

2026 Commonwealth Procurement and Contract Management Conference

In Person – Southern Cross Club, 92-96 Corinna Street Woden, Canberra
9:00am–5:00pm AEST, Tuesday 1 September 2026

Item No	Time	Topic	Lead
	8.30 am	Arrival and registration	
1	9:00 am	Conference opens	Mr Andrew Danks First Assistant Secretary Department of Finance
		Welcome to Country	Serena Williams First Nations Elder
2	9:15 am	Opening address	Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher Minister for Finance, Women, Public Service and Government Services
3	9:30 am	Integrity Insights	Ms Kylie Kilgour A/g NACC Commissioner National Anti-Corruption Commission
		Format: Presentations followed by fireside chat	Ms Carla Jago Deputy Auditor-General Australian National Audit Office
4	10:20 am	Leveraging Technology for Smarter Procurement Format: Presentation	Mr Chris Fechner Chief Executive Officer Digital Transformation Agency
5	10:50 am	Morning Tea	
6	11:10 am	AI-Enabled Procurement: Insights from the Queensland Government Format: Presentation	Mr Andrew Bennett Deputy Director-General QLD Department of Housing and Public Works
7	11:40 am	Co-Heads of PCM Profession address	Ms Marisa Purvis-Smith Deputy Secretary Department of Finance
		Format: Fireside chat	Ms Julia Pickworth A/g Secretary Department of Industry, Science and Resources
8	12:10 pm	Stream sessions (your choice)	

Stream sessions

Item No	Time	Room 1: Contract Management	Room 2: Market Engagement
8	12:10 pm	Best practice in contract management Format: Separate presentations Mr Mike Wytcherley Manager Assets and Capability Australian Maritime Safety Authority Ms Jennifer Bradley A/g Executive Manager Clean Energy Regulator	Case study: Effectively engaging the market Format: Separate presentations Mr Chris Widenbar former Deputy Project Director Australian War Memorial Mr Dave Farrell General Manager Veterans in Construction
9	12:50 pm	Lunch	
10	1:50 pm	Complex contract management Format: Presentation Mr Chris Crozier Chief Information Officer Department of Defence Speaker TBC Australian Border Force	How to use market engagement to build industry capability Format: Fireside chat Mr Phillip Dowsett A/g Industry Advocate South Australian Government Mr Cameron Wood Executive Director IPS Management Consultants
11	2.30 pm	Delivering on time and within budget – contract management case study Format: Presentation of case study Mr Glen McCrea Executive Manager Regulatory Affairs Western Sydney Airport	How to identify, analyse, allocate and treat risk and probity Format: Facilitated panel discussion Ms Samantha Haddon Partner Holding Redlich Mr Shane O'Keeffe Partner MCGRATHNICOL Mr Andrew Marsden Partner O'Connor Marsden & Associates
12	3.10 pm	ICT Best practice contract management Format: Facilitated panel discussion Ms Kim Laybutt Branch Manager Digital Sourcing Digital Transformation Agency Ms Rhianne Jory First Assistant Commissioner Australian Electoral Commission Mr Peter Walker Assistant Commissioner Australian Taxation Office	Supplier perspective – effective market engagement Format: Facilitated panel discussion Ms Tina Chawner Managing Director Yellow Hat Consulting Ms Nadia Pessarossi Director Unearth Talent Mr Joel Deans Managing Director 1LM
13	4:00 pm	Afternoon tea	

Awards for Excellence

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14	4:20 pm	2026 Awards for Excellence ceremony
15	4:55 pm	Conference close
5:00 pm	Conference ends	