

# Design and Construction Forum



EMPORIUM HOTEL, SOUTH BRISBANE  
27 AUGUST 2025

# PROGRAM

TIME	SESSION	PRESENTERS
8.30-10.00	<b>PART 1</b> <b>Market Update &amp; Maximising Value</b>	
25mins	<b>Construction</b> Short, mid and long-term forecast on the construction sector regarding demand and related pricing, trade and material supply, timelines	<b>Hammond &amp; Neale</b> Matthew Neale
20mins	<b>Finance</b> Economic and interest rate forecast and impact on schools intending to undertake an educational facility project.	<b>Westpac</b> Kerrie-Anne Glancy, John Robertson and Jo Oberholster
15mins	<b>Insurance, including a focus on Physical Risk</b> Insurance considerations and related premium outcomes when designing, constructing, and operating a building or school site.	<b>Independent Schools Queensland</b> Jo Butler <b>Marsh Pty Ltd</b> Brad Day
15mins	<b>Sustainability</b> Emerging sustainability impacts from a social, legislative and economic perspective related to designing, constructing, and operating a building or school site.	<b>Mott MacDonald</b> Anne Kovachevich
15mins	<b>Maximising Value</b> Outline the BGA's strategy to support schools in maximising value on each building project.	<b>Queensland Independent Schools Block Grant Authority (BGA)</b> Gary Adsett

TIME	STREAM 1 - NOVICE New to the sector or limited design and construction experience	STREAM 2 - EXPERIENCED Medium to high level of design and construction experience - deeper dive into the topics below
11.00 - 11.30	<b>PART 2</b> <b>Design Development</b> Concept design through to detailed design. Will incorporate obtaining a development approval in the presentation. <b>Bickerton Masters</b> – Matt Moran	<b>PART 2</b> <b>Project Procurement</b> Examination of various design and construction procurement methodologies and key considerations related to each. Why BGA has fully documented lump sum as its preferred methodology. <b>Paxton Hall Lawyers</b> – Nicole Shenfield
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Business Case Development</b> Including financial modelling to support decision making by both your Board and Lender. <b>Westpac</b> – Kerrie-Anne Glancy, John Robertson, Jo Oberholster	<b>Asset Management</b> Educational facility condition assessments and capital renewal programs to ensure facilities remain fit for purpose and whole of lifecycle costs are minimised. <b>APV</b> – David Edgerton
12.00 - 12.30	<b>Project Procurement</b> Examination of various design and construction procurement methodologies and key considerations related to each. Why BGA has fully documented lump sum as its preferred methodology. <b>Paxton Hall Lawyers</b> – Nicole Shenfield	<b>Design Development</b> Concept design through to detailed design. Will incorporate obtaining a development approval in the presentation. <b>Bickerton Masters</b> – Matt Moran
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Asset Management</b> Educational facility condition assessments and capital renewal programs to ensure facilities remain fit for purpose and whole of lifecycle costs are minimised. <b>APV</b> – David Edgerton	<b>Business Case Development</b> Including financial modelling to support decision making by both your Board and Lender. <b>Westpac</b> – Kerrie-Anne Glancy, John Robertson, Jo Oberholster

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13.40-15.15	<b>PART 3</b> Mini Workshops and Fast Five for Five	
30mins	Master Plan Guide	<b>Urban Enquiry</b> Cathryn Chatburn
30mins	Sustainability Guide	<b>Mott MacDonald</b> Anne Kovachevich and Riya Tailor
5mins	Modular Buildings - what is new	<b>Harwyn</b> Jason Fremder
5mins	Emerging sustainability technologies	<b>Mott MacDonald</b> Anne Kovachevich
5mins	Bringing design concepts to life – what is new	<b>Bickerton Masters</b> Matt Moran
5mins	Technologies for the classroom	<b>Computer Alliance</b> Lee Gurd
5mins	Designing for AI in and outside the classroom	<b>ASI Solutions</b> Mathew Gilbertson





### **Matthew Neale**

**Founding Partner/Project Director, Hammond & Neale**

With a background in project finance, project management and property development spanning a broad range of industries including education, student accommodation, social and affordable housing and public spaces, Matthew provides a strategic and commercial approach to project management and property development projects. Matthew is a Certified Practising Project Director, a QBCC licenced project manager and member of the Australian Institute of Project Management. He has worked with clients in a broad range of industries for projects ranging in value from several hundred thousand dollars to over \$150 million. [www.hammondneale.com.au](http://www.hammondneale.com.au)



### **Kerrie-Anne Glancy**

**Senior Relationship Manager, Westpac**

Kerrie-Anne is a Senior Relationship Manager who delivers the highest level of service and banking solutions that are relevant and personalised. Kerrie-Anne has over 16 years of experience in the financial services industry working in both Retail Banking and Business Banking, and over a decade Supporting Independent Schools. Kerrie-Anne oversees the banking relationship and is well placed to assist with a broad range of financial solutions and adds value through her proactive approach to meeting the needs of Independent Schools.



### **John Roberston**

**National Head of Westpac Education, Westpac**

John is the National Head of Westpac Education with a deep knowledge of the Education Industry. As a career banker of +25 years, John has a strong strategic network of industry experts and a passion for helping Independent Schools grow and achieve their goals. John has a focused and collaborative approach to banking and is committed to building a long term and rewarding relationship that is supportive of your goals and backed by Australia's oldest bank.



### **Jo Oberholster**

**Director, Construction Risk - Qld, WA & VIC, Westpac**

Jo is a key member of the national Property Risk Team, leading Construction Risk across Queensland, Western Australia, and Victoria. Managers of Construction Risk (MCRs) are responsible for conducting thorough due diligence on prospective builders and developers. This includes assessing both delivery and financial capability. A Chartered Quantity Surveyor (CAIQS) with over 15 years of experience, Jo brings deep sector knowledge across a broad range of asset classes, including high-rise residential, commercial office, industrial developments, land subdivisions, and complex infrastructure such as airports, rail, and desalination facilities.



### **Jo Butler**

**Business Project Manager, Independent Schools Queensland**

Jo has extensive operational experience in corporate administration and governance. At Independent Schools Queensland, she established the sector's first group insurance program and develops strategic procurement initiatives for member schools. Previously at Brisbane Catholic Education, she created centralised insurance functions and led procurement initiatives delivering 15% cost savings. She holds an MBA and governance qualifications. **Jo Butler | LinkedIn**



### **Brad Day**

**National BRM Construction Corporate – Australia, Marsh Pty Ltd**

Brad has over 19 years' experience in insurance, specialising in the construction sector. With a background in both insurance and construction, he offers practical risk advice and market insights across industries including infrastructure, energy, mining, and renewables—helping clients secure the best outcomes in a complex insurance landscape. [Brad Day | LinkedIn](#)



### **Anne Kovachevich**

**Technical Director in Sustainability, Mott MacDonald**

Anne is a Technical Director in Sustainability at Mott MacDonald. Specialising in Buildings and Precincts. Anne works with projects and organisations to understand and achieve their sustainability goals. Anne has worked on many education projects including schools and was the author of the publication *Future of Schools* where she researched trends shaping the future of schools and assembled case studies to support the publication. Anne has been working with the QIS BGA to develop the Sustainability Strategy Guide for Schools as well as the supporting Sustainability toolkit. In the last two years Anne has been facilitating a workshop series to help schools improve their knowledge and develop a strategy for sustainability.



### **Riya Tailor**

**Senior Building Physics Engineer, Mott MacDonald**

Senior Building Physics Engineer with over five years' experience in low-energy, low-carbon, and net zero design. Skilled in dynamic thermal modelling using IES VE and EDSL TAS. Experienced in Whole Life Carbon assessments and Green Star projects in Australia. Strong knowledge of embodied carbon, UK regulations, and sustainability frameworks including BREEAM and RICS WLC. A Green Star Accredited Professional with a growing portfolio in aviation, education, and precinct-scale developments. Strong communicator with proven teamwork and technical capabilities.



### **Gary Adsett**

**General Manager, Block Grant Authority**

Gary is the General Manager, Queensland Independent Schools Block Grant Authority and has served in this role since September 2022. One of his focuses has been on building the capacity of school leaders to positively contribute to the design, construction and activation of new and refurbished school facilities. Gary has served both as a school Board Chair and led Y Queensland's Special Assistance Schools for 10 years. He has lead the development of business cases for new schools, community centres, social housing, aged care and hospital facilities. [Gary Adsett | LinkedIn](#)



### **Matt Moran**

**Director/Architect/Education Sector Lead, Bickerton Masters**

Matt is a dedicated and forward-thinking architect who places learning at the heart of every design decision. As Principal Architect and Education Sector Leader, he works tirelessly with schools across Australia to bring their educational aspirations to life through thoughtful campus planning, inspired spatial design, and integrated capital works delivery.

With a reputation for being collaborative, dependable, and deeply invested in meaningful outcomes, Matt creates environments that support educators, empower students, and foster community. He thrives on uncovering the best ideas—whether from his team, his clients, or his extensive network across the country—and transforming them into dynamic learning spaces. Working on the national stage has given Matt the privilege of drawing from diverse perspectives and bringing innovative thinking to every project. [Matthew Moran | LinkedIn](#)



### **Nicole Shenfield**

**Commercial and Charity Lawyer, Paxton-Hall**

Nicole has a broad commercial practice acting for a variety of clients in relation to property law (including acquisition, development and leasing), corporate advisory, governance and structuring work, mergers and acquisitions and intellectual property matters.

As an experienced charity lawyer, Nicole has acted for a range of charities across a variety of sectors on matters expanding across areas of commercial law and also charity law specific issues.



### **David Edgerton**

**Technical Consultant, APV**

David Edgerton is a Fellow of CPA Australia and for the past 20 years has specialised in valuation methodology and compliance and asset management. This has included establishing asset frameworks for the governments of Cambodia, Fiji and Vanuatu and co-authoring the national Strategic Asset Management Framework for the Public Sector.

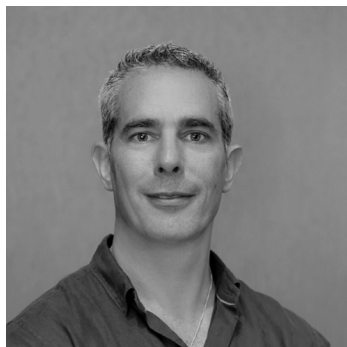


### **Cathryn Chatburn**

**Director, Urban Enquiry**

Cathryn is an award-winning urban designer and Landscape Architect. She is one of Australia's leading urban designers and her contribution to the country's-built environment spans the nation's capital, New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. With more than 30 years' experience Cathryn has accumulated dual proficiencies in both policy and practice and is also an active member of several Design Review Panels nationally. Cathryn established Urban Enquiry in 2015, her own consulting brand. She is currently undertaking research via a PHD - part-time, interrogating how cost-based decision-making impacts what is designed and built at the University of Queensland. [Cathryn Chatburn | LinkedIn](#)





### **Jason Fremder** CEO & Co-Founder, Harwyn

Jason Fremder leads Harwyn, the company transforming Australian school infrastructure with turnkey modular construction. Since co-founding Harwyn in 2012, he has overseen the delivery of hundreds of single and multi storey classrooms, music pods and specialist facilities that roll off the factory line fully finished, cutting project timelines from years to weeks while slashing on site disruption, waste and carbon. An obsessive eye for detail and a drive to improve on the improved power Jason's constant push for smarter design, tighter tolerances and ever faster installation.



### **Lee Gurd** General Manager Corporate, Computer Alliance

Lee Gurd is General Manager Corporate at Computer Alliance, bringing over two decades of experience delivering technology solutions across Retail, Legal, Enterprise, and Government sectors. After founding successful UK businesses, he moved to Australia in 2016 to focus on enterprise IT. Lee is known for aligning complex organisational needs with strategic, outcome-driven solutions. He excels in stakeholder engagement, solution integration, and navigating government frameworks - consistently driving operational efficiency, innovation, and measurable results for clients and organisations alike.

Lee Gurd | [LinkedIn](#)



### **Mathew Gilbertson** Productivity Specialist, ASI Solutions

Mathew is a qualified builder, design draftsman and digital transformation leader with over 30 years of leadership experience across private, public and not-for-profit sectors. He co-founded Tablet PC in 2007 and has since coached thousands of people, from frontline workers to CEOs, on using pen-enabled technology to boost productivity. A Microsoft MVP since 2016, Mathew now leads ASI's Digital Skills team, addressing the digital skills gap. He is passionate about wellbeing, communication and reducing workplace distraction through smarter technology use.



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