

Conference to be held at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne on October 12th and 13th, 2017

Media Alert: 21st Annual GRC Conference 2017

MELBOURNE, Australia — 6 July 2017 — The 21st Annual GRC Conference 2017 will be held from 12 October to 13 October 2017 at the Grand Hyatt in Melbourne. The Conference brings together governance, risk and compliance professionals, as well as suppliers, in an environment dedicated to the networking and sharing of ideas under one roof.

The theme of this year's two-day Conference is audacity. This is taken from the Winston Churchill quote "The first quality that is needed is audacity".

"With increasingly sophisticated demands on regulations and emerging technologies, boards are confused about who their best-trusted advisers are, and where they can get trusted information so they can do their jobs properly," says Naomi Burley, Managing Director of the GRC Institute. "We feel that our members—risk and compliance professionals—are not recognised for their organisational knowledge or depth of understanding.

"However, we feel now it is time for them to be audacious and insist on recognition for their valued contribution and to stake their claim as trusted advisors. That is what this Conference is about—equipping and inspiring them to do so. Our members are those people to whom organisations need listen to tackle the big issues and advancing risks more effectively."

Day one of the two-day Conference will focus on external perspectives and industry updates; day two will look at developing those interpersonal skills necessary to help attendees stake their claim.

This Conference will also be an opportunity for GRC professionals to receive industry updates, hear from regulators, measure different perspectives in the GRC space, assess the impact of emerging technologies—such as Fintech and RegTech—network with like-minded professionals, and be inspired to take their place at the leadership table.

Confirmed speakers for the 21st Annual GRC 2017 Conference so far include:

#### Regulators

- Delia Rickard, Deputy Chair, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and (ACCC)
- Peter Kell, Deputy Chair, Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)
- Andrew Mills, Second Commissioner, Australian Tax Office (ATO)

#### Keynote Speakers and Workshop Facilitators

- Holly Ransom, CEO, Emergent
- Sally Freeman, National Partner In Charge, KPMG
- Dr Alicia Fortinberry, Principal and Co-Founder, Fortinberry Murray
- Peter Kenny, Adviser & Regulatory Compliance Manager, AMP NZ
- Alison Telfer, General Counsel & Head of Compliance, BlackRock

- Susan Cretan, Director, Integrity, Governance & Risk, Flinders University
- Carolyn Hanson, Head of FCC & Specialist Advisory Services, Wealth Management, CBA
- Deborah Latimer, Director, Sector Seven
- Paul Fitton, Senior Security Consultant, Aurecon
- Paul Hodge, Guest Lecturer and Corporate Adviser on Data Visualisation

For more information on the 21st Annual GRC2017 Conference, visit the registration page. Information on the Gala Dinner, graduation ceremony and annual awards to follow.

#### About the GRC Institute

The GRC Institute (GRCI)—formerly known as ACI—is the pre-eminent member association, servicing compliance and risk management professionals since 1996. We aim to unify and strengthen the GRC profession to provide a community in which individuals can come together to share knowledge, challenges and ideas on solutions to mould their vision for the future. For more information, visit: <http://www.thegrainstitute.org/>

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