

2025

# GAMING & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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WESTERN SYDNEY CONFERENCE CENTRE, PENRITH 20 & 21 MAY



## FUTURE READY

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FEATURING



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## TUESDAY 20 MAY

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

**8.40am: CONFERENCE OPENING – Introduction by MC James Bracey**

**8.45am: WELCOME ADDRESS - Col Bentley, NSW/ACT State Manager**

**9:00am: Opening Keynote: Steve Sammartino**

Futurist Steve Sammartino is a tour de force in the field of technology. His energy and humour on stage have made him sought-after speaker around the globe. An expert in AI's profound implications for business and society, Steve has been immersed in Computational Intelligence systems from the tender age of 10.

Steve goes beyond theory and brings lessons from his own tech ventures. His latest Macro3D, a groundbreaking AI and robotics company – which 3D prints houses. Since co-founding the company, he has managed to 3D print a house and is now embarking on building the world's first home built entirely by AI.

An accomplished author, Steve has written three best-selling books on the subject of technology and its future. As a testament to his compelling insights, he has given a TED talk and is the host of the popular national Technology and Business TV show on Channel 9, "The Rebound" – now in it's 4th Season.

Steve's takes the complex and makes it simple, and human. This sentiment is captured in his viral videos, which boast over 100 million views - his drivable Lego Car being a prime example. As a respected media commentator, his views are widely sought after, making him an authoritative voice in the tech industry. Steve Sammartino doesn't just predict the future of technology, he's literally building it, and his speeches are an unmissable opportunity to get a glimpse into that future.

**10:00am: MORNING TEA** Sponsored by MAX

**10:30am: Proposed Australian Regulatory Changes – A Comparison with Markets Across Europe, John van Waard, Senior Director Systems Product & Sales – APAC, IGT**

**11:15am: Michael Phelan APM - Strategic Advisor at Kroll and former CEO of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission**

Michael is a former CEO of the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC), and is one of the most senior former law enforcement officers in Australia. His appointment to ACIC and AIC followed a more than 35-year career in law enforcement, including service as Chief Police Officer of ACT Policing and Deputy Commissioner for National Security at the Australian Federal Police.

**12:25pm: LUNCH** Sponsored by Paynter Dixon

**1:25pm: Manufacturers Panel: Moderated by John van Waard - Senior Director Systems Product & Sales, Asia Pacific, IGT**

**2:15pm: Club Leaders Panel: Moderated by Adam Raskall**

**Panel Members:** Paul Allen, CEO, Club Taree, Jonathan Brain, COO at the Canterbury League Club, Bernie Brown, CEO, Shoalhaven Ex-Services Group.

**3:00pm: AFTERNOON TEA** Sponsored by MAX

**3:30pm: An update from AUSTRAC**

Session will cover: A critical update on the latest regulatory developments, compliance expectations, and emerging financial crime risks affecting the club industry.

**4:00pm: SESSION CLOSE**

**5:00pm: COCKTAIL RECEPTION - Squires Terrace, Panthers Penrith Leagues Club**

## WEDNESDAY 21 MAY

**8:00am: Morning coffee** supplied by Hennessy Coffee – Conference Foyer

**8:30am: MC opening of Day 2**

**8:35am: Opening address by The Hon. David Harris MP Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Treaty, Gaming and Racing, Veterans, Medical Research and Minister for the Central Coast.**

**8:50am: 2024 Federal Election Result & The Mood of the Nation: Clint McGilvray and Catriona Uliana, SEC Newgate**

The 2024 Federal Election has reshaped Australia's political landscape. Clint McGilvray and Catriona Uliana from SEC Newgate will break down the key results, voter sentiment, and what the outcome means for businesses, industries, and advocacy. Gain valuable insights to navigate the changing political climate and engage effectively with the new government.

**9:30am: The Economic Outlook: Jameson Coombs, Economist, Westpac Group**

Jameson Coombs is an economist for several businesses within the Westpac Group including the Westpac Business Bank, St. George Bank, BT, Bank of Melbourne and BankSA. Jameson joined the bank in 2021, and prior to that worked as an accountant in the insolvency and restructuring industry. Jameson holds a Bachelor of Economics with First Class Honours from the University of Technology, Sydney.

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**10:50am: Moderated Regulators Panel:**  
**Moderated by Arjunan Puveendran,**  
**Partner at Thompson Geer**

**Panel Members:** Tarek Barakat, Deputy Secretary, Hospitality and Racing NSW and Anthony Crack, Assistant Director-General Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation QLD.

**11:40am: CLOSING ADDRESS – Leadership in tough times, Nick Kaldas A.P.M., D.Litt (honoris causa)**

Nick Kaldas held two of the most senior roles in the New South Wales Police Force executive (Sydney, NSW), serving as Deputy Commissioner for almost a decade, and prior to that, Assistant Commissioner (Counter Terrorism and Special Tactics).

He relieved as Commissioner of Police extensively. His career as a NSW Police Officer spanned almost 35 years, with a focus on major and organised crime investigations, and counter-terrorism, with over a decade in Homicide investigations. NSW Police is the largest in Australasia, and one of the biggest in the English-speaking world, more than 20,000 staff, and a budget of over \$3 billion. He also serviced in numerous senior roles within the United Nations system, outlined below.

In 2021, Nick was appointed by the Federal Government to head up the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicides. Nick is also currently Managing Director of a consulting firm, Kaldas & Associates in Sydney, Australia, providing high level security, investigative, crisis management and governance advice and services internationally.

He was a member of the Australian National Counter Terrorism Committee for 8 years, the peak policy body dealing with Counter Terrorism in Australia. He held Top Secret Clearance, and Charlie and Delta level briefings. He is currently a Senior Fellow with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), in Canberra, one of the largest think-tanks in Australia.

He holds Adjunct Professorships with Western Sydney University (WSU) and Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Australia and has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by WSU. He currently lectures intermittently on the National Security College of the Australian National University.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Police Bank, and a member of the Advisory Board of Multicultural New South Wales, the Government department dealing with all multicultural issues.

**12:40pm: CONFERENCE WRAP UP & CLOSURE**  
**by LCA CEO, Don Hammond and RSL & SCA CEO, Margot Smith**

**12:50pm: LUNCH** Sponsored by Paynter Dixon



## COCKTAIL RECEPTION

**TUESDAY 20 MAY**  
**FROM 5PM - 7PM**

**SQUIRES TERRACE,**  
**PANTHERS PENRITH**  
**LEAGUES CLUB**

**FOOD & DRINKS INCLUDED**



**DAVID HARRIS MP**



**CATRIONA ULIANA**



**CLINT MCGILVRAY**



**JAMESON COOMBS**



**ARJUNAN PUEVENDRAN**



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## REGISTRATION COSTS

### Members & Corporate Partners

**Full package Conference & Cocktail Reception** - \$1095 per person

**Monday Full Day Conference** - \$650 per person

**Tuesday Half Day Conference** - \$400 per person

### Non-Members

**Full package Conference & Cocktail Reception** - \$1245 per person Monday

**Full Day Conference** - \$730 per person

**Tuesday Half Day Conference** - \$440 per person

## COCKTAIL EVENT

**Tuesday 20 May - 5pm to 7pm held in Squires Terrace Panthers Club.**

If you are not taking the full package and would like to attend the Cocktail Event Cost is - \$125 per person

## ACCOMMODATION PULLMAN PENRITH

**81 Mulgoa Road, Penrith NSW 2750**

**Superior Room Including breakfast for one** - \$279 per room per night

**Superior Room Including breakfast for two** - \$299 per room per night

All rooms are Run of House Twin share rooms can be requested.

Accommodation dates are from Monday 19 May to Wednesday 21 May

Should you require pre or post accommodation this is subject to availability

**Check in time: 2.00pm / Check out time: 11.00am**

All accommodation is pre-paid, however a credit card is required at check in for your incidental charges.

### PARKING

Self-Parking is included in the accommodation rate based on availability

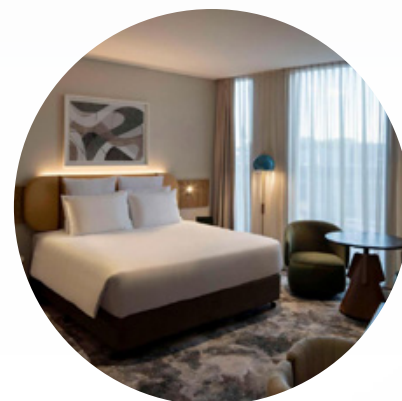
Valet Parking is at a charge of \$50 per vehicle per day subject to availability

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All cancellations must be put in writing to Total Travel Management.

Should you cancel within 30 days prior to 19 May 100% cancellation fee applies.

Name changes are allowed.



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