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### **Media Alert: Super spotlight on intergenerational challenges, tax equity, investments, digital disruption and more at next week's Conference of Major Super Funds (March 18-29)**

The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees' (AIST) flagship conference - the Conference of Major Superannuation Funds (CMSF) – is set to attract more than 1,000 key players from Australia's \$1.9 trillion super industry.

The peak conference for the not-for-profit superannuation sector will be held at the **Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wednesday 18 March to Friday 20 March.**

The conference will tackle all the big issues affecting superannuation including governance, changing demographics, consumer engagement, international perspectives, investments and the increasing impact of data and technology.

**AIST CEO Tom Garcia** said that the 25<sup>th</sup> CMSF was occurring at a pivotal time for Australia's superannuation industry as it faces a range of global and domestic challenges.

"With the current Intergenerational Report, Financial System Inquiry, Tax White Paper and concerns over the direction of financial advice reforms there is plenty for funds to debate and digest as policy positions are formed in the coming year," said Mr Garcia.

Key issues to be covered include:

- Workforce trends and how these impact super
- Governance challenges and lessons
- The impact of digital on innovation and member experience
- Post-retirement trends
- The economic outlook
- Super and impact investing
- Coping with a low interest environment
- The impact of SuperStream on fund/employer relationships
- Tax transparency issues for super funds
- How the advice landscape is changing

### Speaker snapshot:

- Colin Barnard, Finance Industry leader, Google
- Bob Every, Chair, Wesfarmers
- Steven Bowman, Managing Director, Conscious Governance
- Greg Tanzer, Commissioner, ASIC
- Helen Rowell, Member, APRA
- David Knox, Senior Partner, Mercer
- Ged Kearney, President, ACTU
- Innes Willox, CEO, Australian Industry Group
- Stephen Walters, Chief Economist, J.P. Morgan Australia
- Grant Wardell – Johnson, Head of Australian Tax Centre, KPMG
- Carl Woerndle, Cyber Security Advisor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- Jack Gray, Independent Adviser
- Cath Bowtell, Director, Industry Fund Services
- Alexis Cheang, Principal, Mercer
- Brett Himbury, CEO, IFM Investors
- Rob Bare, General Manager - Brand Director, Gurrellia
- Mac Bryla, Sales Consultant, Tableau Software
- Daniel Cheever, Head of Superannuation, State Street
- Daryl Crich, Chief Administrative Officer BNP Baribas Securities Services
- Niki Ellis, Lead Project Consultant, NE&A Pty Ltd
- Julieanne Alroe, CEO & Managing Director, Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Ltd
- Anne Cross, CEO, UnitingCare Queensland
- Stephen Forth, Managing Director, SapienNitro
- Representatives from major superannuation funds including HESTA, LUCRF, CBUS, REST, legalsuper, NGS Super, MTAA Super, ESSSuper, AMISTSUPER, Sunsuper, First State Super, QSuper and more.

The full program can be accessed here: <http://www.aist.asn.au/cmsf/program.aspx>

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