



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF
Social and Ethical
Accountability

As the number of organisations in Australia choosing to account for their social, environmental and economic performance grows, there are precious few places where the wide range of practitioners and stakeholders can debate, critique, share ideas, and just talk about the experiences, including the benefits and challenges.

The Australian Institute of Social and Ethical Accountability presents the Practitioners Talk Series as a forum to address this need. Each Talk features a range of panellists who lead the discussion by telling their stories. Significant time is set aside to allow attendees to engage with the panellists.

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The Practitioners Talk Series

NGO/COMMUNITY SECTOR – BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN PRACTICE

The Practitioners Talk

10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday, November 10, 2005

Venue: Friends' Meeting House, 10 Hampson Street, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane

SPEAKERS

Geoff Fisher, *Services Manager, Mission Australia Employment Services, Gympie.*

The Mission Australia Employment Service has recently completed an audited set of social and environmental accounts as part of a pilot project initiated by Mission Australia QLD. Mission Australia is the first large Australian NGO to expand its accountability to encompass social and environmental dimensions.

Liz Skelton, *General Manager from 2000 to May 2005, Streetwise Communications, Sydney.* Streetwise Communications is a national not-for-profit communications agency with a central purpose to provide information on social, health and legal issues to young people and disadvantaged groups. The organisation completed a set of audited accounts in April this year.

John Ford, *General Manager, Maleny Community Credit Union, Maleny, Queensland.*

Maleny Credit Union has been accounting for its social and environmental performance since early 2000 and was the first Australian financial sector organisation to account for its social and environmental performance as well as its financial results.

Barbara Matt, *Board Chairperson, Impact Make Your Mark, a not-for-profit community organisation, Bundaberg.*

Impact completed its first set of audited accounts last year. Barbara has become a champion of social accounting and has attended a 'master class' in New Zealand.

Also attending –

John Pearce, *Community Business Scotland, Social Audit Network UK.*

John has been a key author in the Social Accounting and Audit Manuals (2002, 2005) used as a guide by most speakers. He is also engaged in running a social audit program in Scotland, and has managed social audit initiatives in the UK and internationally.

Richard Boele, *President, Australian Institute of Social and Ethical Accountability.*

Richard is a social auditor and corporate social responsibility consultant, with a range of clients including Westpac, Newmont Mining, Hydro Tasmania, Placer Dome, Sydney Water, BHP Billiton, BP, and Novo Nordisk.

Following short talks from the above speakers, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. This will then be followed by workshop discussions on the key themes emerging from the talks.

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Places are limited so please RSVP by November 1 to marcelle@sun.big.net.au or call (07) 54296147.

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