an extensive career as an assurance practitioner with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). He commenced with the then Coopers and Lybrand in 1974 following undergraduate studies in Commerce at the University of Melbourne. Over a span of 40 years Bill rose to be Senior Partner, leader of the firm's Professional Standards Group from 1998 onwards and later Risk & Quality Group leader. Of particular note is Bill's role in 2004 in initiating and leading the integration of Risk & Quality functions across all lines of service including assurance, tax, advisory (consulting) and insolvency to form a 'OneFirm' Risk & Quality Group for Australia. From a technical perspective Bill implemented a quality management model based on International Quality Control Standard 1 when setting up PwC's new Risk & Quality Group. In recognition of this achievement Bill was awarded, in 2006, the Edwin Flack - Achieve Award from PwC, one of only four awarded biennially in Australia. He was also recognised externally by the Chartered Secretaries of Australia with the Governance Professional of the Year award in 2007. For four years before retiring as a Partner in 2014 Bill was PwC's Asia Pacific Risk & Quality Leader. In 2007 Bill Edge was awarded a Meritorious Service Award from Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand in recognition of outstanding service to the accounting profession.

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Bill Edge

# Stewart Andrew Leech

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## CITATION

### Stewart Andrew Leech

Stewart Andrew Leech is a highly acclaimed, international scholar who has made a longstanding, significant contribution to the field of Accounting Information Systems (AIS). Undergraduate studies in Commerce at the University of Melbourne followed by postgraduate studies at the University of Tasmania provided the intellectual basis for a 40-year career that extended from the time when computers were first used to support the accounting function to the current day where information technology provides the essential platform for most business operations. In the early 1980s Stewart foresaw that computers would be a disruptive force that over time would fundamentally change how accounting was done and the roles that accountants and users of accounting numbers would play. Stewart has published over 60 papers in research and professional journals and edited books. A number of his journal papers appear in the best AIS, information systems, and accounting journals. He has received two best paper awards at conferences and in 2011, he received the American Accounting Association's (AAA) AIS Section's Notable Contribution to the Accounting Information Systems Literature Award. Stewart Leech is the most senior and best known Australian scholar and leader internationally in the AIS field. He is the only non-North American to have been Chair/President of both the AIS and the Artificial Intelligence/Emerging Technologies (AI/ET) Sections of the AAA. Since 2014, he has been joint Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Accounting Information Systems, which is one of the top two journals in the field. In 2003-2004, Stewart was awarded the AAA (AI/ET Section) Outstanding Educator Award followed in 2005-2006 by the AAA (AI/ET Section) Outstanding Researcher Award. In 2011, he received the American Accounting Association's Strategic and Emerging Technologies Section Outstanding Service Award. Stewart has also provided extensive service to the academic institutions in which he has worked. At the University of Tasmania, he was Professor of Accounting (1992 to 2000) and Head of School (1989 to 1999), and at the University of Melbourne, he was the inaugural Professor of Accounting and Business Information Systems (2000 to 2008) and Head of Department (2006 to 2007). Selfless service to both academic and practitioner professional organisations included membership of State Councils of Tasmania and Victoria for Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) and he was for eleven years chair of CAANZ's National Education Board. From 1979 to 1997, Stewart also provided significant service to CPA Australia, the business/government communities, and the Institute of Company Directors. In 2009, it is especially noteworthy that Stewart was awarded Life Membership in the American Accounting Association "in recognition of decades of dedicated service". On leaving the University of Tasmania, Stewart Leech was honoured with the conferral of Professor Emeritus for his service to the University.

The Australian Accounting Hall of Fame honours Stewart Andrew Leech as a visionary scholar, educator and office holder of the highest order. In doing so it acknowledges his extraordinary contribution to the discipline of accounting information systems.



Stewart Leech



Stewart Leech and wife Susan Leech

# Colin Ferguson Oration

Professor Sharon Lewin AO delivered the Colin Ferguson Oration.

Professor Lewin is the inaugural Director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity. She is also a Professor of Medicine at The University of Melbourne and a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Practitioner Fellow.

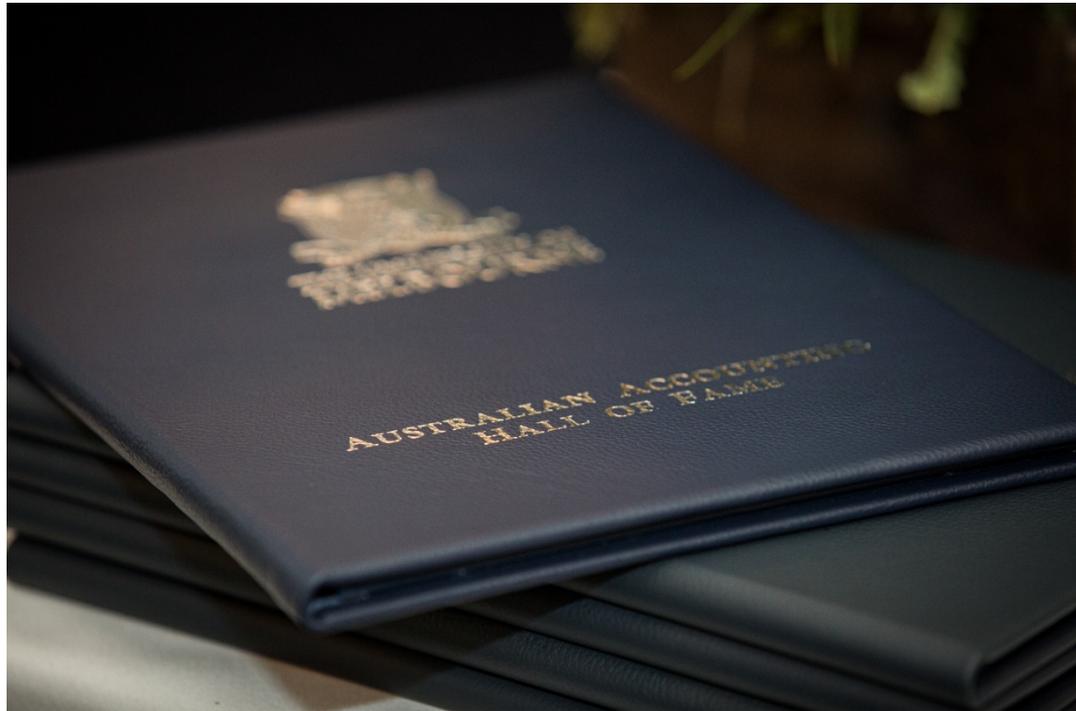
Professor Lewin is a leading infectious diseases expert and was chosen to deliver this year's Oration to give an insight into her experience over the last 12 months and predictions for the future as COVID-19 continues to affect our world.



# Hall of Fame Director



The 2021 awards evening was emceed by Dr Phillip Cobbin,  
Director of the Australian Accounting Hall of Fame.



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