

2023

# GAMING & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HYATT REGENCY, SYDNEY 8 & 9 JUNE

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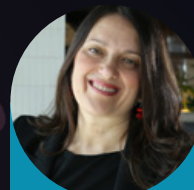
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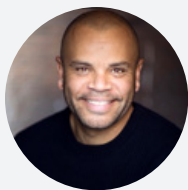
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MC - LUKE  
CARROLL



DALLAS ORCHARD



DAVID HARRIS MP



JOHN VAN WAARD



TAHLI BLICBLAU



STEVE TIGHE

## THURSDAY 8 JUNE

**7:00am: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE – CONFERENCE FOYER**  
supplied by Hennessy Coffee

**8.40am: CONFERENCE OPENING – Introduction by MC Luke Carroll**

An incredible actor, television personality, podcaster and MC, Luke Carroll is among one of the most successful and well-known Indigenous Australian actors in the country.

Beginning his career as a child star in the kids' show Lift Off back in 1989, Luke has appeared in multiple feature films & television shows as well as numerous theatre productions over the last 3 decades across all networks and with the major theatre companies in the country.

He is a regular host of the Australian Children's Television Show Play School, a regular presenter on Channel 7's travel & lifestyle show Sydney Weekender & the Big Mob Brekky program on NITV during NAIDOC Week.

Luke also has an impressive list of MC credits that include the Australia Day Celebrations at the Opera House broadcast live around Australia on Channel 10, the on-field MC for both the NRL All Stars Games & the NRL State of Origin, National NAIDOC Awards as well as major awards ceremonies for both corporate & community events over the last 2 decades.

**8.45am: WELCOME, DALLAS ORCHARD, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, IGT (APAC)**

**9:00am: OPENING ADDRESS by David Harris MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, Medical Research and Minister for the Central Coast.**

**9:30am: MODERATED REGULATORS PANEL:**  
Moderated by Arjunan Puveendran, Partner at Thomson Geer.

### PANEL MEMBERS:

- Paul Newson, Sennet Advisory former Deputy Secretary LGR
- Michiel Brodie, ex CEO NSW ILGA
- Joel Williams, Leading & former Executive Director, Department of Justice and Community Safety, Victoria
- Mike Sarquis, former Executive Director QLD OLGR

**10:10am: MANUFACTURERS PANEL:**  
Moderated by Peng Ly, Managing Partner at Adastra Corporate Advisory

- Craig Butler, GM CXS APAC, Aristocrat
- John Van Waard, Director Systems Product & Sales APAC, IGT
- Frank Makryllos, Managing Director & CEO, eBet

**10:40am: MORNING TEA**

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**11:10am: GLOBAL TRENDS by IGT**

**11:55AM: NSW CRIME COMMISSION PRESENTATION: Tahli Blicblau, Director Strategic Intelligence & Capabilities, NSW Crime Commission**

The NSW Crime Commission led a multi-agency investigation into the nature and extent of money laundering taking place through electronic gaming machines in NSW. The inquiry report, published in October 2022, made eight recommendations to minimise money laundering risks and improve detection by authorities. This session will discuss the inquiry's methodology, findings and evidence in support of its recommendations.

**12:45pm: LUNCH** Sponsored by Paynter Dixon

**1:45pm: NSW & QLD CEO'S AND GAMING MANAGERS PANEL:**

Moderated by Don Hammond, CEO LCA.

- Paul Millar, CEO Club Rivers
- Luke Simmons, CEO Norths Collective
- Joe Kelly, CEO Brisbane Broncos
- Tim Wright, CEO Greenbank Services

**2:45pm: AFTERNOON TEA**

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**3:15pm: WORKSHOPS:**

- CEO Forum: Steve Tighe is one of Australia's leading speakers on the future, strategy and innovation.
- NSW & QLD Jurisdiction Workshop – Penny Wilson: Presenters, Anthony Keon, CEO of Hospitality and Racing and QLD Regulators

**4:00pm: SESSION CLOSE**

**6:00pm: COCKTAIL RECEPTION - MARITIME BALLROOM**

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## FRIDAY 9 JUNE

**8:00am: MORNING COFFEE – CONFERENCE  
FOYER** supplied by Hennessy Coffee

**8:45am: SIMPLE PRINCIPLES OF IMPECCABLE  
SERVICE AND FOOD: An interview with Toni  
Clarke and Con Dedes Owner and Managing  
Director, Dedes Waterfront Group**

Owner and Managing Director of Dedes Group, Con Dedes is a philanthropist with diverse business interests and has built Dedes Group from basic principles. These qualities exemplify all of the Dedes Waterfront Group's venues and concepts. Toni Clarke talks with a Master of Change & his guiding principles over his 33yrs in hospitality.

**9:30am: THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK: Besa Deda,  
Chief Economist Westpac Business Bank**

Besa Deda is an experienced Chief Economist with a demonstrated history of working in the banking industry and managing a team of economists. Besa is a well-rounded professional skilled in economic research, foreign exchange, equities, fixed income, banking, and management. Besa is currently the Chief Economist of a group of businesses within the Westpac Group. These include Westpac Business Bank, St. George Bank, BankSA, Bank of Melbourne and BT. She is the current Chair of the Australian Business Economists (ABE) and on ANU's CAMA Reserve Bank Shadow Board.

**10:20am: MORNING TEA**  
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**10:50am: WHAT IS WEB3 AND WHY IS IT SO  
IMPORTANT? Michael Alexander, BlockTrust**

Web2 technologies (social media, cloud, eCommerce, identity management) revolutionised how brands interact with customers. web3 technologies (blockchain, tokens, smart contracts, decentralization, wallets) are doing the same thing. During this session, Mike Alexander will discuss: What is web3 and why is it so important? How are brands successfully using web3? What are the implications and opportunities for Licenced Clubs?

**11:40am: CLOSING ADDRESS –  
LEADERSHIP IN 2023, ROD MCGEOCH AO**

Rod McGeoch may have risen to prominence as the leader of Sydney's successful Olympics 2000 bid, but he has long had a remarkable career at the forefront of business, sports administration, and the legal profession. In fact, he has been described as one of Australasia's most influential directors.

**12:30pm: CONFERENCE WRAP UP & CLOSURE  
by LCA CEO, Don Hammond and RSL & SCA CEO,  
Margot Smith**

**12:45pm: LUNCH** Sponsored by Paynter Dixon



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MICHAEL ALEXANDER



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## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

**Hyatt Regency Sydney**  
161 Sussex Street, Sydney NSW 2000

**1 King room** - \$350 inclusive of breakfast for one

**1 King room double** - \$380 inclusive of breakfast for two

## REGISTRATION COSTS

**\$995 Full package** – including 2 Days of Conference, Workshop and Cocktail Reception

**\$595 Thursday 8 June** – including 1 Day of Conference with Workshop

**\$295 Friday 9 June** – Half day of Conference

**\$150 Cocktail Reception** – Thursday 8 June 6pm to 8pm

### Terms & Conditions:

Please note the hotel will charge full cancellation fee for accommodation that is cancelled from 8 of May. Conference fees are non-refundable from Friday 26 May. Substitutions are welcome.

All persons who book and attend the conference acknowledge that we continue to live and move about in times where the risk of contracting COVID-19 remains present including during the time of this conference. All attendees agree and accept that they attend the conference and all associated activities at their own risk.

The LCA & RSL requires all attendees to take all steps necessary at their cost to ensure they are protecting themselves and others, including but not limited to informing us in advance and ensuring you do not attend if you have any potential symptoms of COVID-19, getting tested for COVID-19 as and when appropriate in accordance with state government recommendations, wearing a mask where required, complying with all hotel policies and procedures relating to COVID-19, and ensuring that you take steps to minimise your exposure to COVID-19.



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