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**SYMPOSIUM**

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22-23 FEB  
2024



DARWIN INNOVATION HUB  
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# Full Program

Orchid Room, Darwin Innovation Hub  
Level 1, Paspalis Centrepoint, 48-50 Smith Street Mall Darwin, NT 0800

## Day 1 - Rates

Thursday 22 February 2024

8:30am	<b>Registrations Open</b>
9:00am	<b>Opening</b> Hon. Kon Vatskalis, President - LGANT
9:05am	<b>Conditional Rating   Exemptions and Concessions   Sale of Land   Debt Recovery</b> Hugh King - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
9:40am	<b>Mineral Titles and Strike Software</b> Carla McConachy - Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
10:10am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
10:30am	<b>Valuation Data</b> Mark Kay and Sam Clements - Valuation Services
11:30am	<b>Open Discussion and Direction</b>
12:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30pm	<b>Overview: Local Cost Index 2024-25</b> Keirstyn Spencer - KPMG
12:45pm	<b>Rates Declaration</b> Richard Giles - HWL Ebsworth
1:30pm	<b>Benchmarking Comparisons   Categorisation</b> John Perry - Mead Perry Group 
2:15pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
2:30pm	<b>Planning Matters   Rating Matters   Rate in the Dollar Value</b> John Perry - Mead Perry Group

## Day 2 - Finance

Friday 23 February 2024

8:30am	<b>Registrations Open</b>
9:00am	<b>Opening</b> Peter McLinden - LGANT
9:05am	<b>Local Government Act 2019 Reporting   Monthly Finance Report   Budgets   Compliance</b> Mary Joseph and Bilal Abbas - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
10:05am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
10:30am	<b>Procurement and Local Buy</b> Meriel Corbett-Weir, Manager Business Development - LGANT
11:00am	<b>What Makes a Great Audit</b> MunLi Chee - Merit Partners
12:00pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30pm	<b>Insurance   Asset Management</b> Chris Kempton - JLT 
1:00pm	<b>Importance and Value of Data</b> Keirstyn Spencer - KPMG
1:30pm	<b>Financial Sustainability</b> Tony Pizzuto - LG Solutions 
2:00pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>
2:15pm	<b>NT Remuneration for Elected Members</b> Michael Martin, Chair - NT Remuneration Tribunal

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# DARWIN INNOVATION HUB



With their headquarters located in the heart of Darwin's CBD, and satellite offices in Alice Springs and Sydney, the Darwin Innovation Hub (DIH) is home to a dynamic community of companies in the Northern Territory.

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